

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**

Envisioning General Education at William Paterson University

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

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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.**

Thanks for your
participation

GE Committee