

GE Task Force Meeting Summary – August 26, 2022

The inaugural meeting of the General Education (GE) Task Force took place on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. Utah Valley University (UVU) President Astrid Tuminez, Provost Wayne Vaught, and Associate Provost Laurie Sharp addressed the purpose and goals of the GE Task Force and facilitated vital discussion among task force members.

The meeting began with opening remarks from President Tuminez who shared her vision for the GE Task Force. She affirmed that the project's purpose was to evaluate current general education requirements, and if needed, propose changes to improve UVU's educational experience, create greater affinity with UVU and increase retention rates for all UVU students.

Provost Vaught emphasized the importance of the GE Task Force's project and shared what other colleges and universities in Utah currently require for general education. He outlined the charge set before the task force: review the current general education curriculum and guided by key goals, bring recommendations for review and approval. Provost Vaught then fielded questions, helping task force members understand the charge, the timeline, and their role in making this a successful project.

Dr. Laurie Sharp, Associate Provost for Academic Programs & Assessment, then led an exercise exploring some of the task force's hopes and fears about this work. Task force members expressed the needs of both faculty and students to be considered in the evaluation of UVU's general education curriculum.

The group then discussed the student and faculty surveys that will be used to gather perceptions and ideas about general education from our campus community. The surveys will be sent out in the coming days, and we encourage you to participate.

The next task force meeting will be held on September 9, 2022.