

General Education Review Committee

The original documents approved for General Education Program included a statement assuring that after five years that "Eastern Michigan University will appoint a committee...to evaluate the program. This committee will work in concert with the Evaluation Subcommittee [of the General Education Committee] in preparing a report for the university community." This committee is charged with reviewing the program as whole and evaluating its goals, learning outcomes, supporting processes and benchmarking it against peer programs and nationally recognized best practices.

- The review is wholistic and programmatic in nature as course level assessment is conducted by the Evaluation Subcommittee on an ongoing basis.
- Review should focus on improvements and enhancements. The review is intended to inform development efforts. The university is not currently considering comprehensive General Education reform.
- Committee will include external members as consultants. The committee should discuss and determine the best manner in which to employ their service and support.
- Report should be prepared for delivery no later than January 30, 2015.
- Administrative support will be provided by Provost's Office (Winifred Martin)

At a minimum, this review should include an assessment of:

- Do the program components compare favorably with peer institutions and best practices? What are the appropriate metrics and/or criteria for making these comparisons? Should the components be revised in any way.
- Are the supporting processes functionally effectively? What process modifications, if any, should be considered? This includes, specifically, whether or not we should limit the size of certain choice categories?
- Faculty suggestions for improvements and enhancements
- Student satisfaction (both current and alumni) with the program and any suggestions and enhancements they may have
- Employer feedback if any on program content and student outcomes
- How effectively the program supports the partnerships EMU maintains with other higher education institutions.
- Additional issues as needed.