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Colleagues,

As part of the mandates for accreditation, the college is required to undertake a regular review and updating of our general education pattern – used to meet the graduation requirements for the Associate’s degree. In the past the way we have usually done this is through a task force called by the Academic Senate which reviewed the existing general education pattern and recommended updates to it.

However, after several calls for participation last Spring, no volunteers for such a task force stepped forward. Since determining the requirements for graduation is part of our faculty responsibilities under Title 5, and since the Curriculum Review Committee is charged with regularly reviewing these requirements, we are trying a different approach this time.

The graduation requirements exist in Curricunet as a “program”. Yolanda Coleman, our Articulation Officer, has launched a revision of this program and has recommended a number of changes, based on her knowledge both of our curriculum and of transfer and articulation requirements. Before we send this revision forward through the approval process, we still would like the faculty at large to have a chance to weigh in on the requirements and to review them.

Please click on the link below to review the **proposed** GE pattern. Review the courses listed for each section of the GE requirements. (Note: some of the courses are not in alphabetical order due to a quirk in Curricunet, so please read the entire list!)

[AA/AS Graduation Requirements](#)

We particularly need to know two things:

1. Are there courses which you believe should be included in a particular section that we have missed?
2. Are there courses that your department no longer offers that are included?

If you have suggestions and/or comments, please send them directly to Yolanda Coleman (Yolanda.coleman@wvm.edu) by **Wednesday, October 23**. Changes will be reviewed for inclusion in the program before it moves through the approval process. The requirements will be sent to the Academic Senate for their approval, and the Senate will then make its recommendation to the Board.

Our plan is to make this an annual process, so that we can make sure that our published graduation requirements stay up-to-date and always reflect the most current choices available to our students.

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Curriculum Review Committee Chair