Revision of Section 2.43.03.240 of the General Education Program Statute

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors revise section 2.43.03.240 of the General Education Program Statute. This section is related to the make-up of the General Education Oversight Committee. If adopted, the change would be effective immediately.

Background
The current statute governing the makeup of the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC) guarantees proportional faculty representation but provides no guaranteed representation to students. This allows for the committee to go without any student representation if the committee decides to do so. Our General Education Program has a significant impact on student success, and students can provide valuable insight for ensuring its design promotes student success. In recognition of the need to have student input in the oversight of our General Education Program, and out of respect for our model of shared governance, it is crucial to provide a seat for guaranteed student representation on the GEOC. This amendment seeks to do just that.

Current Statute Language
General Education Oversight Committee
2.43.03.240 The GEOC will be representative of the University community as a whole as follows: One (1) representative each from the colleges of Business, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Social Work; two (2) representatives from the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts; six (6) representatives from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; two (2) representatives selected by the Academic Senate (one (1) tenured faculty member and one (1) ESS Academic Staff member); and one (1) representative, ex officio, from the University Libraries. The committee shall elect a co-chair from amongst the voting members, and the Associate Provost shall serve, ex officio, as a co-chair. The committee shall decide the number of student representatives.

Recommended Statute Language
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