

- **Follow-up on holds on student registration** – President’s Cabinet did discuss this...a group of hold overseers will be convened to come to an effective resolution.
- **General Education Taskforce transfer of work to General Education Committee** – The Taskforce met last Tuesday to incorporate additional faculty commentary into its final edits to the curriculum proposal for general education. In keeping with its method of group governance, a final vote will be taken on moving the proposal forward to the General Education Committee.

The General Education Committee will then be bringing the proposal through the Faculty Curriculum process to Faculty Senate for discussion in winter term as noted in Senate President Schepige’s time line presented at the Nov 14 Senate meeting.

The Taskforce wishes to emphasize that the sample lists of possible courses that had been included on prior town hall documents are just possibilities – courses may come off, others may go on. The General Education Committee will be responsible for setting criteria by which course proposals would be evaluated for inclusion as a general education course and it is especially this on which the Committee requests Faculty Senate and division feedback.

Lastly, an announcement will go out in winter term soliciting applications for a tenured faculty member to serve in a .5 FTE AY position as Director (Coordinator) of the General Education Program—to begin next fall, one year before we launch the new curriculum. I ask for Faculty Senate input on how this director is to work with the General Education Committee.

- **180-unit related implementation programming** – as requested at the November 14 Faculty Senate meeting, I will be forwarding a narrative and sample catalog copy for the minor optional actions implemented, effective with the 2018-2019 AY.
- **The early retirement window opportunity follow up** – To reiterate, any retirements/resignations will cause us to review staffing in academic units. If a faculty member elects to participate in the early retirement offer – or engage in the gradual retirement option provided for in the WOUFT-WOU CBA – we will need to look at those future vacancies for: replacement of tenure lines (immediately, next AY) , conversion to NTT lines, or reassigning to meet demand in growth in new fields.
- **Sabbatical application.** A simplified form is available at the academic affairs web site under faculty resources. No pink copies, in triplicate, etc. The WOU-WOUFT joint labor management committee worked on simplifying the form. Two documents to read: application form and application guidelines. This year’s deadline for application reaching your dean is Dec. 15.
- **Closing comment – inclement weather:** Best to all of you with dead week and finals. Do encourage your students to stay informed about inclement weather delayed openings, etc. on the university homepage as we race the weather to the end of the term.