



GECAP Report to the NJCU Senate on October 18, 2021

Brief Review: In the spring of 2020 the University Senate voted to revise the University General Education (GE) program, by removing the Modes of Inquiry and reducing the number of required courses in both Tier I and II. (Approved Senate meeting minutes April 20, 2020)

Update: Regrettably, the progress to implement the approved changes faltered over the past academic year impacted by COVID-19.

GECAP is aware of the importance and urgency of our tasks including the impact to students and the University community. We are committed to working quickly, but thoroughly, to ensure the recommendations make sense and meet both students and academic demands. We are prioritizing the workload while working with departments across the University in creating solutions. We know assessment is a large part of our responsibilities and will address this as soon as possible, including the timeline, hopefully by November. We are deep into addressing transfer parameters and clarifying unanswered questions from last year.

Therefore, we require more time and ask for patience as we compress a year of work into a few months. I would like to commend the committee of (see list) for meeting weekly since the semester started. In addition to the (GE Director) who has been integral to our process.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,
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