



General Education Committee
Action Items for Faculty Senate
Friday, October 17, 2014, 9:00 am

Members: Tom Reagan (chair), Susanne Bentley, David Freistroffer, Cindy Hyslop, Heidi Johnston, Rick Mackey, Lynne Owens, Staci Warnert, Jan King (ex-officio)

1. **FOR FACULTY SENATE ACTION.** The committee recommends that the minimum number of upper division credits required for bachelor's degrees be reduced from 48 to 42.

RATIONALE: To align with other institutions in the state, reduce obstacles for students transferring to GBC, and allow flexibility for program development as other bachelor's degrees are created. UNLV and UNR require a minimum of 40 and 42 upper division credits, respectively. This could aid those students transferring to GBC for a bachelor's degree. Currently the BSN program at GBC requires 45 upper division credits and would need a waiver if this is not approved. Also, science degrees historically include a wide breadth of 200-level science courses. As the Science Department creates a new BS in Biology they may need the flexibility of the reduced upper division requirements.

2. **FOR FACULTY SENATE ACTION.** The committee recommends 'Personal Wellness' be removed from the general education objectives list.

RATIONALE: Attempts to more clearly define the objective yielded a lack of differentiation from the Personal/Cultural Awareness objective.