

## General Studies Items for March 8 agenda

- 1) The General Studies Committee has approved the following mission statement for the Core Curriculum.

### ***A foundation for learning***

The core curriculum is designed to ensure all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to become life-long learners, as well as productive and contributing citizens in diverse local and global communities.

- 2) The General Studies committee has approved the following proposed outcome language changes.

- a. Outcome #4. Mathematics. Passed by the Mathematics Department and the General Studies Committee.

***Proposed: Students will be able to use appropriate symbolic manipulation skills and problem-solving methods to model and solve problems, interpret the solution to reach a valid conclusion, and correctly use the language of mathematics to describe relationships or patterns.***

Current version: Students will be able to use appropriate symbolic manipulation skills and problem-solving methods to model problems and reach logical conclusions, and correctly use the language of mathematics to communicate conclusions and solutions.

- b. Outcome #7. Natural Sciences with Critical Thinking. This was passed by the Natural Sciences committee and the General Studies Committee.

***Proposed: Students will demonstrate proficiency with scientific content and laboratory activity/process skills, recognize the limitations of science, and apply quantitative analysis in the investigation of relevant natural science issues.***

Current version: Students will demonstrate proficiency with scientific content and data analysis to address real world problems, and recognize the limitations of the scientific process.