Approved Proposal: Special Committee On Reforming General Education (SCORE)

Charge:

The Special Committee On Reforming General Education (SCORE) will be responsible for reimagining and redesigning general education in the long term at Westfield State University. SCORE is charged with establishing a process for their work that is collaborative and inclusive, and any recommendation from the committee will be submitted to the All University Committee for full consideration by the governance process. When appropriate, SCORE will consult information and with committees, such as UEACC. SCORE is established as a Special Committee under the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SCORE's tasks are focused on making recommendations on a new general education program. SCORE will:

- Develop a framework for a general education program that students will complete as part of their (undergraduate) degree requirements, with a goal of no more than 40 credit hours.
- Develop a guide, with collaboration with the campus community, for the assessment of what we want our students to learn in their general education coursework.
- Recommend a process and timeline for populating the new general education program with existing and new courses.
- Recommend a structure for how the new general education program will be coordinated and assessed.

Committee Structure:

- 12 MSCA members (broad representation from different domains of knowledge as stipulated by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), and at least 1 MSCA Librarian)
- 5 Presidential appointees from Academic Affairs with at least 2 being APA members.
- 2 students

This proposal was unanimously approved by the All-University Committee by a vote of 11-0-0 at its 2/5/21 meeting.

This proposal was approved by the president of the WSU chapter of the MSCA, Claudia Ciano-Boyce, via email on 2/18/21.

This proposal was approved by the Westfield State University president, Roy Saigo, per his chief of staff Tricia Oliver, via email on 2/18/21.