General Education Program By-Laws

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3	Mission, Vision, Guiding Principle
4	Mission
5	To support the university's academic mission by developing students' knowledge, skills,
6 7	and abilities to understand the world, make connections across disciplines, foster their curiosity, and contribute to the solutions of contemporary problems.
8	Vision
9 10	To build characteristics of well-rounded, well-informed, productive individuals through development of
11	Oral and written communication
12	• Quantitative skills
13	 Skill in critical and ethical evaluation of information and environment
14	• The ability to locate, evaluate, apply, and acknowledge sources of information
15 16	Social and civic responsibilitySelf-empowerment to excel academically, creatively, and practically
10 17	 Self-empowerment to excel academically, creatively, and practically Understanding of the physical world and its interactions
18	Aesthetic appreciation
19	Respect for and understanding of diversity in a local and global context
20	Awareness of the different aspects of wellness
21	Guiding Principle
22 23	The General Education Council follows the guiding principle that students' academic interests are foremost in all deliberations and decisions.
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25	Article I. Composition & Membership.
26	Article I.A. Council Composition.
27	I.A.i. Voting Members.
28	• Three (3) faculty from the College of Education
29	 Three (3) faculty from the College of Business and Technology

30 31 32 33	 Six (6) faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences, with at least one (1) and no more than two (2) from each division. The divisions are: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts. One (1) faculty member from the Library
34	I.A.ii. Non-voting Members.
35	One Undergraduate Student
36	I.A.iii. Ex Officio Members.
37 38 39 40 41	 Director of General Education (Chair of GEC) Registrar or representative of the Registrar's Office Director of Assessment or representative of the Assessment Office Director of Academic Advising and Career Development or representative Chief Academic Officer or representative.
42	Article I.B. Eligibility.
43	I.B.i. All voting members must be tenured.
44	I.B.ii. The student member must be of Junior or Senior standing.
45	Article I.C. Term Limits and Selection Process.
46 47 48	I.C.i. Dates of Terms. Terms begin immediately following the last GEC meeting of the year (usually May) for the following academic year. I.e., new members serve over the summer of the calendar year in which they are appointed.
49	I.C.ii. Voting Members.
50	I.C.ii.a. Term Lengths. Voting members have three-year terms
51	I.C.ii.b. Term Limits and Staggering.
52 53 54 55 56 57	 A member may serve at most six (6) consecutive years (i.e., at most two consecutive terms, even if one is only partial from stepping into a vacated term.) Terms should be staggered so that COE and CBT each have one (1) member beginning a new term on the council each year and CAS has two (2) members beginning a new term on the council each year.
58	I.C.ii.c. Selection of Voting Members.
59	I.C.ii.c.1. Process of Selection.

60 61 62 63 64 65 66	 i. COE, CBT, CAS and the Library each determine their own nomination process. ii. The process shall conclude by providing two eligible-to-serve nominees to the Chief Academic Officer for each vacant position on the Council. iii. The Chief Academic Officer, in consultation with the Director of General Education, then selects one of the nominees to fill the vacancy.
68 69 70 71	I.C.ii.c.2. Nomination Dates. The nomination process for members whose terms expire at the end of the semester should be concluded by March 1st so that selected nominees can begin their terms at the end of the last meeting of the spring semester.
72 73 74	I.C.ii.c.3. Filling Vacancies. If a nomination process is needed to fill a vacancy during the academic year, the colleges or library should make their nominations in as timely a manner as reasonable.
75 I.C	C.iii. Non-Voting Members.
76 77	I.C.iii.a. Term length of Non-voting members. The student representative serves a one-year term.
78	I.C.iii.b. Selection of Non-voting members.
79	I.C.iii.b.1. Process of Selection.
80 81 82 83 84 85	 i. The student senate shall determine their own nomination process. ii. The process shall conclude by providing an eligible undergraduate student as nominee to the Chief Academic Officer. iii. The Chief Academic Officer, in consultation with the Director of General Education, shall approve the nominee or ask for a new nominee from the Student Senate.
86 87 88	I.C.iii.b.2. Student Representation. The nominee should be rotated among students so as to have regular periodic representation from each of the three colleges when possible.
89 90 91 92	I.C.iii.b.3. Nomination Dates. The nomination process for selecting the next academic year's student member should be concluded by March 1st of the current academic year, so that selected nominees can begin their terms at the end of the last meeting of the spring semester.

