

**Report of the Committee on General Education
to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
November 15, 2019**

1. COGE has a student member this year, Medical Imaging major Harielys Jerez-Nolasco.
2. The 2019 Summer Assessment focused on Connections courses. [Full report](#) A detailed summary of our discussions is in the [notes](#) from the September COGE meeting. Here's the short version:
 - a. We concur that the primary concern in our reflection should be the student experience.
 - b. There was strong consensus that the chair should contact instructors of Connections courses proposed for Spring, 2020, and exhort them to revise the syllabi to clearly identify the ways in which the course meets the goals of the category and, if necessary, to modify the method of instruction and assignments to meet those goals. The voice of Chairs and former Chairs was heard: the request went through the chairs, not directly to the instructors. Most of the syllabi have been submitted and reviewed; and the chair is contacting instructors with recommendations.
 - c. While there is reasonable consensus that Connections courses should be taught by full-time faculty, there is less certainty about how to move to that goal, and how quickly.
 - d. We discussed having all Connections courses be labelled CONN 2xx. The conclusion is that we would like to continue to maintain the present system of departmental designations, with the provision that the courses be scheduled and monitored more directly by COGE.
3. We continue to watch CCRI's progress in revising its general education program so that we can optimize student transfers once we know what they are going to do.
4. Mike Michaud reports steady progress in refining and posting departmental [Writing in the Discipline](#) plans.
5. We propose to revise the description of the general education program to make it clearer to students. A formal proposal will be coming to UCC for December. We are also asking that Records change the General Education categories in Class Search to use contemporary names and eliminate language from the pre-2012 program. (See summary on the next page.)
6. We approved the changes to HIST 207 that appear on today's agenda.

See <http://www.ric.edu/faculty/organic/coge/> for the latest documents.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Magyar

Proposal to reorganize the presentation of General Education

Current organization – Catalog

Core Courses

- First Year Writing
- First Year Seminar
- Connections

Distribution

- Arts—Visual and Performing
- History
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Natural Science (lab required)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning

Writing in the Discipline Requirement

Second Language Requirement

Proposed Organization

Foundations

- First Year Writing
- First Year Seminar

Distribution

- Arts—Visual and Performing
- History
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Natural Science (including lab)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Advanced Work¹

- Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning
- Connections

Writing in the Discipline

Second Language

Change the General Education categories in Class Search to use contemporary names and eliminate language from the pre-2012 program	
Current	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *New History *New Natural Science *Arts-Visual and Performing *NEW First Year Seminar *NEW First Year Writing *NEW Literature *NEW Adv. Quantitative/Sci. R Connections Core 1: Literature Core 2: History Core 3: Non-Western Worlds Core 4: Critical Inquiry Laboratory Science Mathematical Systems Science/Mathematics Social & Behavioral Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Year Writing First Year Seminar Arts – Visual and Performing History Literature Mathematics Natural Science (including lab) Social and Behavioral Sciences Advanced Quant./Sci. Reasoning Connections

¹ Courses with prerequisites

COGE membership 2019-2020

Name	Department	Constituency	Term
William Martin	Music, Theater, and Dance	Arts	2019-2021
David Espinosa	History	History	2018-2020
Silvia Oliveira for Chiara Falangola	Modern Languages	Language	2018-2020
Joe Zornado	English	Literature	2019-2021
Stephanie Costa	Mathematics	Mathematics	2018-2020
James Magyar, Chair	Physical Science	Natural Science	2018-2020
Janice Okoomian	Gender and Women's Studies	Social and Behavioral Science	2018-2020
Dragan Gill	Reference	Adams Library	2019-2021
Jiyun Wu	School of Business	School of Business	2019-2021
Jeremy Benson	Educational Studies	Feinstein School	2018-2020
Sharon Galloway	Nursing	School of Nursing	2017-2019
Jesse Capece	BSW	School of Social Work	2019-2021
Michael Michaud	English	<u>Chair of Writing Board</u> (or designee)	NA
Becky Caouette	English	<u>Director of Writing</u> (or designee)	NA
Maureen Reddy	FYS	FYS Coordinator	NA
Sue Pearlmutter	Provost/VPAA	VPAA	NA
Holly Shadoian	VPAA	VPAA <u>designee</u>	NA
Earl Simson	Faculty of Arts and Sciences	<u>Dean, FAS</u> (or designee)	NA
Harielys Jerez-Nolasco	Student	Student	2019-2020