

EMAIL FROM PROVOST RUSSELL 10-19-20 TO FS CHAIR DIRK GRUPE, SHARED WITH EC MEMBERS 10-19-20

FYS Subcommittee Membership – Version #2

Co-Chairs (same as GEC)

- GEC Co-Chair – **faculty member** (Mark Graves)
- Associate Provost (**staff**)

Members

- 1 Faculty Member from each of the four colleges (**total of 4 faculty members**) - confirmed by Faculty Senate and Provost
- 1 FYS instructor chosen from the FYS instructors in the Advising and Retention Office (**staff**)- confirmed by Senate and Provost (**note reduced from 2 FYS instructors to 1 FYS instructor**)
- One professional staff member from Library (**staff**)- confirmed by Senate and Provost
- Director of First Year Programs (**staff**)
- Director of Retention and Advising Center (**staff**)
- Director of University Assessment – **Ex-Officio (would not meet with committee and only provide information/data to the subcommittee when needed)**
- One student who has taken FYS in the past 2 years - appointed by the SGA President

These suggested changes would create a committee comprised of five voting faculty members and five voting staff members, a non-voting student member, and an ex-officio staff member who would not routinely attend the subcommittee meetings. The faculty members obviously have an interest in this course, but so would the staff members identified above.

As you know, we have a current structure where the FYS subcommittee is officially a subcommittee of the General Education Committee (GEC) and that makes sense to me from a structural standpoint. The GEC approved/endorsed the current FYS 101 course and the FYS subcommittee monitors/assesses the curriculum in the course. I am trying to find a compromise where we can maintain that overarching committee (GEC) and a subcommittee (FYS) structure and address faculty senate's concerns about that subcommittee's membership.