

**To: Faculty Senate**

**From: School of Biological and Chemical Sciences**

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**Subject: Question concerning funding of new General Education Offerings**

The University is strongly encouraging the participation of faculty in the new General Education Curriculum. In fact, participation in gen. ed. by units is being tied to hiring and other things. We have questions about how these additional teaching assignments will be paid. It has been announced that there would be an increase in RIM to each department or unit that participates in General Education. However, the GRA, the amount the unit actually receives, is a percentage of the RIM and units have no control of how that percentage is determined. If the GRA is not increased, there will be no additional funds for departments, and no incentive for departments to take on the additional General Education courses.

We would like to know how the GRA to the unit will be affected when the unit teaches General Education courses.