93 94 95	I.C.iii.b.4. Filling Vacancies. If a nomination process is needed to fill a vacancy during the academic year, the Student Senate should make their nomination in as timely a manner as reasonable.
96 97	I.C.iv.c Ex Officio Members. Ex Officio members are appointed to the Council as part of the duties of their administrative role.
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99	Article II. Roles and Responsibilities.
100	Article II.A. Duties of the Council.
101	i. Develop procedures for evaluating General Education courses
102	ii. Approve or reject General Education course proposals
103 104	iii. Oversee assessment of student achievement and other aspects of the General Education program
105	iv. Establish and review General Education waiver mechanisms
106	v. Regularly review General Education program structure and objectives
107 108	vi. Report to the Chief Academic Officer and Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
109 110	vii. Establish policies with regard to the scheduling of General Education courses, especially those unique to General Education
111 112	viii. Develop standards and procedures for recognizing outstanding General Education faculty
113	Article II.B. Duties of the Director of General Education.
114	i. Chair of the General Education Council
115 116	ii. Coordinate General Education offerings with Deans and Chairs in accord with the offering policies established by the General Education Council
117	iii. Facilitate development of General Education offerings
118	iv. Facilitate assessment of the General Education program

119 120	v. Report on behalf of the General Education Council to the Chief Academic Officer, Faculty Senate, and other interested parties
121 122	vi. Agenda. Provide advanced notice to the campus by e-mail of the agendas and solicit comment on agenda items by interested parties
123 124	vi.a. Agenda to be published to campus via e-mail one week in advance of the meeting
125 126	vi.b. To be included on the agenda, items must be received by the Director eight (8) days prior to the meeting.
127 128 129	vi.c. Items may be placed on a GEC meeting agenda by the Chief Academic Officer or the Director of General Education. Agenda item requests by other council members must go through one of these officers.
130 131	vi.d. The agenda will be approved prior to the meeting via email by Tuesday the week of the General Education Council meeting.
132	vii. Minutes. Report on General Education Council actions
133	vii.a. Minutes will be kept of all General Education Council meetings
134 135	vii.b. Copies of minutes will regularly be distributed to the following interested parties:
136 137 138 139	 General Education Council members The Chief Academic Officer Faculty Senate University Archives
140 141 142	viii. Work with the student member of the General Education Council to solicit and evaluate student nominations for faculty members to be recognized for excellence in teaching General Education Courses
143	Article II.C. Duties of the Student Representative.
144 145	i. Provide a monthly update to the student senate on actions of the General Education Council
146 147	ii. Convey any concerns regarding the General Education Program from the student senate to the General Education Council
148 149 150	iii. Work with the Director of General Education to solicit and evaluate student nominations for faculty members to be recognized for excellence in teaching General Education courses.

152	Article III. Expectations of Members and Attendees.
153 154 155	Article III.A. Scheduling. Council members are expected to ensure their schedule will allow them to attend regularly scheduled meetings. If they cannot attend, for extended periods, they should ask their college or body they represent to nominate a replacement.
156 157	Article III.B. Attendance. Regular attendance is expected and after three (3) absences in one academic year, council members will be removed and replaced.
158 159	Article III.C. Proxies. If a member knows in advance that they will be unable to attend a meeting, they may have a proxy attend and conduct business in their place.
160 161 162	III.C.i. Proxies eligibility. For a voting member, the proxy must be a tenured faculty member, and the Director of General Education must be notified no later than noon of the day of the meeting in order for the proxy to be able to vote.
163 164	III.C.ii. Proxy and absence. Even with a proxy attending, the member's absence counts towards their absences for the academic year.
165 166	Article III.D. Open Meetings. Meetings may be open for the UNK community to observe, in person and/or via video conferencing software at the Council's discretion.
167 168 169 170 171	Article III.E. Meeting Participation. Only Council members, proposers of new courses for the General Education program, and faculty/staff/students invited to give special presentations or provide other information may participate in meeting discussions. Other attendees may only observe the meeting. The Director may invite participation from the audience at their discretion during the meeting.
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173	Article IV. Governance Structure.
174	Article IV.A. Council Meetings.
175	IV.A.i. Chair. The Director of General Education shall chair all meetings.
176 177	IV.A.i.a. Director Proxy. If the Director must be absent, the Director in consultation with the Chief Academic Officer may appoint a temporary chair.

