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From: General Education Requirements Subcommittee

Thru: Undergraduate Academic Board

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Acting in accordance with Senate Resolution of May 2004 and in particular Resolution #3, which requires that "GER course be redistributed in the GER menu so that they meet the category definitions of only one GER category," the Undergraduate Academic Board requested information from the disciplines on January 12, 2005 regarding the appropriate designations for their GER courses affected by this resolution. The GER Subcommittee of the UAB has received notification from the disciplines regarding their preliminary decisions.

Ever mindful of the need to pay strict attention to the constitutional requirements for curriculum review, and solicitous for maximizing the practical and political benefits of full and patient discussion the UAB is now requesting faculty assistance in fully complying with the instructions of Senate Resolution #3.

The GER revision has been developed in light of all pertinent UAA orienting documents, including BOR policy, UA and UAA mission statements, and UAB curriculum guidelines. All GER revisions including Resolution #3 requirements can only go forward with complete procedural transparency, thorough faculty discussion from multiple perspectives and with due regard for the benefit of students. It is clear that the decisions the faculty makes in these matters will have far reaching effects.

We therefore ask that disciplines begin the process of submitting their GER course category designations to the appropriate curriculum review bodies in their respective colleges.

We solicit your cooperation in this process. Thank you very much.

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