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Core Curriculum Review Committee <corerevw@nd.edu> wrote:

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

As you may know, the University is currently engaged in a [core curriculum review](#). Many of you, in fact, participated last academic year in conversations and activities hosted by the [Core Curriculum Review Committee](#), offering your ideas and insights about our general education requirements and the University's goal to "offer an unsurpassed undergraduate education that nurtures the formation of mind, body, and spirit."

As co-chairs of the committee, we are writing today to update you on the review process and progress. Committee members have continued their work over summer break and into the fall 2015 semester to develop a draft report that proposes a shared vision for a Catholic liberal arts education as well as some enhancements to the current core framework and requirements.

That report will be released after the upcoming Thanksgiving break so that faculty can comment on the recommendations presented in the working document.

This next phase of the core curriculum review—campus-wide faculty deliberation on the draft report—is essential to the review process and to a successful outcome. Beginning this semester and continuing through the spring 2016 semester, we will work with you to assess and improve the report.

The committee will create a variety of activities and methods through which faculty can participate in the review process, including a request that each academic department offer a response to the draft report and an open invitation for individual or groups of faculty to contact the committee with questions or suggestions. The draft report also will be presented for review to each college and school through its college council or equivalent body.

Based on faculty assessments, the committee plans to develop a final report to present to the Faculty Senate, Academic Council, and, ultimately, the University president during the fall 2016 semester. If you have ideas on how we can encourage faculty participation in this important process, please contact any member of the committee or send an email to corerevw@nd.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you as the conversation about our core education deepens.

Sincerely,

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