

To: Members of Purdue Faculty

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Re: Ad Hoc Committee on Core Curriculum

Date: January 6, 2009

A core curriculum for our undergraduate students is one important aspect, perhaps even an integral part, of the strategic plan. Recently the University Senate voted a core curriculum as the second most important issue for senate consideration.

In response to the senate prioritization and as part of the implementation of the strategic plan, the Senate Steering Committee recently approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to explore the meaning and establishment of a core curriculum. Specifically the charge for this ad hoc committee is:

To evaluate the efficacy and feasibility of a core curriculum at Purdue University and subsequently define the parameters of a core curriculum including key content and a process for the implementation.

The development and successful implementation of a core curriculum will depend upon input from diverse faculty across campus. We are now at the point of setting up the committee and need your assistance. Thus, we are seeking volunteers to serve on this committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like to nominate a colleague please contact Joan Fulton at [fultonj@purdue.edu](mailto:fultonj@purdue.edu). If you could provide a short (5 or 6 sentence) paragraph outlining the strengths you or the colleague you are nominating would bring to the committee, it would be most appreciated, although not a requirement.

Once we have collected the names of all of the volunteers we will finalize the committee membership and let all faculty know of the final list.

Thanks for your attention and assistance in this important matter in the academic life of Purdue University.