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Dear University Community:

I am pleased to be writing on behalf of myself and Faculty Senate President Pascale Manning to announce the membership of the University Studies Program (USP) workgroup. My thanks to nearly 60 faculty, staff, and administrators who volunteered to be part of the group. As with the Academic Planning group, we had to make very hard choices about whom we could include to ensure appropriate representation. The full list of individuals serving on the workgroup can be found [HERE](#).

I would like to sincerely thank Faculty Senate President Manning and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for working collaboratively with my office to form the group and finalize the roster. I see this as another wonderful example of collaboration to advance an important institutional initiative.

In the weeks ahead, we will gather the group and give them their initial charge to begin the work of reimagining aspects of our general education curriculum to ensure that it:

- supports and enhances the recruitment and retention of students;
- provides relevant content through high-impact practices;
- is driven by meaningful, measurable outcomes to prepare students for work, life, and citizenship; and
- is financially sustainable for the long-term;

The specific timelines and deliverables will be determined by the group, but my hope is that we will be able to get most of the work done to make recommendations during the spring 2024 semester with the understanding that the work of implementing changes will likely continue into the 24-25 academic year.

Also, and I will share this with the group when we meet but feel it important to state clearly at this point: while some changes to the program are necessary and inevitable to achieve the overarching goals outlined above, the commitment to liberal education enshrined in our university's mission is unwavering and will remain at the heart of this work.

As we have with the academic planning workgroup, we will be asking for feedback from across the university throughout this process and will offer regular updates as well.

Again, on behalf of Faculty Senate President Dr. Pascale Manning and myself, our thanks to all those who volunteered and those who are now serving on the workgroup to carry out this important work.

Best Wishes,

Ed and Pascale

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