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# General Education Re-envisioning Update, March 22nd 2021

Dear colleagues,

After three years, the General Education Re-envisioning Committee is ALMOST ready for you to propose your courses for inclusion in the new general education program. We know this process has been long, complicated, and perhaps sometimes confusing. We understand that we're asking departments and individual faculty members to make judgments with imperfect information--especially about the future. But the last year has shown us how important it is to educate the next generation to be able to think critically and work with each other to solve problems. We have already made tremendous progress in redesigning the general education program at UNI with that focus in mind.

We'll put out the first official call for proposals next week. Please note that there will be another call during the fall 2021 semester. After that, there will be a rolling process for course inclusion. To help you navigate this process, please peruse these four documents:

1. The Senate-approved outcomes for new core: [https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/learning\\_outcomes\\_approved\\_by\\_faculty\\_senate.pdf](https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/learning_outcomes_approved_by_faculty_senate.pdf)
2. The Senate-approved structure of the new core: [https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/documents/revised\\_gerc\\_structure\\_senate\\_approved\\_april\\_10\\_2020.pdf](https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/documents/revised_gerc_structure_senate_approved_april_10_2020.pdf)
3. The Senate-approved guidelines for course submissions: [https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/final\\_senate\\_approved\\_ger\\_course\\_and\\_certificate\\_guidelines.pdf](https://provost.uni.edu/sites/default/files/final_senate_approved_ger_course_and_certificate_guidelines.pdf)
4. Suggested steps that faculty might wish to take to develop proposals, plus FAQ's: [process & FAQs](#)

You'll also find a [video here](#) that gives an overview of the process that the committee has engaged in thus far, and the process of proposing new courses.

Please be aware that we are willing to meet with any department to answer questions as you consider your new course proposals. Also, we will offer course (re)design workshops this summer.

Thanks for all your patience and hard work!

The GERC Phase II Committee