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To: Rebecca Harvey, Chair, CCI
All other interested parties

From: Mark Shanda, Chair, ULAC

RE: Proposed Semester Based General Education Requirements

After further review and in response to comments received from the CCI as well as a variety of faculty on campus, I am pleased to transmit the final documents describing the University Level Advisory Committee's recommendation for the new semester based general education requirements for the university.

The most recent layout document reflects the following changes:

1. The spreadsheet layout has been simplified for clarity
2. The Writing requirement has been re-written as a consolidated 6 units.
3. The Math requirements have been re-written to reflect the Basic Computational Skills as well as the
4. The Science requirement has been re-written and established as 10 units for both BA and BS students with BA students required to have 1 lab experience and BS students required to have 2 lab experiences.
5. The Social Science requirements have been re-written as a consolidated 6 units.
6. The Open Option requirements have been re-written as a consolidated 6 units.
7. The "O Count" course requirement for Social Diversity in the United States and Global Studies have been relocated to a more appropriate location in the total list of requirements.
8. General Notes have been revised to reflect specific details of some requirements and to assure the development of revised and new expected learning outcomes as appropriate.
9. We have also established the name for the program to simply be General Education or Gen Ed or GE for short.

We also investigated the issue that was raised about possible "second courses in a science sequence" that might be disenfranchised by the proposal. Our analysis yielded only two courses that might be negatively affected, Animal Science 200 and Architecture 426. However, we feel that both can potentially be handled through appropriate advising and slight course revision. Should this proposal pass, we will immediately contact those affected departments with our suggested plan of action.

We are hopeful that with these changes we have prepared the most comprehensive and inclusive revision proposal for the GE as possible and look forward to the CCI's response.