178 179 180	IV.A.i.b. Director Proxy Proxy. If the temporary chair is usually a voting member of the council, they shall not vote while acting as chair; however, they are allowed to also select a proxy for the meeting who can vote for them.
181	IV.A.ii. The Agenda. See Article II.B.vi.
182 183	IV.A.iii. Quorum. Quorum is defined to be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members. I.e., nine (9) voting members must be present to have quorum.
184	IV.A.iv. Voting Procedure.
185 186	IV.A.iv.a. Actions are approved by simple majority-plus-one of the voting members in attendance.
187 188	IV.A.iv.b. The Director or a Council Member may request a ballot vote. Ballot will be used when approved by the Council by a vote of majority-plus-one.
189 190 191 192	IV.A.v. Conducting Business. Robert's Rules will generally be followed to enable greater flexibility in action. At the discretion of the Director or by a request of a Council Member and a vote by the Council, a stricter application of Robert's Rules may be implemented temporarily to ensure just treatment of an item or items on the agenda.
193	IV.A.vi. Schedule.
194 195 196 197	IV.A.vi.a. Regular Meetings. Council meetings are held at 3:30p.m. every first Thursday of the month when classes are in session. I.e., in most academic years there will be a meeting in each of September, October, November, December, February, March, April, and May.
198 199 200	IV.A.vi.b. Special Meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the Director of General Education, the Chief Academic Officer, or by written request by council members representing at least two (2) colleges.
201 202	IV.A.vi.c. Cancelling Meetings. If no items have need of council consideration, the director may cancel a monthly meeting.
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204 <i>A</i>	Article IV.B. Subcommittee Structure and Duties.
205 206 207 208	IV.B.i. General Purpose of Subcommittees. These subcommittees will aid the General Education Council in its operations regarding structure, governance, assessment, and course eligibility in the General Education Program. In addition to the charges and duties given below, subcommittees may be

assigned tasks by the Council, the Director of General Education, and the Chief Academic Officer.

IV.B. ii. Membership.

Each subcommittee will consist of four (4) or five (5) voting Council members – two (2) from CAS, one (1) from CBT, one (1) from COE and possibly one (1) from the Library (this Council member will serve on one (1) of the three (3) subcommittees) – and the Director of General Studies as an *ex-officio* member. Other *ex-officio* Council members may join a subcommittee at its request.

IV.B.iii. Subcommittee Chair.

Each subcommittee will elect its own Chair, determine its meeting schedule, and have the flexibility to meet in person or *via* video conferencing software or e-mail. For every regular Council meeting agenda, each subcommittee will submit minutes or a report of actions taken for the Council to review. Subcommittees may add business items to regular Council meeting agendas – notify the Director of these items no later than eight (8) days before a Council meeting.

IV.B.vi. Specific Purpose of Each Subcommittee.

IV.B.vi.a. Oversight Subcommittee. Oversee implementation of the General Education Program governance and meeting rules. May propose changes in these to the Council. Conduct the initial review of program change proposals and determine if they are "major" or "minor". If minor, this subcommittee can authorize proceeding to the campus comment period. I.e., proceeding immediately to the step in Article IV.C.ii.b. of the minor by-law change process.

IV.B.vi.b. Assessment Subcommittee. Oversee assessment data collection procedures, conduct the initial review of each annual General Education assessment report and bring items to the attention of the Council. Review and acts on matters pertaining to Program and LOPER category goals and learning objectives. For changes classified as "minor", this subcommittee can authorize proceeding to the campus comment period. I.e. proceeding immediately to the step in Article V.C.iv.c. of the minor program change process.

