General Education Committee
Approved by the Faculty at its May 11, 2011 meeting

The General Education Committee is a subcommittee of the Educational Policy Council.

Rationale: General Education constitutes the core of the Albright College liberal arts educational experience. In support of the Mission of the College, each student is required to complete the general education curriculum. The General Education Committee is charged with providing oversight and regular review of the general education curriculum to ensure that the curriculum continues to achieve its goals.

Membership:
(1) Three full-time faculty members, representing the three divisions, who each have one vote. Elections shall be held at the April faculty meeting. The term of office shall be two years with the right of re-election.

(2) Three students assigned by the Student Government Association who share one vote.

(3) The Director of the Experience Program and the First-Year Seminar Coordinator, who will be voting members.

(4) The academic dean and ADP representative, who will serve as ex officio, non-voting members.

(5) A GEC chair and director of general education, who is a voting member and elected at the March faculty meeting. The term of office shall be two years with the right of re-election.

Functions:
1. To promote and support general education; to implement and reconcile the goals and policies of the general education curriculum as approved by the faculty.

2. To inform students, faculty and administration of the goals and policies of the general education curriculum as set and revised by the faculty.

3. To review proposals and policies related to general education from the faculty and to recommend to the appropriate committee any additions or changes deemed necessary for the implementation of and reconciliation with existing goals and policies.

4. To periodically review and evaluate components and requirements of the general education curriculum to ensure their respective effectiveness in achieving the existing general education goals and to report any inconsistencies to the EPC with a recommendation for their resolution.

5. To coordinate with the various departments and divisions the process of developing written criteria that can be used by the Curriculum Committee to designate courses as fulfilling general education requirements.

6. To facilitate interaction across departments that share teaching responsibilities in individual general education requirements, and to foster a balance between general education and departmental goals.

7. In consultation with the Experience Committee to facilitate programming to promote the importance of the general education and the liberal arts and sciences.
8. In consultation with the Registrar to review and recommend course substitutions to the general education curriculum transferred from other institutions.

9. To refer faculty to professional development opportunities relevant to general education.

10. To serve as a contact for and information resource to faculty for general education in the accreditation and strategic planning process.

11. To facilitate the development of a scheduling review process that ensures the availability of general education courses involving departments, the Registrar and the Provost or her/his designee.

12. In consultation with the Registrar to provide data to the Provost and to the departments in support of departmental requests for staffing and hiring needs related to general education.

13. To provide resources to faculty as they advise students in matters related to the general education curriculum.

14. To perform additional related functions at the request of the full faculty, the FEC, or the EPC.