Proposal for General Education Program Governance

The General Education (GE) program requires daily follow-up and a level of effort which exceeds normal expectations from a Senate Committee. For these reasons, in its meeting of February 14, 2013, the GE Committee unanimously approved a new governance structure for the program which consists of the following components:

1- Dissolve the GE Committee and move its functions to the Senate’s Academic Development Committee.

2- Form a board of GE faculty who are representative of all faculties and all GE areas, and who are appointed by their deans for three-year terms. Board members will oversee the quality of the GE program and GE courses by: a) evaluating/re-evaluating AUB and transfer courses for their suitability as GE courses; b) drafting GE policies for approval by the ADC; c) coordinating GE assessment; d) devising plans for the improvement of the GE program; and e) undertaking related tasks as directed by the provost.

3- Create the position of director of the GE Program. The GE director will be a faculty member of professorial rank who is appointed by, and reports to, the provost, and also serves, by virtue of his/her appointment, as an ex-officio member of the Academic Development Committee. The director will coordinate all GE activities involving the GE Board, AUB’s academic departments, the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Registrar’s Office, IT/Banner staff, and other relevant units. The director will additionally: a) develop and maintain the University’s GE website; b) update, on an annual basis, the GE section of the undergraduate catalogue; c) serve as a resource on best practices in General Education; and d) carry out related tasks which may be assigned by the provost.