IV.B.vi.c. Course Review Subcommittee. Conduct the initial reviews of courses proposed for inclusion, or to remain, in the General Education program and make recommendations to the Council. May authorize proceeding to the campus comment period. I.e. proceeding immediately to the step in Article V.B.ii.a.of the Course approval process.

Article IV.C. Changes to the By-laws.

The GEC is responsible for regular review of its programs and objectives. To effectively

245 246 247	do this, regular review of the governance structure is also required. Recommended changes to the By-laws may be initiated by the Chief Academic Officer, the General Education Council, or another academic governing body (College or Faculty Senate).
248 249 250 251	IV.C.i. Types of Changes. There are two types of changes, major and minor. The determination of whether a change is major or minor shall be determined by the Oversight Subcommittee in consultation with the director of the General Education Council.
257 252 253 254 255 256 257	Examples of major changes include changes to the composition of the Council and revisions of the duties of Council members or the Council Director or other changes as approved by the Oversight Subcommittee as major changes. Minor changes may include subcommittee roles and procedures and other language changes that do not affect the fundamental duties of Council members or the Council Director or other changes as approved by the Oversight Subcommittee as minor changes.
258 259	IV.C.ii. Procedure for Minor By-laws Changes. Throughout this procedure, all votes of approval follow Article IV.A.iv.
260 261 262 263	IV.C.ii.a Agenda Item. A by-law change must be placed on the agenda for discussion. This does not need to be the specific wording of the by-law change that is passed, but an item for discussion is required for a motion to be made to start step IV.C.ii.b.
264 265 266	IV.C.ii.b. Proposed change is approved for Campus Comment period. A motion from the council is made to send specific wording to campus for comment over a period of at least one (1) week.
267 268 269 270 271 272	IV.C.ii.c. Council considers adoption of changes. The now specifically worded item is again placed on the agenda and the council reconsiders the changes with the guidance from campus. A motion is made by the council for final wording of the proposed changes. This wording may be slightly different than the wording that was sent to campus, so long as the meaning and purpose have not changed. A passing vote to adopt the by-laws changes sends the changes to the Chief Academic Officer for final approval.
274 275	IV.C.iii. Procedure for Major By-laws Changes. Throughout this procedure, all votes of approval follow Article IV.A.iv.
276 277 278	IV.C.iii.a. Proposal requirements. Proposals for a major change must include a detailed written description of the proposed change and a rationale supporting the reason for the change.
279 280	IV.C.iii.b. Getting on the Agenda. For the Proposal to be placed on the Agenda, the proposer must submit the proposal through an appropriate college Council

281	representative(s) who submits it to be placed on the agenda by the Director of
282	General Education.
283	IV.C.iii.c. Sent for Comment. A motion is made for the major change proposal
284	to be sent out for comment. If the motion passes, the Director of General
285	Education sends the major proposal simultaneously to the general campus for
286	comment and review for two (2) weeks, to each of the College's Educational
287	Policy/Academic Affairs committees, and to the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
288	committee. Recommendations from the College Educational Policy/Academic
289	Affairs committees and the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee must be
290	made to the General Education Council within thirty (30) days of when the
291	proposal was sent to them for their comments to be considered by the Council.
292	Any proposal not returned within thirty (30) days will be considered to have been
293	approved by that body.
294	IV.C.iii.d. Council approval. If - after consideration of the comments provided
295	by the College Educational Policy/Academic Affairs committees, Faculty Senate
296	Academic Affairs, and general campus – the council approves the proposed major
297	change, the change will be sent out to the relevant college committees to conduct
298	an election within the next two (2) weeks. The proposed change wording may be
299	modified at this step after considering recommendations, so long as the initial
300	meaning and purpose of the change is not altered. Note that this vote is the final
301	approval by the council.
302	IV.C.iii.e. College approval and Chief Academic Officer Approval. The
303	relevant committees will conduct an election by their eligible faculty. Eligibility
304	to vote is determined by the constitution of each college. A simple majority vote
305	of the eligible voting faculty for each of the colleges is considered to be an
306	affirmative vote. The results of the College votes and the Council's
307	recommendation for approval (from the vote in IV.C.iii.d.) of the major change
308	will be sent to the Chief Academic Officer who makes the final decision.
309	IV.C.IV. Date of Effect. Changes to the bylaws – both major and minor - will
310	take effect immediately following approval by the Chief Academic Officer.
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Article V. The General Education Program.

