General Education Committee Charge:

The General Education Committee will meet regularly throughout the academic year and, when necessary, in the summer to carry out its responsibilities. Working with the Director of General Education, the committee shall review the University's General Education mission statement and its goals, all General Education courses, syllabi, learning outcomes, and data related to the achievement of the outcomes; the faculty evaluation process for faculty assigned to teach General Education courses; and the relationships among all of these program components. This review process will allow the committee and the Director of General Education to provide University-wide leadership for the ongoing evaluation and improvement of the General Education Program.

As a part of the evaluation and improvement effort, the committee, at the request of the Director of General Education, may initiate as necessary the process for changes in the General Education program. Proposals for change may come from the committee, the Director, special task forces and commissions and other groups or members of the University community. Any proposal for change must first be carefully examined and then be approved by a simple majority vote of the entire voting membership of the committee. If approved by a majority vote, a proposal for change must then be submitted for discussion to all interested University constituencies. All interested groups and individuals shall be given sufficient time to discuss fully each proposal and to provide comments to the General Education Committee. Approval from each of these groups, however, is not required. *Once all interested groups have been given the opportunity to comment on a proposal for change, the proposal will again be placed before the General Education Committee. If the proposal is then approved by a two-thirds majority of the entire voting membership, the General Education Committee will present it as a recommendation to the Director of General Education. If approved by the Director, the recommendation will be sent to the University Provost or his/her designate for final approval. Changes approved by the University Provost, particularly those which will impact faculty staffing, shall be implemented at a time he or she so designates.

*New General Education courses and other changes in the General Education Program do not require approval of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Among other duties, the General Education Committee functions as the General Education Curriculum Committee. Any course removed from the General Education program that did not have prior approval by the University Curriculum Committee must be submitted to and approved by the University Curriculum Committee to remain in the University's curriculum.