Main Motion
34-2017
Resolution of the Emory College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate

Creation of an initial Working Group on Undergraduate Curriculum and General Education Requirements (GER)

I. Charge
The proposed working group is the first step of an anticipated multi-year process whose purpose will be to develop a vision for the undergraduate curriculum for Emory College by reviewing the current curriculum and consulting with representatives of the other Emory undergraduate schools with the aim of integrating this vision with the curriculum of these schools. This first working group will focus on gathering information essential to developing a vision. Its specific charges are:

1. Gather information from peer institutions, particularly those that have undertaken curricular reform and write a report that summarizes the types of changes, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
2. Gather information from all stakeholders, including students, faculty, and administrators. This includes stakeholders at all 4 undergraduate serving schools: Emory College, Oxford College, Goizueta Business School, The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. This information should be gathered through multiple formats, such as but not limited to town halls, surveys, and focus groups.
3. Gather information about and report on the various curricula innovations currently underway across the college, and ways in which curricular change may be best accomplished within, between, and across disciplines and sub-disciplines, and across curricular and co-curricular avenues.

II. Composition
This working group shall have thirteen (13) members consisting of:

a. Robyn Fivush of the ECAS Faculty Senate as co-chair
b. Joanne Brzinski, ECAS Senior Associate Dean for undergraduate education as co-chair
c. Frank Lechner, chair of the Curriculum, Assessment and Educational Policy ECAS faculty senate standing committee
d. Seven (7) additional members of the ECAS faculty, of which three (3) can be ECAS faculty senators.
   • Faculty members of the working group (counting the senator co-chair and chair of CAEP as faculty) will be three (3) from each of the Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences divisions.
e. One member from each of the other three (3) undergraduate schools:
   a. One from Oxford College
   b. One from the Business School
   c. One from the School of Nursing
The Dean of Emory College of Arts and Sciences agreed to provide appropriate staff support to aid in data collection and coordination for the working group to complete its work.

III. Nominations and Appointment
A. Unless otherwise specified as being appointed, all Emory College faculty members of the working group will be nominated. The Senate shall seek nominations from the faculty between October 5-13, 2017. Faculty will be encouraged to nominate colleagues as well as themselves. Members of the administration may nominate faculty.
B. The Executive Council of the Senate will select faculty working group members from the nominees in accordance with Article V of the Senate Bylaws.
C. Members from outside of Emory College will be nominated/appointed by their respective deans.

IV. Meetings
A. The working group should hold their first meeting no later than November 1, 2017.

V. Reporting and Schedule
A. Chairs of the working group shall provide a preliminary written progress report to the ECAS Faculty Senate at its January 31, 2018 meeting. This report shall include a more detailed action plan and timetable of how the committee will complete its work.
B. A written report of progress with recommendations for continued work shall be presented to the ECAS faculty senate prior to the April 25, 2018 meeting of the ECAS faculty Senate.

Approved by the ECAS Faculty Senate on October 4, 2017