314 This article is for policy and procedure regarding the Maintenance and Facilitation of the General 315 Education Program. Program Requirements, Approved Courses, Assessment Data, etc. are found 316 in supplemental documents attached or linked to in the Appendices of these By-Laws. 317 **Article V.A. Student Appeals.** 318 V.A.i. The Registrar's office Determines and verifies whether General Education 319 320 requirements have been met by individual students. The appeals process is intended to be used only for courses that do not have an equivalent transfer course at UNK. 321 322 V.A.ii. Students wishing to appeal a decision by the Registrar must submit a written 323 request to the Director of General Education. 324 V.A.ii.a. The appeal should be accompanied by supportive materials and specific 325 course descriptions that support the student's contention. 326 V.A.ii.b. The request should be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which that student is scheduled to graduate. 327 **V.A.ii.c.** The Director of General Education will make a decision regarding the 328 329 student appeal and communicate this to the student. 330 **V.A.ii.d.** The student may appeal the Director's decision by submitting a written 331 request to the Director to ask the General Education Council to review of the 332 student's appeal request. Upon receipt of the request, the Director will place the appeal on the agenda of the next meeting of the GEC for a vote to either approve 333 334 or deny the request. 335 V.A.ii.e. The student may appeal the decision of the GEC by submitting a written request to the Chief Academic Officer to review the decision. The Chief 336 337 Academic Officer should consult with the General Education Director for information on the Council's decision. The Chief Academic Officer is 338 empowered to make the final decision on the appeal. 339 Article V.B. Approval and Removal of Courses. 340 341 The GEC is the final recommending body prior to final approval by the Chief Academic Officer. 342 The General Education Program must respond to changing circumstances yet maintain sufficient 343 stability that students may complete the program without undue confusion. To accommodate 344 change, the GEC will consider the submission of new courses under the following 345 circumstances.

346 347 348	V.B.i. Submission. Procedure for submitting courses for consideration as new General Education courses, and/or petitioning to alter the category to which an existing GE course is assigned.
349 350	V.B.i.a. The course must be an active UNK offering or currently in the process of being approved by Faculty Senate Academic Affairs (anywhere in the workflow).
351 352 353 354	V.B.i.b. The author of the course proposal must provide a written explicit description of the course detailing how it meets the established General Education criteria at both the program and category level. The proposal must include the following (available on the ORG General Studies for Faculty Canvas page):
355	V.B.i.b.1. Part 1: Course Information
356	V.B.i.b.2. Part 2: Course Syllabus
357	V.B.i.b.3. Part 3: Course Proposal Checklist
358 359 360	V.B.i.c. For new courses or courses being revised, simultaneous to submission to the GEC, courses must be submitted through the CIM system for inclusion in the General Education Program.
361 362 363 364 365	V.B.i.d. Authors of course proposals must meet with the Director of General Education to review the checklist of required elements. The proposed course must then be submitted to the Director of General Education. The Director of General Education will send reviewed and accepted proposals to the Course Review Subcommittee.
366	V.B.ii. Approval. GEC Procedure for consideration of course proposal
367 368 369 370	V.B.ii.a. If the course meets established criteria, then the Course Approval Subcommittee will vote to disseminate the proposal to campus. Upon approval, the Director of General Education disseminates the proposal for campus comments for a minimum of one (1) week.
371 372	V.B.ii.b. The Council will vote on the proposal at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
373 374	V.B.ii.b.1. The proposer will be invited to present the course proposal to the Council.
375 376 377	V.B.iii. Final Approval. The Council's decision will be forwarded to the Chief Academic Officer for final approval. Actions are recorded in the minutes and disseminated to the campus

