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SUBJECT : Call for Proposals for the Evaluation of the UP General Education Program

DATE : 10 June 2021

Warm greetings!

This is to respectfully inform everyone that the UP System GE Evaluation Technical Working Group (TWG) would like to invite faculty members to be part of the continuing efforts to evaluate the GE Program by submitting research proposals on the following themes: (a) GE Program Objectives, (b) Operations, (c) Modality, and (d) Course Level Outcomes. Attached are the OVPAA Memorandum No. 2021-82, primer, proposal form and line item budget (LIB) form, for your reference and guidance.

Kindly submit the e-copy of your accomplished proposal form, together with the LIB and other supporting documents, duly endorsed by your Institute Director/Department Chair and Dean to GEC at gec_ovcaa.upd@up.edu.ph on or before Monday, 28 June 2021, 5:00 PM to facilitate the endorsements by the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Chancellor before submitting to the GE Evaluation TWG for technical and administrative review. Any changes in the proposal should be communicated to the OVPAA through channels. Approved project/s may be used to apply for research load credit.

Funds will be from the General Appropriations Act Fund.

Should you have any queries and concerns, please feel free to contact the GE Evaluation TWG at ge.ovpaa@up.edu.ph.

Thank you and keep safe.



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OVPAA Memorandum No. 2021-82

For : **Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs**
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From : *CRBT*
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Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: **EVALUATION OF THE UP GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

In response to the suggestions and the fruitful exchange of ideas during the second Plenary Conversation of the 2021 UP System General Education Conference via Zoom last 11 May 2021, the TWG would like to invite Faculty members to be part of the continuing efforts to evaluate the GE Program by submitting research proposals on the following themes:

- A. GE Program Objectives
- B. Operations
- C. Modality
- D. Course level outcomes

For details, you may refer to the [primer](#).

Kindly submit your proposal ([filled-out form](#)) on or before 30 June 2021 to this email: ge.ovpaa@up.edu.ph.

Thank you very much.

EVALUATION OF THE UP GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION

The second plenary session of the 2021 UP System General Education Conference via Zoom platform on 11 May 2021 focused on the preliminary results of the UP System GE Program Evaluation Technical Working Group's (TWG) initial attempts at determining the extent to which the GE Program meets its expected outcomes.

Among the concerns raised during the open forum are the following: the adoption of a standard evaluation instrument amidst varying enabling environments in the different constituent universities (CUs); the need for a validation process for the thematic analysis of qualitative data; the relationship of the GE evaluation survey to the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET); a comparison of data mined from the SET for GE and non-GE courses; the consideration of a longitudinal study that tracks the progress of GE students over a period of time; and the adoption of a multi-modal approach in assessing the degree to which the GE program achieves its outcomes. It was also suggested that a climate survey capturing the GE experience of students and faculty across CUs may be an alternative to an evaluation, and that measures should be taken to help students cope with the current challenges brought about by the migration of learning to a different platform.

In response to the suggestions and the fruitful exchange of ideas, the TWG would like to invite GE Faculty members to be part of the continuing efforts to evaluate the GE Program by submitting research proposals on the following themes:

THEMES

GE Program Objectives

- Measurement of the values embedded in the GE program objectives (i.e., intellectual and cultural horizons, critical and creative thinking, passion for learning and scholarship, high sense of intellectual and moral integrity, and commitment to nationalism and social justice)
- Achievement of the GE program objectives
- Relevance of the GE program during the pandemic and in the next normal according to faculty members and students

Operations

- Program implementation issues (e.g., enrollment concerns, "supply and demand" issues, faculty loading, cross-registration policies, coordination across CUs and courses that may be offered to students across CUs)
- Readiness of faculty members in teaching and students in taking GE courses

Modality

- Practices, challenges, prospects of remote/online learning
- Student-teacher, student-student interaction in remote/online learning
- Assessment and grading in remote/online learning
- Remote/online learning and grade inflation
- Possibility of transforming GE courses into MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)

Course level outcomes

- Achievement of learning outcomes (a) across and (b) in each of the system-wide common courses
- Achievement of learning outcomes in GE courses common to at least two constituent universities

Results of the research studies will help in monitoring specific course learning outcomes, developing best teaching-learning practices, designing optimum modalities of learning, and determining the kind of administrative support needed to maintain the standards in content and delivery of the GE program.