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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents
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SUBJECT: Faculty Discipline Committee Nominations for General Education Core Review

Section (s.) 1007.25, Florida Statutes (F.S.), establishes provisions related to the general education core requirements for degree-seeking students at Florida's public postsecondary institutions. The general education core course options that satisfy the general education core requirements are identified in Rule 6A-14.0303, Florida Administrative Code, and Regulation 8.005. During the 2023 legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 266 amended s. 1007.25, F.S., to require the chairs of the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Board of Governors (BOG) to jointly appoint faculty committees to review and submit recommendations to the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) regarding the general education core course options, which may include the removal, alignment, realignment, or addition of general education core courses. The legislation also establishes principles for all general education courses and content standards in the general education subject areas to which general education core courses and institutional general education courses must align.

Pursuant to SB 266, the faculty committees must convene and submit recommendations to the ACC and the commissioner by July 1, 2024, and by July 1 every four years thereafter, for approval by the SBOE and BOG. To that end, the Office of Articulation is accepting nominations for Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS) representatives to serve on the faculty discipline committees that will review and make recommendations regarding the state general education core.

FCS and SUS presidents are invited to nominate faculty members in the following general education subject areas to serve on these committees:

- Communication
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Mathematics

Nominations are due on or before June 30, 2023. Please complete the form found at this link to submit your nominations: <https://www.research.net/r/genedcommittees>.

Discipline Committee Structure

The discipline committees will be composed of voting faculty representatives, with the same number of faculty each representing the FCS and SUS. Alternates will also be selected for each committee with equal representation from the FCS and SUS. While alternates will not be voting members of the committee, they will participate and provide their expertise and input throughout the process and will take the place of a voting member if that member has to withdraw during the duration of the work. Each discipline committee will be co-chaired by an FCS and SUS committee member.

For the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences subject areas, two voting committee members, one from each sector, and two alternates, one from each sector, will represent each of the disciplines that are included in the existing general education core course options for that subject area, as identified by the course prefixes, as follows:

- Humanities
 - Art History (ARH)
 - Humanities (HUM)
 - Literature (LIT)
 - Music Literature (MUL)
 - Philosophy (PHI)
 - Theater Studies (THE)
- Natural Sciences
 - Astronomy (AST)
 - Biological Sciences (BSC)
 - Chemistry (CHM)
 - Earth Science (ESC)
 - Environmental Studies (EVR)
 - Physics (PHY)

- Social Sciences
 - American History (AMH)
 - Anthropology (ANT)
 - Economics (ECO)
 - Political Science (POS)
 - Psychology (PSY)
 - Sociology (SYG)

For the mathematics subject area, two voting committee members, one from each sector, and two alternates, one from each sector, will represent each of the disciplines that are included in the existing general education core course options for mathematics, as identified by the course prefixes, as follows:

- Mathematics – Calculus and Precalculus (MAC)
- Mathematics – General and Finite (MGF)
- Statistics (STA)

For the communications subject area, six voting committee members, three from each sector, and six alternate, three from each sector, will represent the English Composition (ENC) discipline, and two voting committee members, one from each sector, and two alternates, one from each sector, will represent the Speech Communication (SPC) discipline. Note that while Speech Communication is not included in the current general education core course options, faculty expertise is needed in this area to implement the new statutory language in SB 266 that adds public speaking to the statutory content standard for general education communications courses.

Faculty should be actively teaching in the identified subject area for which they are being appointed and have the time to participate fully in this work. While not every institution will be represented on each committee, institutions are encouraged to nominate faculty in more than one subject area and discipline. Final committee member selections will include institutional representation across committees to the greatest extent possible.

Discipline Committee Process and Timeline

The majority of the work for these committees will occur from July 2023 through January 2024. The Office of Articulation will host an organizational webinar in July for all appointed discipline committee members to orient them to the work once committee members have been selected.

Please contact Abbey Ivey, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Articulation, at Abbey.Ivey@fldoe.org if you have questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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