V.B.iv. Effective Catalog. Course approvals will go into effect the following fall 378 379 semester. First Year Seminar courses may take effect the next available term. 380 **V.B.v. Call for Courses.** The GEC, when it perceives a need, may put out calls for 381 courses in specific areas. V.B.vi. Removal of Courses. 382 V.B.vi.a. Voluntary Removal. A department that offers a general education 383 384 course may voluntarily ask for its removal from the program. The council may 385 make a formal vote to approve the removal, but it is not necessary. 386 **V.B.vi.a.1.** The council may also approve a resolution asking that the 387 department reconsider the decision. 388 V.B.vi.b. Removal Due to Concerns Brought to the Council. The Chief 389 Academic Officer, the Director of General Education, the General Education Council Asssessment Subcommittee, or council members representing at least two 390 391 (2) colleges may place the discussion of a course on the agenda for possible 392 probation or removal. 393 V.B.vi.c. Departmental Course Defense. If a departmental course has been 394 placed on the agenda for consideration of probation or removal, the Director of 395 General Education shall ask the chair and/or regular instructor(s) of the course to 396 provide evidence or supporting data that the course is improving or for some other 397 reasons should not be removed from the General Education program. The 398 department may send representatives to the General Education Council meeting 399 on which their course removal appears as an agenda item to defend their course. 400 V.B.vi.d. Removal or Probation After considering the evidence of the General 401 Education Program Assessment and any defense the department chooses to 402 provide, the Council can continue to vote on removal of the course or place the 403 course on probation. A course on probation can only remain there for a period of 404 two (2) years or one (1) assessment cycle, whichever is longer. 405 V.B.vi.d.1. Probation Conditions. Departments and instructors of a 406 course on probation should make concerted efforts and remain in 407 communication with the Director of General Education to ensure 408 successful assessment during the probationary period. Before the course 409 is run for the first time in its probationary period, the department and 410 instructor should provide the Director of General Education a short plan

for improving the instruction and assessment outcomes for the course. In

412 413	addition to the initial plan, they should provide to the Director of General Education annual updates regarding how the plan is taking effect.
414 415 416 417 418 419	V.B.vi.e. Removal or Reinstatement of a Course on Probation. Before the end of the probationary period, the council must vote to reinstate a course fully or to remove it from the General Education program. This vote should appear on the agenda no later than the last meeting of the year ending the probation period for the course. The department offering the course may again provide evidence to the council to support reinstatement of the course into the program.
420 421 422	V.B.vi.f. Chief Academic Officer Final Approval. The results of the Council's decision shall be given to the Chief Academic Officer for a final decision on the removal.
423 424	V.B.vi.g. Effective Catalog. Course removals will go into effect the following fall semester.
425	Article V.C. Program Changes.
426	The GEC is the final recommending body prior to final approval by the Chief Academic Officer.
427 428 429 430 431 432	V.C.i. Regular Review. The GEC is responsible for regular review of program structure and objectives, especially in light of assessment data, evolving admission standards, and changing educational philosophies. Recommended changes in the General Education Program may be initiated by the Chief Academic Officer, GEC or another academic governing body (College or Faculty Senate). Changes to the General Education Program may be major or minor changes.
433 434 435 436	V.C.i.a. Major Change Definition. Examples of major changes include changes to the total program required hours, hours required in any GE category, addition or elimination of any GE category, or other changes as approved by the Oversight Subcommittee as major changes
437 438 439	V.C.i.b. Minor Change Definition. Examples of minor changes include changes to the learning outcomes, assessment rubrics, or other changes as approved by the Oversight Subcommittee as minor changes.
440 441	V.C.ii. Date of Effect. Approved Changes in the General Education Program go into effect for the next catalog year.
442	V.C.iii. Major Change Procedure. Procedures for approving major changes.
443 444 445	V.C.iii.a. Proposal Requirements. Proposals for a major change must include a detailed written description of the proposed change and a rationale supporting the reason for the change.

