

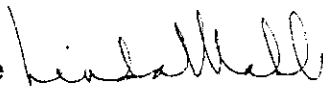


UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND  
UNIVERSITY SENATE

1100 Marie Mount Hall  
College Park, Maryland 20742-4111  
Tel: (301) 405-5805 Fax: (301) 405-5749  
<http://www.senate.umd.edu>

Date: September 24, 2010

To: Nariman Farvardin, Acting President

From: Linda Mabbs, Chair of the University Senate 

Subject: Explanatory Memo Regarding the General Education Plan of 2010

On April 8, 2010, the University Senate passed and sent to the President a proposal entitled, "Transforming General Education at the University of Maryland" (Senate Document#: 09-10-34). After a thoughtful and lively discussion the Senate passed the proposal with an amendment. The only amendment approved by the Senate was one on the implementation of the General Education plan.

As it appears in the Senate minutes Senator Jordan Goodman's motion reads:  
The plan for implementation of the various aspects of the new General Education program will be reviewed by an appropriate Senate committee. Once the plan is fully **implemented**, the program will be presented to the Senate for possible amendments and adjustment.

After consulting with Senator Goodman and after careful auditing of the taped recording of the discussions, it was obvious that the intent of the motion and the understanding of the discussants were not accurately represented in the wording of the motion. In order to correctly represent the will of the Senate, clarification was provided in the final document forwarded to the President.

The clarified final document reads:

If approved, a plan for implementation of the various aspects of the new program will be reviewed by an appropriate Senate committee. Once the plan is fully **developed**, the program will be presented to the Senate for possible amendments and adjustment.

This explanatory memorandum should be filed with the approved General Education Plan of 2010.