

# **General Education Retreat**

Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11, 2015  
Crescent Arch (Half Dome Residence Hall)  
University of California, Merced

General Purpose: This retreat is designed to engage faculty and staff in identifying the guiding principles and outcomes of General Education at UC Merced, within the hallmarks of undergraduate education.

## **Wednesday, June 10**

8:30-9:00am: Greetings – Coffee / Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:20am: Introductions and review of agenda

9:20-9:30am: General overview of program review goals

The following is a brief history of our recent GE program review, with an emphasis on the hallmarks of undergraduate education as a guideline for defining a GE program.

### **Session 1: Creating a GE mission**

This session activity is informed by the following question: “Given the hallmarks of undergraduate education at UC Merced, what is the mission of our General Education program?”

9:30am-10:50am: Team discussions, sample GE missions and initial drafting

10:50-11:00am: Short break

11:00-11:45am: Team reports and general discussion

11:45am-12:15pm: Lunch

### **Session 2: Defining GE outcomes**

This session will focus on developing GE learning outcomes. Our goal, here, will be to describe institutionally-specific GE outcomes based on the hallmarks and draft mission.

12:15-12:30pm: Review of session

12:30-1:45pm: Team discussions, GE outcomes and initial drafting

1:45-1:50pm: Short Break

1:50-2:30pm: Team reports and general discussion

2:30-3:00pm: Review potential categories, summarize consensus, and confirm plan for next day

## **Thursday, June 11**

8:30-9:00am: Coffee/ Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30am: Overview of sessions, with reflections from previous day

### **Session 3: Refining GE outcomes**

In this session, each team will be assigned one GE outcome category, with all related team notes. Our objective is for each team to draft one comprehensive GE outcome.

9:30-10:45am: Team discussions, GE outcome development and revision

10:45-10:55am: Brief break

10:55-11:30am: Team reports and general discussion

11:30am-12:15pm: Lunch

### **Session 4: Aligning the GE mission with outcomes**

In this final session, we will review the GE mission relative to GE outcomes.

12:15pm-12:30pm: Review GE set of outcomes and emphases

12:30-1:30pm: Team discussions, GE mission statement

1:30-2:00pm: Team reports and general discussion

2:00-2:30pm: Consensus and closing remarks