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Dear Department Chairs:

It has come to my attention that some Department Chairs have expressed concern regarding the status of courses that have been submitted for GE certification. This is certainly understandable. Consequently, I would like to assure departments that delays in communication regarding such courses originate not from a lack of attention by the General Education Committee (GEC), but rather from the magnitude of the endeavor before all of us. By way of update, the General Education Committee has received roughly 100 curricular proposals so far, and expects at least 100 more this academic year. Feedback has been given regarding 30 of these proposals, and the GEC will continue to provide feedback as expediently as is possible during the coming months. Rest assured that you will be contacted by the Committee once your courses have been reviewed.

As a reminder, submission of GE course certification forms to the University Wide Curriculum Committee by the end of April 2018 ensures that courses retain their provisional GE attributes through the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. Maintaining the integrity of the certification process, though time-consuming, is as important to us as a University as it is to our accreditors and the State System. We will continue to work to ensure that no department suffers as a result of delays that occur during the certification phase of GE implementation.

Attached please find the email message of August 30, 2017 regarding General Education Implementation as well as a copy of the “blue” form.

Please reach out to my office if there are further concerns or issues.

Thank you,

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