During the 2012-2013 academic year our community voted to move to a tiered, competency-based general education curriculum.

Over the 2013 summer five members of the general education committee designed three different proposed frameworks for implementing this change.

The general education committee held four committee meetings during Fall, 2013 to move from the three different proposals toward a unified proposal. These meetings were all well attended.

In fall, 2013, a subcommittee of the committee on general education crafted a framework that combined the best elements of each of those proposed frameworks, while also incorporating feedback from the general WCSU community. The resulting framework separates the tiered, competency encounters from the 40 credits of work outside the major that has been recommended for breadth of education, resulting in maximum academic freedom for professors and maximum flexibility for credit-strapped programs. The framework is also consistent with the Educated Person document that was adopted by the university ten years ago.

In January of this year the committee on general education voted to approve this unified framework. The vote was unanimous.

In March this unified framework was approved by the UPBC and by CUCAS.

We are hoping to have the implementation details worked out, through shared governance, in time for the incoming students in Fall 2015.

We have also designated courses as qualifying for current general education requirements throughout the year.

The members of the committee during 2013-2014 are Jennifer O’Brien, Robin James, Alba Skar, Jamie Begian, Chuck Rocca, Robin Gustafson, Kelli Custer, Missy Alexander. No one from Ancell has volunteered to be a representative on this committee for at least two years. We have had some representation from SGA over the past two years.