Dear Colleagues,

As you know, in fall 2012 the Faculty Senate established the two-year General Education Assessment Task Force (GERA). The charge to the Task Force is to research best practices and recommend next steps toward assessing the GERs.

This fall semester, 2013, the Task Force will host a series of Open Forums to capture faculty perspectives about their contributions to the nine General Education Outcomes, see below, and ways in which they know that the learning has taken place.  These conversations will contribute to the overall plan for assessment and improvement of the General Education Requirements.

 We hope you will be able to join us at one of the following scheduled Forums:

         Friday, September 13, 9:00 – 11:00 AM (The Den); co-hosted with AAC –RSVP at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/academic_assessment_committee/assessment-seminar.cfm>

         Friday, October 11, 9:00 – 11:00 AM in LIB 307

         Tuesday, October 22, 2:30 – 4:30 PM in LIB 307

         Friday, November 8, 9:00 – 11:00 AM in LIB 307 (Student perceptions of the GER)

The forums are being conducted as an Appreciative Inquiry (AI). Before you attend, we will send you some additional information to assist you in preparing for the meeting. Please save a date. We will send more information as it comes available.

For more information on GERA and the work it has been done, please visit the website at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/ger-assessment-task-force/index.cfm>.

We look forward to your participation in these important conversations.

Regards,

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