04 Update: Spring 2018 Update to Students

University of Northern Iowa. General Education Re-envisioning Committee.

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Students,

As you may be aware, the university is looking into revising its general education program. Any changes to the program are not likely to affect the academic requirements for students currently at UNI, but they will have a great effect on the education UNI delivers in the future. Currently, general education at UNI operates under the “Liberal Arts Core” which is comprised of 45 credit hours in various subjects including core competencies, civilizations and cultures, fine arts, natural science, social sciences, capstone, and more.

Due to the university HLC reaccreditation process, prior student feedback, and a focus on innovation, the committee has been tasked with the mission of developing a bold general education that further prepares students for life after college.

The committee, which is comprised of several campus stakeholders including two students, began work on the extensive process back in December (2017).

Since then, bi-weekly meetings have included research on other general education systems used across the country, developing a process of approval by Faculty Senate, and developing drafts of a mission statement and learning goals with the intent of bringing them to campus for further feedback. All committee updates during the process can be tracked here.

The process will be slow, but inclusive of feedback and transparent. Students are urged to communicate with their student representatives (listed below) with any thoughts, questions, or concerns on the current LAC or the future of general education at UNI.

Go Panthers!
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*Attached are the PDFs of Committee Charge and Approval and Input Process (Both passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate)