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General Education Task Force Focus  
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**Purpose & Goals**
*What do we want General Education to accomplish?*
For example:
- Goals for Student Learning
- What should the general education experience do for students? Why is it required?
- What should students “take away” from the gen ed experience?

**Delivery**
*How are we delivering General Education?*
For example:
- Curricular Structure & Requirements
- Course Structure and Review Process
- Teaching Strategies/Pedagogy
- How is general education and its importance communicated to faculty and students?
- How do students experience the gen ed curriculum/requirement?

**Systemic Challenges**
*For example:*
- Tenure process
- Dept balancing multiple instructional & other demands
- Instructor sense of alienation

**Resources**
*For example:*
- TA allocations

**Assessment**
*What is working? What needs improvement or attention?*
For example:
- Are students experiencing general education as intended?
- Are students developing the skills and dispositions we intend?
- Do students believe General Education is a valuable educational experience?

**Inputs:**
- Student Characteristics
- What do students want?