

Idaho State UNIVERSITY

General Education Requirements Committee

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Deans, Directors and Chairs:

On behalf of the General Education Requirements Committee (GERC), I thank you for your help in conducting Year One of the university's general education assessment effort. Our work has been proceeding according to the General Education Assessment plan. I would like to clarify some questions that have arisen as a result of last November's reporting process.

- Year Two of the reporting process begins in the Fall and results reporting date is November 1, 2017.
- Departments are asked to assess relevant Learning Outcomes according to the instruments described in their approved assessment plans, and to the cycle put forth in these plans.
- Departments are asked to retain indefinitely all instruments used in the assessment process, as the plan calls for continual detailed reviews of the process over time.
- Use of course grades as assessment indicators is not sufficient in this context.

The plan also calls for a GERC-and-discipline-representatives' review of each of the general education program's nine Objectives every five years. In the coming academic year we expect to be reviewing Objective 1 Written Communication, and Objective 2 Oral Communication. If a department you represent teaches courses that fall within these Objectives, you should expect to be contacted about participating in this process.

You should be aware that access to the individual plans and relevant GERC comments will be improved over the summer, as will the GERC webpage, so the links below may change. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

The Assessment plan can be seen at <http://www2.isu.edu/gened/assessment.shtml>

All approved course assessment plans can be seen for now at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ScmZjwJW-TDUbBsvOHRlqWTQegKLpqWEE0edpigsGk/edit#gid=0>

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