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We have now completely incorporated the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) model into the General Education Requirements (GER) [many times referred to as the “Core”]. All degree granting undergraduate programs are required to have a CRC approved WAC proposal. The CRC will continue to receive and review WAC proposals as they are submitted. WAC proposals from the groups listed below have been approved by the CRC. All students entering during and after the Fall 06 semester must complete the WAC model to meet the GER for graduation. If your program or department is not listed below, a WAC proposal needs to be submitted for approval by the CRC. Two programs were approved with minor revisions needed.

- Biology and Medical Technology
- Business Administration and Accounting Division
- Chemistry and Biochemistry Department
- Communication Studies Department
- Criminology Program
- Education Department
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Programs (revisions needed)
- English Program
- Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences Department
- History Program
- International Studies Program
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences Department
- Nursing Program (revisions needed)
- Pharmaceutical Sciences Program
- Political Sciences Program
- Psychology Department
- School of Pharmacy
- Sociology Program
- Spanish Program
- Visual and Performing Arts Department

Year one of assessing the GER was started. The GER outcomes in the Computer Literacy, Oral Communication, and Quantitative Reasoning skill areas were assessed by evaluating student artifacts or presentations. The First Year Foundation (FYF) courses were assessed by a group of FYF faculty. The Program Annual Review documentation will be used to gather information to assess the Distribution Areas. A national standardized test (MAPP test) was administered to 169 undergraduate students. All of this information will be given to a summer working group of faculty to create a written report to the CRC and Faculty before the start of the Fall 2009 semester. This assessment will be critical in our efforts to evaluate the current GER and help lead discussions for how we can improve and potentially modify the GER during the next few years.

A major challenge for the next year is to move forward with the second year of assessing the GER, which includes both the assessment of GER outcomes and the GER itself. Also, a real effort needs to be made to evaluate how well the WAC as worked to this point, and what could be done to the WAC model should it be determined that it needs to be modified.

Respectfully submitted,

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