

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

General Education

**Chair**

Dixie Webb

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

9/28, 10/13, 11/17, 1/18, 3/16, 4/12 & email

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

Members of the committee gathered and assessed data for TBR required courses - COMM 1010: Public Speaking, ENGL 1020: Composition II, MATH 1010 & 1530: Mathematical Thought and Practice & Elements of Statistics, as well as critical thinking skills. While no feedback has been provided by TBR, the committee has continued to move forward and close the loop in courses identified above.

Critical thinking was addressed more specifically than in the past by asking departments to complete a brief rubric identifying aspects of reasoning listed in BRAVO. Committee members worked to identify best practices from the information departments returned. Departments will receive feedback this week suggesting how departments across a General Education category are addressing critical thinking. The committee hopes this feedback will allow departments to identify best practices for Humanities, Natural Sciences, Math, and Social Sciences, particularly, and allow departments to address critical thinking more deliberately where necessary.

The General Education Committee also deliberated on and gave support to the BRAVO student learning initiative before BRAVO was forwarded to Academic Council.