

COMMISSION ON GENERAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Friday, May 6, 2005, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Chancellor's Complex, Conference Room 111A

University of California, San Diego

AGENDA

- 10:00 – 11:15 am** **I. Introductory Discussion**
A. What the Report Seeks to Achieve and What We Know It Cannot Achieve
B. The Predicament of Liberal Education in the Research University:
General Knowledge in a Global, Multicultural, Digital Era
At our first meeting, we addressed how general education has been affected by changes inside the university. We paid less attention to changes in the wider world. Is the problem of general education today different from the past because of changes in the wider world? (Setting time aside to discuss this does not presuppose we will have something original to say about it – only that discussing it may help us get our bearings as a group.)
- 11:15 am – 12:30 pm** **II. Where Is Institutional Responsibility for Liberal Education Located?**
How Can the Faculty Be Held Responsible? Analysis of the Deans/Vice Chancellors of Undergraduate Education Positions
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm** **III. Accountability and Evaluation of General Education Programs**
What forms of evaluation and review take place on our campuses (and other campuses)? What works and what does not?
- 3:00 – 3:45 pm** **IV. Promoting a Culture of Liberal Education**
What is being done today on our campuses and what could be done to advocate ideals of liberal education and general education to: our own undergraduates; to the graduate students who teach them; to the faculty (particularly newly hired faculty); to the parents of our students; to donors and other friends of the university; to the regents, legislators, and others?
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm** **BREAK**
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **V. Loose Ends and Agenda for the Next Meeting**
What topics that have been short-changed today require more attention? What additional research or reading do we require? What are the most important items for us to take up at our next meeting? Is civic engagement one of them?
- 6:00 pm** **DINNER** (for those able to stay on)