To: Constitution and By-Laws Committee
From: Assurance of Learning Committee
RE: Proposal for the creation of the General Education Board, a new board of Faculty
Senate
Date: April 27, 2012

On April 27, the Assurance of Learning Committee met and voted to alter an earlier proposal that a new committee, the General Education Committee, be created as a standing committee of Faculty Senate. The Assurance of Learning Committee has subsequently voted to propose the creation of the General Education Board. This board would replace the Assurance of Learning Committee, an ad hoc committee appointed by the IUPUC Vice Chancellor and Dean.

The General Education Board description and charge for the amendment to the constitution and by-laws follow:

G. General Education Board

1. Membership. The General Education Board shall consist of one faculty member nominated from each of the IUPUC academic divisions. One or both of the IUPUC representatives to the Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC) at IUPUI shall serve ex-officio without vote. In addition, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Director of Institutional Research shall serve ex-officio without vote.

   The voting members of the board will be nominated by Nominations Committee and elected by the Senate. The chair of the board shall be elected by the Senate in the same manner. The facilitator shall be the Director of Institutional Research.

   The ex-officio members will serve in the following roles:
   - PRAC representatives will serve as liaisons to the IUPUC Program Review and Assessment Committee;
   - The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will serve in an advisory role on matters related to academic programs and curriculum;
   - The Director of Institutional Research will serve in an advisory role on matters of data analysis, data storage, and assessment, and will provide tools and resources as needed to carry out the work of the board.

2. Terms. Elected members shall serve two-year terms. Approximately half of the members shall be nominated each year.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

   This board shall maintain an approved general education course list and monitor compliance of courses in the delivery of curriculum related to the general education student learning outcomes. This work will be done on a five year cycle.
This board will remove courses not in compliance and will review new proposals for general education courses in an ongoing capacity.

This board shall maintain a system for assessing student performance related to general education student learning outcomes and will disseminate results annually to the Faculty Senate.

This board will provide ongoing review of the general education student learning outcomes, making sure that they align with the mission and goals of IUPUC. The board will ensure that the learning outcomes continuously evolve by engaging in dialogues across disciplines. The board will evaluate the general education oversight processes annually and include findings in the annual reports to report to the Faculty Senate.