

Resolution #5, Review of Degree Programs

University of Delaware Faculty Senate

Resolution on a Review of Degree Programs

WHEREAS, the faculty of the University of Delaware have affirmed the importance of a robust program of general education through their unanimous support of the November 3, 2014 “Resolution on General Education,” and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on General Education has recommended a review of all degree programs to ensure all students attain competency in all five Objectives of General Education, and

WHEREAS, the new Objectives of General Education differ significantly from previous General Education Goals, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate directs the President of the Faculty Senate to proceed forthwith in charging the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education in partnership with the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies to oversee this review using the guidelines laid out in the attached document and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate directs each department or program responsible for administering undergraduate majors to ensure that their degree programs, inclusive of major, college, and university requirements fully support student development in all Objectives of General Education by September 1, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, that an assessment mechanism for the General Education requirements be articulated.

Attached Document for Resolution on a Review of Degree Programs

Guidelines for the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education

The Faculty Senate Committee on General Education is charged to assist departments and programs administering undergraduate majors in ensuring full opportunity for all students to attain competency in the Objectives of General Education. The committee is also responsible for conducting a review of all degree programs in this regard in partnership with the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education. These committees are to be charged by the President of the Faculty Senate with all due haste upon adoption of this resolution. The committees are additionally charged to:

- (1) Support and work with programs and departments to ensure that all degree programs provide support for all students in attaining competency in all the Objectives of General Education.

- (2) Provide rubrics against which degree programs will be assessed, based on the AAC&U VALUE Rubrics, for each Objective of General Education or component of Objectives to all programs and departments by May 1, 2016.
- (3) Provide clear guidelines for review of student learning in all degree programs, with regard to the Objectives of General Education, to all programs and departments by May 1, 2016.
- (4) Provide clear examples and templates to all departments including curricular maps to aid in their internal reviews of how students are achieving the Objectives of General Education by May 1, 2016.
- (5) Provide timely and detailed feedback and guidance on the review of student learning within each degree program.