

Constitution Committee Report to the Senate Steering Committee, 11/1/07

Re: Changes to the Bylaw 20, (B)2c, University Committees for the General Education Committee

Background: On 10/4/07, the Senate Steering Committee forwarded the Committee on Committee’s suggested changes to Bylaw 20(B)2c back to the Constitution Committee (CC). The CC was asked to come up with “options a, b or c” to address the Steering Committee’s concerns of balance. (Some suggestions from the Steering Committee were “and no more than two/three members from any academic unit,” or “at least one from each unit.”)

The eleven baccalaureate degree-granting colleges along with the current representation on the General Education Committee are:

Agriculture & Life Sciences	1	Health & Human Performance	1
Business Administration	2	Journalism & Communications	1
Design, Construction & Planning.	1	Liberal Arts & Science	3
Education	1	Nursing	1
Engineering	2	Public Health & H. Prof	1
Fine Arts	2		

The three options recommended by the Constitution Committee at its meeting on 10-29-07 are:

Version A: Language as Recommended by the Committee on Committees

c. General Education Committee. The President shall appoint ~~13~~ **seven voting** members to this committee ~~from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University,~~ and the Senate will elect ~~three~~ **nine voting** members. ~~from the faculty at large.~~ The Chair is ~~appointed by the President or the President’s designee~~ **elected by the Committee. Student government shall select two non-voting student members annually to serve one-year terms. All voting members appointed or elected must be from the baccalaureate degree-granting colleges of the University. Furthermore, the voting membership shall be composed of representatives from the majority of those colleges.** The General Education Committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill general education and Gordon Rule requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.

Version B: Unrestrictive Language as Recommended by the Constitution Committee

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Version C: Restrictive Language as Recommended by the Constitution Committee

c. General Education Committee. The President shall appoint ~~13~~ **seven** members to this committee, **but not more than one from any academic unit,** ~~from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University,~~ and the Senate will elect ~~three~~ **nine** members, **but not more than one from any academic unit.** ~~from the faculty at large~~ The Chair is ~~appointed by the President or the President’s designee~~ **elected by the Committee. Student government shall select two non-voting student members annually to serve one-year terms. The voting membership shall be composed of representatives from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University.** The General Education Committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill general education and Gordon Rule requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.