

Subject: Gen Ed changes, response has been positive
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Hello Paulette,

I would like to register on behalf of Theatre & Dance that there were no real objections to the proposed changes to the general education task force report, other than the general grumbling about what we would need to adjust and relearn to help advise on revised GE matters.

Also, I regret that the chairs were not able to vote on the measures due to the motion to table that impeded progress in the Council of Chairs last week. I know that many of the chairs that I have spoken with feel that 7-8 hours would suffice for Math/Science, but every dialogue that has publicly happened has ended in a filibuster type situation. Personally, I would like to see ASU align with other campuses and begin to offer some 3 hour math and science classes for non majors. I think that this GE issue is clouded greatly by math and science trying to offer the same courses for Gen Ed and major's courses. For example, Theatre and Dance offers THR 2010 and DAN 2010 specifically for non-majors seeking General Education credits in the fine arts and I think this makes sense. (I am aware that some in the sciences have different courses for majors and GE already).

Although all of the other issues proposed have some positives and negatives, TD generally seemed to appreciate the rationale of the task force, and as a department we are consistent contributors to Gen Ed.

I firmly believe that the largest issue, departmental politics aside, is the need for transparency and adequate funding for those that teach in Gen Ed and/or University College.

Just a few perspectives from not the loudest voice-

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