

Attachment B

Faculty Council Proposal Summary

Executive Summary in one paragraph

The Standing Committee on General Education is putting forth a proposal that all General Education courses must focus on one of three essential academic skills:

- Writing
- Critical Reading
- Quantitative Reasoning

Furthermore, every student must take at least three general education courses in each skill area (three writing, three critical reading, and three quantitative reasoning intensive course).

Exact Wording of the Proposed Motion

The Standing Committee on General Education proposes the following requirements for General Education:

- All general education courses must be writing, critical reading, or quantitative reasoning intensive. The courses can teach content, emphasize additional skills like information literacy or critical thinking, but must focus on one of the three main essential skills of writing, critical reading, and quantitative reasoning.
- All students must take at least three writing intensive, three critical reading intensive, and three quantitative reasoning intensive general education courses.

Who the proposal will affect and how

The proposal will affect all undergraduate students as they will be immersed in essential skill development in all their general education courses. It will also require faculty to focus on one of the three skills in all general education courses that they offer.

Summary of Proposal's Critical Issues

The proposal aims to increase student essential skill development in writing, critical reading, and quantitative reasoning by making these skills the focus in all general education courses, thereby evenly distributing the responsibility across all disciplines to develop students with strong foundational academic skills necessary for success in the major and beyond.

Once this proposal is approved, the committee, with broad faculty input, will develop guidelines for writing, critical reading, and quantitative reasoning course approvals.

Affirmation of majority approval of the submitting body

Chair Signature: 

Faculty Council Chair: 

Submitting Committee: General Education

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