

# **UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT**

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## **CIVICS LITERACY: WORKING GROUP**

- Completed work in December
- Finalized final report in January
- Steering Committee voted in January to have the report under consideration by the EPC
- Key experts (Phil Vanfossen and Jay McCann) presented the report to the Education Policy Committee in January
- Next EPC meeting is February 11

# **CIVICS LITERACY: WORKING GROUP**

Recommendation:

Establish a graduation requirement for civics literacy.

Students should be allowed to meet the requirement any time between freshman and senior year by fulfilling the following:

1. successful completion of a civics literacy exam *and*
2. completion one of the following options:
  - 3.0 hours of relevant course work (e.g. relevant introductory course in US politics, public policy, history or other course with civic knowledge content)
  - successful completion of Center for C-SPAN Scholarship and Engagement modules
  - attendance at civics-related Purdue-hosted and -sponsored events.

## **CIVICS LITERACY: WORKING GROUP**

- Report identified opportunities and challenges in moving forward on a civics literacy requirement.
- Working group acknowledged the need for increased resources to be successful (e.g. resources to ensure academic integrity, registrar, academic advising).

# SENATE CHAIR REMARKS

- Reflections on last semester, looking forward to this semester
- What can we do better as a Senate?
  - Incentivize Senate service to communicate both the value of that service, as well as to recruit and retain invested faculty
- How can the Board help...

# **SPRING SEMESTER**

- Academic Rigor
  - Town Hall follow-up
- Intellectual Property Policy
  - Education, awareness, dialogue, exchange
- Grade Appeals
- Senate Resolutions

**THANK YOU**