1. Name: General Education and Instructional Effectiveness

2. Membership: 8 elected faculty members. Ex-officio members (with vote): The Chancellor or an appointed representative, the Provost or an appointed representative, the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences or an appointed representative, the Chair of the Faculty, one faculty senator selected by the Chair of the Faculty, and one student member from the Student Government Association. The chair of the committee may invite resource persons as necessary to realize the committee charge. The chair of the committee may appoint such subcommittees as he or she deems necessary.

3. Quorum: 4 elected members exclusive of ex-officio.

4. Committee Responsibilities:
A. The committee recommends policies to improve and advance faculty teaching and student learning.
B. The committee promotes teaching excellence and recommends means to identify faculty teaching success, including development of peer review instruments for teaching face-to-face and distance education courses. The committee assists units requesting aid in developing teaching evaluation instruments for personnel decisions. The committee recommends policies and programs to improve the physical environment in which teaching occurs. The committee provides a forum for faculty opinion concerning the design of new academic buildings and renovation of existing academic buildings.
C. The committee makes recommendations regarding proposed changes, including individual courses, in the general education and diversity curriculum. The committee makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding proposed changes in the general education and diversity requirements.*
D. The committee periodically reviews existing General Education and Diversity course offerings and recommends, as appropriate, changes to course General Education and Diversity status in order to ensure that the Student Learning Outcomes for the General Education and Diversity curriculum are being met.
E. The committee reviews the annual report of the Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program and the Dean of The Honors College.
F. The committee reviews honors seminar proposals for general education credit, diversity credit, or both.
G. The chair or appointed representative serves as an ex-officio member of the University Athletics Committee and Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee.
H. The Committee reviews at least annually those sections within the University Undergraduate Catalog and University Graduate Catalog that correspond to the Committee’s charge and recommends changes as necessary.

5. To Whom The Committee Reports:
The committee reports to the Faculty Senate its recommendations of policies, procedures, and criteria cited above. The committee recommends curricular changes in the general education and diversity curriculum to the Faculty Senate.

6. How Often The Committee Reports:
The committee reports to the Faculty Senate at least once a year and at other times as necessary.

7. Power Of The Committee To Act Without Faculty Senate Approval:
None

8. Standard Meeting Time:
The committee meeting time is scheduled for the third Monday of each month.