

General Education Review Task Force
Meeting Notes
09.09.22

Presentation on Past Review of General Education at UVU

Brian Birch presented an overview of the previous review of General Education at UVU through the Revisioning the Undergraduate Experience Committee (RUEC) ([link to slides](#)).

Key Points:

- A lot of work was done in RUEC that is meaningful and there was momentum that this task force should utilize and integrate into its thinking. The group agreed.
- We also learned about the process and what it meant to involve stakeholders and to have deliberate and difficult conversations. There may be difficult decisions to make in this review, too.
- The process took about 12-18 months in the last iteration.
- The task force agreed that it needs to be careful about saying “RUEC already did this,” but to build on what they did, realizing things have changed in the last couple of years.

Presentation on General Education Requirements and Comparison with Other Institutions

- Associate Provost David Connelly presented ([link to slides](#)) on General Education at UVU as it relates to Utah System of Higher Education requirements under [Policy R470](#) and other institutions, as well as the literature on General Education.
- These are the parameters the task force will work within when reviewing GE, while maintaining open and innovative mindsets.
- UVU is not an outlier in its GE requirements when compared with other USHE institutions, and when compared with similar institutions out of state.

Presentation on “Revising General Education – And Avoiding the Potholes”

- Provost Vaught shared some key points from a document AACU, “[Revising General Education – And Avoiding the Potholes](#).” Provost Vaught encouraged the task force to review the document and to follow the suggestions outlined.

Research Questions

The group identified the following areas for further research and analysis:

- How does having lots of choice impact students?
- What is data on GE class modalities and full-time vs adjunct faculty?
- Is there a difference between fall-to-fall retention rates in GE classes with full-time vs adjunct faculty, and is there a pass rate difference?
- How do GE classes transfer across colleges within UVU?