

## Summary of responses March 2019

A questionnaire was distributed at the March 19, 2019 Faculty Meeting. The prompts:

- I. What are the strengths of Dominican's current GEC?  
- Should any of the focuses or emphases in our current GEC be expanded? (If yes, which?)
- II. What are the weaknesses of Dominican's current GEC?  
- Should any of the focuses or emphases in our current GEC be reduced? (If yes, which?)
- III. What should we at Dominican College strive to accomplish through our General Education Curriculum?

**Here is a summary of the most frequent responses.**

### Strengths:

- Flexibility
- Diversity
- Exposure to outside of major courses
- Strong skills foundation
- Enables students to avoid some of their weaknesses.
- Strong liberal arts foundation.

### Weaknesses:

- Lack of rigor
- Too many choices of courses and/or too many categories
- Many courses are offered with the disciplinary needs in mind rather than with the GEC designation in mind
- Too many overly specialized courses
- Many do not understand the GEC or advise dependably.
- It comes across to students and some faculty like some "tacked on" requirements that must be gotten through rather than the core of their undergraduate educations.
- GEC is too dependent on contingent faculty.

### Content and skills suggested multiple times (either in the prompt about expansion, the prompt about weaknesses, or the final prompt):

- Ethics and/or moral reasoning
- Logic and/or critical thinking
- Critical reading
- Writing (a couple suggested writing across the curriculum)
- A couple of people included "problem solving" as part of our goal.
- Global and/or diversity
- Technology
- Math requirement (some mentioned the lack of such as a weakness; others suggested the minimum be raised from 112 to 113—requiring students to either pass or test out of MA 113—College Algebra).
- ASL should be a foreign language for everyone
- Several suggested greater focus on Liberal Arts (or even the Humanities).

### What should we at Dominican College strive to accomplish through our General Education Curriculum?

- Seven offered no response.
- Fifteen offered, in a wide variety of ways, something about well-roundedness, life-long-learners, preparation for citizenship, liberal-education.
- Six focus on skills or specific content.
- Some did both the last two.