One important issue surrounding the implementation of the proposed General Education Curriculum is the extent to which courses currently part of the Liberal Studies Curriculum (LSP) upon reassignment within the GEC can accommodate undergraduates so as to allow them to complete this part of their undergraduate studies in a timely fashion. Dr. Joan Gorham, Associate Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, has prepared a table in which is listed the current number of spaces for all LSP courses as tentatively assigned to the proposed GEC Objectives.

If no new courses were developed, no sections added to current courses, and no expansion was permitted in the maximum enrollments of current courses, classes associated with three of the GEC Objectives could not accommodate all of the student who would eventually have to fulfill these. These are Objectives 5, 7 and 9. It is the consensus of the Ad-hoc Committee that developed the GEC proposal that in fact departments will be proactive in responding to the demands in these areas by the time students seek admission to relevant courses.

As Dean Gorham observed, we know that some students bring in LSP course work via AP or transfer credit, and thus do not "need" these courses from WVU. Other students "need" these courses more than once because they register and withdraw, or DF repeat. We also know that courses on the LSP/GEC list are taken for purposes other than meeting general education requirements. We know that all students who enter as freshmen do not complete WVU degrees. That said, a general estimate of availability v. need may be calculated as follows:

9 courses to fulfill GEC, excluding Objective 1, Math, and UNIV 101
8 semesters to complete an undergraduate degree = Average of 1.125 courses per semester
4,500 freshman admitted each year @ 1.125 GEC courses per semester, excluding Objective 1, Math, and UNIV 101 = "need" of @5,063 seats per semester for objectives 3-9; 10,125 in science

Objective 2--science (2 courses)
A. Fall 2003 availability 9,146 + 1,570 = 10,716
B. Projected GEC need 10,125
A-B = 591

Objective 3
A. Fall 2003 availability 6,840 + 1,384 = 8,224
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = 3,161

Objective 4
A. Fall 2003 availability 20K+
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = 15K+

Objective 5
A. Fall 2003 availability 2,530 + 1,529 = 4,059
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = (-1,004)

Objective 6
A. Fall 2003 availability 6,226 + 2,145 = 8,371
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = 3,308
Objective 7
A. Fall 2003 availability $3,738 + 872 = 4,160$
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = (-903)

Objective 8
A. Fall 2003 availability $7,419 + 3,148 = 10,567 + FRCH, GER, RUSS, SPAN to 204$
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = 5,504 + FRCH, GER, RUSS, SPAN

Objective 9
A. Fall 2003 availability $2,464 + 719 = 3,183$
B. Projected GEC need 5,063
A-B = (-1,880)

Please forward any comments concerning this information to Christopher Wilkinson, Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee to Review General Education at WVU by January 20, 2004. In turn, he will forward these to members of the Ad-hoc Committee as well as the Liberal Studies Program Committee. His e-mail address is Chris.Wilkinson@mail.wvu.edu