

General Education Task force

A General Education Task force will be convened in May 2017. Much of the task force's work will take place during Summer 2017.

Consistent with WOU's Strategic Plan, this task force will be charged with "Redesign(ing) the general education program to be consistent with undergraduate learning outcomes and timely degree completion" (II.4.5) and will build upon the initial work of the Faculty Senate General Education Committee.

As was done for the faculty who served on the Strategic Planning Committee during Summer 2016, faculty on the General Education Task Force will be compensated the equivalent of a 4-credit summer course stipend or as a 4-credit course reassignment during the 2017-2018 academic year.

There will be 4 summer meetings. Dates are: Wednesday, June 21 from 1 - 4 pm, then Friday mornings 9 am - noon on July 14, 21, and August 4. The group will meet during back-to-school week, September 18 - 22 and throughout the fall term.

The General Education Task Force will have its initial meeting with general education expert Dr. Paul Hanstedt when he is on campus May 18-19.

The General Education Task Force will meet throughout the fall and will present several open townhall sessions for the campus community during the fall term. Subgroups of the task force could be assigned specific tasks (e.g., research general education at peer institutions and give presentation to whole task force).

Applications will be initially screened by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with the final selection set by Faculty Senate President Schepige and Provost Scheck. The task force will be co-chaired by the provost and a faculty member, and will be supported by administrative staff as needed.

12 Member General Education Task force Membership

1. Behavioral Sciences Division
2. Business and Economics Division
3. Computer Science Division
4. Creative Arts Division
5. Deaf and Professional Studies Division
6. Health and Exercise Science Division
7. Humanities Division
8. Library and Media Services
9. Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division
10. Social Science Division
11. Teacher Education Division
12. One representative from Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Representatives to the General Education Task Force bring valuable disciplinary expertise to this creative endeavor. While serving on the task force, however, members are expected to adopt a larger perspective as they advocate, first and foremost, for the interests of students and their learning.

Deadline to apply is 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 4th. Please send your personal application to Faculty Senate President Schepige – schepia@wou.edu.