Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2016-01
General Education Requirements Coordination Task Force

Whereas, on April 4, 2014, the UA Board of Regents passed a resolution concerning UA General Education Requirements (GERs): “the Board of Regents resolves to charge the faculty across the UA system to develop and adopt common general education and developmental/preparatory learning outcomes and requirements and, as a first step in this process to develop and implement common learning outcomes, course descriptions, numbers and titles, and common placement tools and scores for math and English and propose a plan of implementation for other areas of general education (humanities and fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences) by fall 2016;" and

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance agrees with the Board of Regents that the curricular revisions intended in their Resolution regarding Revisions to Regent’s Policy 10.04.040 is the work of the faculty; and

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance supports the work of existing statewide and local faculty groups in reviewing and revising General Education Requirements;

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance constituted a UA GER Coordination Task Force consisting of three faculty representatives appointed by the Faculty Senates of UAS, UAA, and UAF (nine members total), and charged it with the following tasks:

1. To propose a shared structure for GERs at the three universities and explain how this articulates with each university’s baccalaureate requirements and program,

2. To propose new language for university regulation, if necessary, to accommodate the proposed common structure, and

3. To recommend new policy for the BOR to consider for GERs.

Whereas, the UA GER Coordination Task Force has completed its charge above and volunteered to coordinate GER alignment work of statewide faculty groups disciplinary areas in its final report November 2015;

Now therefore, the Faculty Alliance renews the constitution of the UA GER Coordination Task Force and charges it with the following tasks:
1. To establish and coordinate the GER alignment work of statewide disciplinary faculty groups,
2. To review and recommend on GER policies and proposals,
3. To draft revisions to existing BOR Policy or UA Regulation necessary to implement the recommendations of the disciplinary faculty GER alignment groups

Adopted by the Faculty Alliance the 30th day of March 2016.

Cécile Lardon, Chair

Voting results as attested by Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer:
Yes – 8
No – 0
Abstained – 1