Dear Colleagues,

For the past year, the General Education Re-envisioning Committee has been gathering information about the current UNI Liberal Arts Core program, best practices suggested by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Higher Learning Commission (HLC) criteria related to general education, assessment strategies for general education courses, and how other institutions across the country implement their programs.

The committee now seeks your input on a draft of mission statements and learning areas. We will ask people attending to provide written input, work in small groups, and identify the concepts they believe to be most critical. The draft of learning areas is intended to be comprehensive. As such, the committee is seeking input on the wording of the learning areas and on which learning areas should be priorities of the university. Similarly, the committee seeks input in the creation of a mission statement that will help frame the learning areas to students, faculty and staff, and the state of Iowa.

You are invited to attend one of the following sessions, to be held in the Commons Ballroom:

- Monday, September 10, 3:30-5:00
- Tuesday, September 11, 3:30-5:00
- Wednesday, September 12, 10:00-11:30

Additionally, after these sessions, the campus will have the opportunity to provide further input on the draft learning areas through an online survey. Also, committee members will be seeking specific input from the various constituencies listed in the plan approved by the University Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

The General Education Re-Envisioning Committee

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