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November/December 2025 Update

Fall 2025 was busy but productive. The reform committees closed out the semester by reviewing input from the campus community, refining the models we plan to develop further, and drafting guidelines for elements of the new program. We will be bringing more members of the campus community back into the process in the spring.

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GET INVOLVED THIS SPRING!

Are you interested in joining the Gen Ed Reform process as part of a spring working group? Let us know via our [**Working Group Sign-Up**](#).

November/December Highlights

- **Nov 3:** Exec Committee developed a new presentation and [video](#) to clarify elements of the proposed models and address the feedback we received in October
- **Nov 7:** Reform Committee met to review October feedback and plan Town Hall
- **Nov 14:** Zoom Town Hall addressed questions about the proposed models and included small-group discussions of potential curricular requirements
- **Nov 14:** Reform Committee met to discuss Town Hall feedback and curriculum
- **Dec 5:** Reform Committee met to discuss the refinement of 1-2 models to develop further and plan spring timeline and tasks

New Director of General Education

This fall we launched a search for the inaugural Director of General Education, a pivotal role that will provide leadership in maintaining academic quality, supporting faculty, and advancing the development and assessment of the curriculum. We are pleased to announce that Jenn Sloggie, University Distinguished Teacher and Master Lecturer of English, will assume the role of Director of General Education beginning in January 2026. Professor Sloggie has 26 years of experience teaching general education courses at ODU as well as extensive experience with academic program administration. She has served as the Faculty Liaison for Learning Communities, Director of General Education Composition, and Director of the Spring Conference on the Teaching of Writing, She is currently the Administrative Lead for the General Education Reform Initiative.



"I am excited to serve as ODU's first Director of General Education. As a Gen Ed teacher, I have been passionate about helping my students develop the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their academic, professional, and civic lives. I see this role as an opportunity to develop a community of practice around General Education at ODU and to ensure that our work is aligned with best practices, that the program serves the best interests of our faculty and our students, and that those who teach Gen Ed courses feel supported and empowered to do the best they can for our students."

Model Feedback Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our model feedback survey raffle:

Alex Cumbie, Lecturer of Biological Sciences

Vukica Jovanovic, Chair of Engineering Technology

Miranda Kidd, Sophomore Leadership Major (pictured)



We appreciate everyone who took the time to provide input and support the gen ed reform efforts this semester!

Looking Ahead...

In spring 2026, our committees will be working to:

- further develop the **models**
- draft **student learning outcomes**
- develop criteria for **first-year seminars, capstone courses, and experiential learning**
- continue to **share our progress** and gather feedback via forums and other events

If you're interested in being involved in our work this spring, let us know by filling out the [Spring Working Group Sign-Up](#).

Keep Up With Our Progress!

Visit [our website](#) to read more about our accomplishments and goals, explore readings and resources on general education, and learn about upcoming events. You can always email GenEd@odu.edu with questions, requests for visits to your program, and to share your ideas.