

GEOC Response to Faculty Senate Charge on FYS Impact Projection

Charge from the Faculty Senate

The General Education Oversight Committee shall either update the existing General Education Workload Model or create a new model predicting the necessary course offerings under the new general education model, incorporating into their considerations the current student body composition and which courses have been approved and proposed in each area of the new general education model. The purpose of this projection is to allow departments to plan the number of sections of general education courses which they will need to offer in Fall 2024. This report is due to the Faculty Senate by the last meeting of October 2023.

Response from GEOC

The General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC) deliberated on this charge in the Spring 2023 semester. We agreed that faculty workload is beyond the scope of the GEOC as we are a curriculum committee. Therefore, GEOC requested to attend Deans' Council wherein we presented the updated General Education Workload Model created by Michael Scott, Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology, and Melissa Boog (linked [here](#)). The Deans agreed that this charge was more appropriate for Deans to negotiate as it directly impacted faculty workload within their Units. It is our understanding based on further conversations during the summer of 2023 between Jennifer Nyland and Deans Michael Scott and Maarten Pereboom that the overall shape of the distribution of FYS sections would be approximately 1/3 to the Henson School and 2/3 to the Fulton School with a few sections available for the other Units as faculty and department chairs were interested. We suggest that in December, Dr. Boog will communicate to the Deans' Council how many sections of FYS will be needed for the following year in the fall and in the spring, and the Deans' Council will then agree upon how many sections each of their units will offer to meet this number (but not go above), based on this 2/3-1/3 distribution. The Deans will then be responsible for allocating sections among their respective departments.

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