

**Appendix J:**  
**Proposal for a GE Assessment Steering Committee<sup>1</sup>**

**Proposal**

The following proposal requests that the Faculty Senate recognize an existing working group—the General Education Assessment Steering Committee (GEASC)—as an official Faculty Organization committee.

**Rationale**

Assessment of the new general education (GE) curriculum is necessary so that faculty can evaluate how effective the curriculum is at producing its intended student learning outcomes. In order to coordinate the assessment activities of the faculty teaching GE courses across the university, a working group has formed to (a) develop an overall GE assessment plan to propose to the Faculty Senate and (b) oversee the execution of the plan that the Senate approves.

**Charge**

To plan, coordinate, and oversee faculty assessment of the GE curriculum.

**Membership**

- Dean of University College (*ex officio*)
- Director of GE
- GE Outcomes Faculty Fellows
- Chair of GEC
- Faculty Chair of APAC
- Director of Assessment and Accreditation (*ex officio*)

**Description**

- Standing committee. The GEASC will be a standing committee because the assessment of general education will need to be coordinated in perpetuity.
- Steering committee. The GEASC will be a steering committee—that is, one that plans, oversees, and coordinates—but does not execute—the assessment of General Education.
- Joint subcommittee. The GEASC will be a joint subcommittee of two Faculty Organization committees: the General Education Committee (GEC) and the Academic Programs Assessment Committee (APAC). GEASC will only submit proposals to the Faculty Senate that have been first approved by the GEC and APAC. This will help to ensure that proposals have been carefully vetted prior to the Senate’s review.

**Duties**

- To propose processes, procedures, and policies for faculty assessment of General Education to submit to GEC, APAC, and the Faculty Senate.
- To oversee the collective efforts of the multiple parties involved in the assessment of GE.
- To serve as a liaison between GEC and APAC.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the GE assessment plan in order to determine how to improve GE assessment activities.
- To submit an annual report to the Faculty Senate summarizing the results of the year’s GE assessment efforts and findings.

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<sup>1</sup> The EWU Faculty Senate approved this proposal on 01.22.18.