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Board Transfer Council Update

General Education is a Critical Part of Associate and Bachelor's Degree Structure

As part of its examination of possible improvements to the structure of associate and bachelor's degrees, the Board Transfer Council asked the General Education Faculty Task Force to make recommendations on whether adjustments to USHE general education policy might help streamline transfer. The General Education Task Force is comprised of faculty representatives from the eight degree-granting institutions. Its co-chairs, Dr. Ann Darling of the University of Utah, who is also a member of the Board Transfer Council, and Dr. Eric Amsel of Weber State University, will provide an update to the Academic Education Committee on their preliminary work. The discussion will include a conversation on why general education is an important part of associate and bachelor's degrees, why general education must align with national best practices to ensure out-of-state transfer, the significance to transfer of the shared Core and Breadth categories of general education as outlined in USHE policy, and the importance to the Board's completion goals of examining student success and inclusive pedagogy in these introductory, required courses.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.