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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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SUBJECT:

Campus Articulation Points of Contact

While much progress has been made towards developing consistent, fair and responsive articulation policies and practices within the UH system, we are still encountering problems having to do with what happens when one campus makes a change of any kind (introducing a new course, changing a number, dropping or adding a designation vis-à-vis the core, etc.). The challenge here is to how to balance the desire of each campus to innovate with the desire to have clear communication about those changes across the system.

I want to make one suggestion that would go a long way towards addressing this problem, which is ask each campus to designate a single campus point of contact (campus poc) concerning any and all changes that affect General Education articulation. Right now, we have no structure by which changes on one campus are communicated to the other campuses, and it is the responsibility of no person or office. As a result, communication is haphazard, and changes are made without an understanding of the impact they may have on other campuses or on the students attempting to move from one institution to another. If a campus poc were named for every campus, and everyone understood the need to communicate with that person, then the problems of a lack of communication would be eased enormously.

I envision this person as having the responsibility for communicating any changes in General Education designations, any introduction or deletion of new General Education courses, any changes in course numbering that affect General Education articulation, and so on. We have no uniform way to communicate these curriculum changes on individual campuses to other campuses who will be affected by them.