Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Resolution on General Education/Liberal Studies Assessment

   a) Brief Description: See Attached
   b) Initiated by: General Education/Liberal Studies Task Force

II. Faculty Senate Action: X approved □ not approved □ other  date: 4/25/2012

   Vote: □ Voice Vote, Unanimous  Voice Vote, Majority In Favor
         X Electronic Clicker: 23 Ayes  2 Nays  Abstentions

   FS Secretary signature: Rebecca Smith  date 5-3-2012

III. Provost: □ for information  □ Recognition of Receipt
       □ for action ................. □ approved  □ not approved

   Comments: ______________________________________________________

   Person responsible for Implementation: Carol Hudson w/ Faculty Senate

   Provost signature: Dech Loquist  date May 11, 2012

IV. Chancellor: □ for information  □ Recognition of Receipt
               □ for action ............. □ approved  □ not approved

   Comments: ______________________________________________________

   Chancellor signature: David J. Belcher  date 5-23-12

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Resolution on General Education/Liberal Studies Assessment

April 25, 2012

Whereas the General Education/Liberal Studies Task Force, when submitting their report to the Faculty Senate on General Education, recommended the establishment of a permanent group to help develop outcomes assessment for general education that would then act as monitors of the degree to which outcomes are being met; and

Whereas the Task Force recommends this group needs to have the ability to gather data from courses in general education and then recommend removal of courses from general education when outcomes are not being met and would need to work in parallel with the work of approving courses for a new program; and

Whereas the Task Force recommends this group come into existence to develop outcomes measure for the existing program if their proposed general education program is not approved; and

Whereas the Faculty Constitution (Section 10 on Curriculum Assessment, Development, and Review, Subsection 2(a)) states “The Liberal Studies Committee (LSC) monitors and maintains established learning outcomes and documents their assessment within the program and considers all changes in the liberal studies curriculum and program as detailed in the Official Liberal Studies Document (http://www.wcu.edu/10943.asp)” ; and

Whereas the Academic Policy and Review Council of the Faculty Senate is responsible for considering all issues related to academic policy including program review;

Be it resolved that the Academic Policy and Review Council will consider the recommendation from the General Education/Liberal Studies Task Force and work in conjunction with the Liberal Studies Committee to propose a plan of action for improved assessment for our liberal studies/general education program.