

# GENERAL STUDIES AS PROGRAM REVIEW SUMMARY AND ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS



## A. Summary of Program Strengths

- Faculty have teaching degrees and all are highly qualified in their areas.
- The Program Chair will have a doctoral degree.
- The program is flexible to be tailored to help students prepare for desired career pathways.
- The connection with career services director to help students.
- High level of faculty buy in, passion, and commitment with developing program learning outcomes separate from the ILOs.
- Developing the PLOs is helping the faculty realize the important role of general education.
- The program helps students to smoothly transition to other UTTC, other TCUs, or NDUS colleges because of the GERTA compliance and foundation.
- The program works with the ND General Education Council.

## B. Summary of Program Challenges

- There are a lot of students in the General Studies program and the ratio of students to advisors can be cumbersome.
- The program of study does not currently have an advisory committee.
- Limited general education options are available for students.

## C. Actionable Insights

- Develop an advisory committee; investigate membership from the ND General Education Council.
- Add Student Activities and Retention Administrator as first-year advisor for the General Studies program.
- Continue to expand general education options.

## D. Program Action

- Retain program of study as is
- Expand program of study to another level, specialty, or delivery option
- Revise program of study to better meet the needs of students, current labor market or industry
- Consolidate program of study with another program
- Terminate program of study

## E. Institutional Support Needed and/or Committed to Carry Out Action

- CTE will provide the CTE Advisory Resource book;
- Admissions will incorporate the adaptability of the General Studies program in recruitment information;
- Additional personnel will receive training to enhance advising capacity;
- An additional general education faculty position is built into the next academic year budget.

## F. Follow Up

Follow Up Date: March 2021

Next Full Review Year: March 2023