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We are pleased to inform the University community of the formation of the Senate-Provost Planning and Coordination Committee on General Education Reform and Assessment.

This committee is the outgrowth of both formal review processes and ad hoc activities spotlighting the achievements and shortcomings of the University Studies Program that has served undergraduate education for a decade and a half.

The purpose of this committee is to stimulate a campuswide dialogue about the present University Studies Program and to find means for better evaluating the goals, skills, and competencies of the liberal arts core of the undergraduate curriculum appropriate to the 21st century.

Associate Provost Phil Kraemer and Senate Council Chair Ernie Yanarella will serve as co-chairs of this committee. The other members of the committee are: Larry Grabau, College of Agriculture; Richard Greissman, Assistant Provost; Jane Jensen, College of Education; Deborah Moore, Office of Assessment; Tad Pedigo, Director of the Teaching and Academic Services Center; Connie Ray, Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness; William Rayens, College of Arts and Sciences; Gerald Smith, College of Arts and Sciences; and Ruth Beattie, College of Arts and Sciences. Also serving in a support role are Rebecca Scott, Office of Assessment, and Sheila Brothers, Senate Council Office. We are pleased so fine and representative a group of faculty and administrators have agreed to steer this initiative.

We are also pleased that President Todd has offered his strong personal and monetary support to this undertaking as evidence of his commitment to quality undergraduate education as a major priority of his administration.

We look forward to contributions to this process by faculty, students, and administrators around the entire campus. We look forward to recommendations generated through this activity that will be formalized by the USP External Review Committee and presented to appropriate faculty representative bodies for consideration and action.

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