V.C.iii.b. Getting on the Agenda. For the Proposal to be placed on the agenda, 446 447 the proposer must submit the proposal through an appropriate college Council 448 representative(s) who submits it to be placed on the agenda by the Director of General Education. 449 450 V.C.iii.c. Sent for Comment. A motion is made for the major change proposal to 451 be sent out for comment. If the motion passes, the Director of General Education sends the major proposal simultaneously to the general campus for comment and 452 453 review for two (2) weeks, to each of the College's Educational Policy/Academic 454 Affairs committees, and to the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee. Recommendations from the College Educational Policy/Academic Affairs 455 committees and the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee must be made to 456 457 the General Education Council within thirty (30) days of when the proposal was 458 sent to them for their comments to be considered by the Council. Any proposal 459 not returned within thirty (30) days will be considered to have been approved by 460 that body. V.C.iii.d. Council Approval. If - after consideration of the comments provided 461 462 by the College Educational Policy/Academic Affairs committees, Faculty Senate 463 Academic Affairs, and general campus – the council approves the proposed major change, the change will be sent out to the relevant college committees to conduct 464 an election within the next two weeks. 465 466 V.C.iii.e. College Approval and Chief Academic Officer Approval. The 467 relevant committees will conduct an election by their eligible faculty. Eligibility 468 to vote is determined by the constitution of each college. A simple majority vote 469 of the eligible voting faculty for each of the colleges is considered to be an 470 affirmative vote. The results of the vote and the Council's recommendation for 471 approval of the major change will be sent to the Chief Academic Officer who makes the final decision. 472 V.C.iv. Minor Change Procedure. Procedures for approving minor changes. 473 474 V.C.iv.a. Proposal Requirements. Proposals for a minor change must include a 475 detailed written description of the proposed change and a rationale supporting the reason for the change. 476 477 V.C.iv.b. Getting on the Agenda. For the Proposal to be placed on the agenda, 478 The proposer must submit the proposal through an appropriate college Council

representative(s) who submits it to be placed on the agenda by the Director of

General Education.

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481 482 483	V.C.iv.c. Send to Campus. A motion is made for the Director of General Education to send the minor proposal to campus for a comment period of no less than one (1) week.
484 485 486 487	V.C.iv.d. Council Approval and Chief Academic Officer Approval. Considering the comments from campus, the council may approve, amend, or reject the minor change proposal. If the council approves it, it is sent to the Chief Academic officer for Final approval.
488	Article V.D. College Specific General Education Requirements.
489 490 491 492	The General Education Program prescribes a set of course requirements each student must meet to graduate from the University of Nebraska – Kearney. In addition to these university wide requirements, colleges can refine the requirements they ask of students in their programs. These refinements should follow these policies.
493	V.D.i. GE Requirements must appear in the catalog.
494 495	V.D.ii. Colleges may specify courses within the GE program that are required for their majors.
496 497	V.D.ii.a . First Year Seminar courses may not be listed as required or elective courses for any program (major, minor, etc.).
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501 502	Appendix A. Links to Relevant Documents and Related Institutional Policy and Governing Bodies.
503	Programmatic Links:
504 505	General Education Home Page: https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/general_studies/index.php
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507 508 509 510	General Education Program – Program Categories, Requirements, and Learning Objectives https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/general_studies/lopers-general-studies-program.php
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512 513	Courses in the LOPER categories: https://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/general-studies/new-general-studies-program/
514 515 516 517	Course Approval Process and Documentation: https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/general_studies/course-approval-process-summary.php
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519 520	Appeals Process for Students: https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/general_studies/appeals.php
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522 523	Assessment Reports and Materials and Academic Program Reviews: https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/general_studies/assessment.php
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525	Related Institutional Policy and Governing Bodies Links:
526 527	Academic Affairs Course Approval Processes and Calendar: https://www.unk.edu/academic_affairs/academic_affairs_committee/index.php
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529 530 531	College of Arts and Sciences – Constitution (Relevant College Committee: Educational Policy): https://www.unk.edu/academics/arts-and-sciences/constitution-and-bylaws.php
532	https://www.unk.cdu/academics/arts-and-sciences/constitution-and-oylaws.pnp
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