Envisioning GE for the 21st Century
Today’s Agenda

1. Overview of the GE review process, GE Committee structure & today’s forum

2. How You Can Participate
   Open meetings and forums
   Retreat, Friday February 15, 9:30 to Noon
   Departmental meetings
   Discussion Groups

3. Today’s Discussion:
   What does general education mean to you?
   “A Vision of a William Paterson Graduate”
Town Hall Rules

• Please keep all statements to 2 minutes.  
  Yellow card = 15 seconds left; Red card = stop
• Please give your name and department when you speak
• Follow-up questions or comments will be limited to 2 or 3 responses, 1 minute each.
• Members of the GE Committee will be taking notes
• You are encouraged to submit comments in writing
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1. What do you think the purpose of general education should be? Check as many as apply

- GE means a little bit of everything so that students come out well-rounded
- GE means a core of courses that every student takes so that the University can engage in a common conversation
- GE means a common theme that ties the courses together and makes them a coherent whole
- GE means a common purpose that ties the courses together and helps prepare students for citizenship or leadership
- GE means a set of foundation courses that prepare students for a major
- GE means a variety of courses to help students prepare to select a major
- Other, please describe
A Vision of a William Paterson University Graduate

The WPUNJ GE Program aspires to instill the following qualities in students:

A. The knowledge, skills, and self-confidence to establish and pursue personal and career goals

B. The possession of fundamental ethical values, such as honest and integrity.

C. An awareness of global, national, and local civic responsibilities and a willingness to participate in the political process.

D. A social conscience and a willingness to contribute to the common good

E. An appreciation of art and esthetic values.

F. An awareness that an ever-changing, complex, and interdependent world requires knowledge of, and respect for, other peoples, cultures and values.

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G. A respect and empathy for differences among informed points of view.

H. An ability to adapt to changing circumstances and situations in our complex world.

I. A sense of balance and proportion with respect to the human circumstance through an appreciation of the ironies of life.

J. An awareness of scientific and environmental issues and a concern for the future of the planet and all living things.

K. An enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

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Thanks for your participation

GE Committee