

1. The committee received a report from Tom Fischer regarding the revised timeline for the General Education reform process. The GERC committee continues to gather feedback on the proposed curriculum framework and consult with relevant university governance groups. The framework as presented in May 2016 is merely a suggested framework, not a final product. Sub-committees have been formed to develop and refine the proposed program elements based on feedback and concerns. Those sub-committees will also be responsible for defining course goals and learning outcomes, assessment strategies, and implementation strategies. The implementation of any program will likely be staged. CIC committee members discussed *how* implementation might be staged. In particular, committee members emphasized the importance of getting students invested early on in the process. The committee members also discussed and provided suggestions for more effective communication with faculty, staff, advisors, and students. A number of questions were raised including what the implications for this new general education package were for our MTA signatory status. Members also raised the question of whether we need university-wide gen ed at all (in particular, should professional tracks have gen ed requirements?).
2. The committee discussed the priorities that we hope to focus on over the coming year and decided on the following list, in no particular order:
  - a. How to better facilitate curricular change within departments to create a system that would be more flexible and adaptable.
  - b. Changes to the proposed math competency
  - c. How faculty reductions affect course offerings and class size, with particular attention to student experience at the upper levels
  - d. The role of GTAs and graduate teaching in both lower-level teaching and potentially at upper-levels.
  - e. General education reform

The committee agreed to continue our discussion of general education reform by evaluating the feedback that GERC has already received and compiling our own feedback. We will take up that task at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. The committee agreed to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month with the exception of January. The agreed upon January meeting date is Wednesday, January 18, 12:00 pm. A meeting place will be announced at a later date.