

Idaho State UNIVERSITY

General Education Requirements Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Vice President and Provost Laura Woodworth-Ney
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CC: Faculty Senate
Undergraduate Curriculum Council
General Education Requirements Committee

FROM: Sandra Shropshire
Chair, Gen Ed Requirements Committee (GERC)

SUBJECT: General Education Course Assessment Plan status

I am writing to advise you of the status of GERC's work to establish an assessment process for ISU's general education program. The process is in place and is set to begin with the Fall 2016 semester. As step one in this process, departments offering general education courses are asked to respond to an online survey by November 1, 2016.

This survey, which is accessible through BengalWeb on the IR channel, is essentially a confirmation that assessment activities, as proposed in a department-generated and GERC-approved plan, have begun in Fall 2016. GERC requests one submission per general education course offered.

GERC continues to work with those departments whose plans were still in revision as of May 15, 2016 and/or whose plans were submitted subsequent to that date. We understand that changes in staffing may have occurred over the summer that would require a re-introduction to our work. Therefore, I have asked disciplinary representatives on GERC this semester to contact those departments in this category to resume the assessment plan approval process that GERC began in AY 15/16.

Additional information on the general education assessment process can be found on GERC's web page at www.isu.edu/gened and in past chair, Andy Holland's May 31, 2016 memo, which is attached.