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Subject: GERA Committee Blueprint for College Forums and Dean Request

Attachments: GERA Overview Final .pdf

Dear Dean:

We invite you to assist the General Education Review and Assessment (GERA) Committee in promoting widespread discussion within your College and the University generally about USP and the future of general education in the undergraduate curriculum.

The attached document outlines the gameplan of the GERA committee to help spawn this campus conversation. It underlines two points: that the USP Self-study and the USP External Review Committee reports offer the first word and not the last word about possible change to the general education core. The active involvement of your College faculty in giving shape to any revised USP or new general education curriculum is vital.

To that end, we invite you to choose and communicate to us the name of a recognized faculty leader in your College to serve as the major College contact person who will be responsible for assisting us in planning and scheduling your College's faculty forum on USP and the future of general education. (A subsequent meeting of the College dean and his or her senior faculty leadership will also take place after the College forum and is no less important to the success of this initiative.) Since it is the committee's hope to initiate these forums in January and February, it would be most helpful if you could send us a confirmed name for your College contact person ASAP, but most especially before the onset of the Winter holiday break.

Sincerely yours,

Ernie Yanarella and Phil Kraemer, Co-chairs
GERA Committee