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Dear colleagues,

As part of a multi-year review of the general education assessment outcomes, the university community approved six revised general education outcomes during the Spring 2012 semester with input from faculty, staff, and administration. With these new outcomes in place, the General Education Committee (GEC) and the General Education Assessment Committee (GEAC) are going to conduct a comprehensive review of all general education courses in order to revise the lists of courses that meet each area of general education. To do this, we are requesting that all departments and programs submit any courses – both existing courses and new courses – that they would like to be considered as general education courses. To do this, you should complete the instructions on the attached general education course proposal form by January 31, 2013.

This form must be submitted for all courses that faculty want to be considered for general education, regardless of whether they have been previously approved for general education in the past or not. Once the GEC and the GEAC receive these course proposals for all general education courses, we will begin the process of reviewing these courses to determine which courses should be included in the general education curriculum at CSU. This review will likely take some time, and both committees are still determining the organization of the review process. Once the review process is complete, we hope to have clear lists of courses approved for general education at CSU for all general education categories. Our hope is that these lists will help to communicate to students, faculty, and advisors which courses meet the CSU general education requirements.

Until both committees complete this entire process of reviewing course proposals, courses already accepted for meeting general education requirements will continue to do so. Thank you for your efforts as we begin this major task in reevaluating our general education courses.

Sincerely,

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