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TO : Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Dr. Fabrice Leroy, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Programs 

RE: Request for final approval of proposed changes to the General Education Core

February 12, 2019

From 2015 to 2018, the General Education Committee has been considering changes to the General Education Core. With the thorough input of the relevant disciplines, the Committee began to reexamine and redefine the overall learning objectives for each area of the General Education Core, as they are currently stated in the *2018-19 Catalog*: English composition, mathematics, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, literature, history, communication, humanities, and fine arts.

In a second phase, the General Education disciplines were invited to reassess the list of courses that align with each newly redefined learning objective. All proposed changes to the learning objectives and to the series of courses that qualify for inclusion in the list of approved courses under each category were vetted and approved by the department heads overseeing the relevant disciplines, and by the General Education Committee, whose membership includes faculty members from said disciplines. The attached *Tables* summarize the proposed changes to the General Education goals, learning objectives, and approved courses.

These proposed changes were subsequently presented to the Council of Department Heads, the Faculty Senate, the Deans Council, and Provost Danahar. Following the process for changes to the University's academic standards, the Chair of the General Education Committee submitted the committee's recommendations to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards (CAAS) on October 10, 2018. CAAS unanimously approved the proposed changes (see attached *Minutes*).

Through this memo, I am submitting these recommendations for your final approval and the subsequent inclusion of these changes in the *2019-2020 Catalog*.

√Approved for inclusion in the *2019-2020 Catalog*



Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Date