

To the Wofford College Campus Community:

As you know, we will begin construction soon on several very important projects for Wofford College – the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, the new Greek Village, a new Cumming Street parking lot and, later, the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

We want to give you an update on the timeline for these projects and information regarding how they will proceed.

Today, we began removing trees to make way for the Center for the Arts, the Greek Village and the Cumming Street parking lot. Demolition of the houses on Fraternity Row is scheduled to begin the week of July 13.

The college is removing only the trees necessary to accommodate these projects. Many trees, however, already have been removed due to disease and weather damage. Plans for several of these projects have been changed to ensure that some of the larger trees will remain.

College personnel and our architects have been thoughtful in the planning for these projects and have been mindful of where trees will be removed. They have worked hard to do a number of things to help mitigate the situation, including: 1) transplanting as many trees and other plants as possible, taking size, types of plants, location, etc. into account; and 2) replanting heartier trees – in most cases “noble” trees that will replace those that are not considered “noble” and those that are near the end of their life cycles. (A “noble” tree is described as a tree that spans generations, supports wildlife and helps prevent erosion.)

Wofford continues to consult with Dr. Michael Dirr and Stewart Winslow, two of the foremost experts in the field of arboreta and trees, in making decisions on siting the construction projects and decisions on replanting appropriate trees.

The Cumming Street parking lot has been designed to be environmentally friendly – with a no-curb design allowing drainage to run off naturally. Islands in the parking lot will have noble trees planted, replacing the non-noble trees being removed.

In addition, sustainability factors are being included in the construction of the new buildings, including: meeting or exceeding the current Energy Code for wall and roof construction; low E glazing and incorporation of natural light into all spaces where feasible; salvaging or reusing existing chiller equipment; incorporation of products, such as siding and flooring, containing recycled material; using Energy Star appliances; reusing existing sites; maximizing open and green spaces; planning water-efficient landscaping; placing bike racks on site; and having drinking fountains with bottle filling stations that reduce waste from plastic water bottles.

Also, the concrete footings from the fraternity houses and all sidewalks will be recycled. Bricks from the houses will be recycled if possible. The tops of trees will be composted off site, and trees will be reused as lumber.

Sustainability on Wofford’s campus and maintaining the important beauty and environment of

campus are extremely important as we move ahead with these projects.

You may go to [wofford.edu/constructionupdates/](http://wofford.edu/constructionupdates/) for more details on these projects. We also have plans for web cams at each of the construction sites and will let the campus know of the URLs where you can watch the progress as it moves along.

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Dear Wofford Community,

A search committee has been formed to begin the process of finding a new Executive Director for The Space (formerly held by Scott Cochran). Search committee members are: Laura Barbas Rhoden, Dennis Wiseman, Beth Wallace, John Birney, Annie Mitchell, Mark Line, Carole Lister, and Philip Swicegood (chair). The committee's goal is to fill the position before year end. In the meantime, Jennifer Dillenger will serve as interim Executive Director until the position is filled. Please forward any questions, comments, or referrals to Philip Swicegood.

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Greetings:

Wofford's second FYI Summer Orientation Program will be held on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting more than 500 students and parents.

The Student Affairs staff and the student Orientation staff will welcome our incoming students and their families on Thursday evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in The Commons in the Campus Life Building.

Please join us for some or all of this casual reception to meet and greet our newest students and their parents.

If you have any questions or would like an electronic copy of the program, please email me.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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**To:** Wofford Staff WoffordStaff@Wofford.Edu



**Please do not auto reply to this email. If you have questions/comments please direct them to Trina Jones at [joneskj@wofford.edu](mailto:joneskj@wofford.edu). Thank you!!!**

Dear Colleagues,

Attached you will find a letter updating you on the progress of the General Education Steering Committee. We have only begun to scratch the surface on our work, and will be inviting you to join us in thinking and talking more about General Education once fall semester rolls around.

The attached letter contains a description of the Committee's activities in the spring semester of 2015 as well as a link to a new Curricular / Co-Curricular website that I have put together with the patient help of Jason Womick. I am still adding things to the website, and I hope to do so on a rolling basis. Faculty and staff will have access to this website, but otherwise it will be closed to the broader community. My hope is that this site can be another place for us to find information easily and exchange ideas on various initiatives. The site, I hope, will also comprise a way for me to keep you updated on the things I'm working on without having to send out a lot of blast e-mail messages.

I realize that, in many ways, sending out a message like this over the summer is akin to calling out plaintively into an echoey void, and I wish I had been able to get all of this together while we were all still on campus. However, if you can't read through the letter now, rest assured that we will be talking about all of this again during our pre-session meeting on Thursday, August 27th.

Thank you for your energy and good humor as we launched this process in the spring. I hope you're having a great summer, and I'll see you in August.  
Trina

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GERSC Progress

## **General Education Reform Steering Committee: Progress Report**

The following is a progress report of the activities and deliberations of the General Education Steering Committee during the spring semester, 2015. Toward the end of this letter is a link to a new Curricular/Co-Curricular website to which faculty and staff have access. The initial draft list of learning outcomes for General Education can be found on this site. This draft list of outcomes is by no means a finished product. In fact, in many ways, the Committee is in the *early stages* of refining the outcomes to best reflect the values of our institution and the highest aspirations for what General Education at Wofford might be.

Our hope is that you will read both this document and the list of General Education outcomes over the summer. The website contains a comment board for you to post questions, concerns, or suggestions; you are also welcome to bring these to individual Committee members. Finally, we will have time during our pre-session meetings in August to discuss together this working list and what our next steps should be.

### **Background:**

The Steering Committee met seven times during the spring semester and corresponded frequently via Moodle. Our main focus was on reading about General Education and working toward articulating a set of General Education learning outcomes. We have discovered, through discussions with faculty and staff, that the word “outcomes” does not appeal to everyone. Some would prefer that we call them “goals,” some would prefer that we call them “aspirations,” and there are probably also other words that could work as descriptors. Whatever we decide to call them, though, they attempt to provide answers to the following questions: **Why do we have General Education at all? What is General Education at Wofford College supposed to be, how does it function, and why?**

In order to extend this discussion beyond the confines of our committee, various members of the Committee have done the following:

- Compiled data from the Fall 2013 listening sessions.
- Met with the Campus Union (Student Government) assembly on March 30<sup>th</sup> to tell them about the General Education reform process and to solicit advice on how best to include students in the discussion.
- Met with the Staff Advisory Council on April 1 to discuss the faculty/staff reading groups and encourage staff participation.
- Organized and facilitated seven faculty/staff reading groups related to General Education reform. A total of 63 people – 48 faculty members and 15 professional staff members – participated in these groups.

- Posted to the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum website notes from each Gen Ed Steering Committee meeting; a report from each reading group discussion; and a summary of the 2013 listening session data.
- Successfully applied to participate in the 2015 Institute on General Education and Assessment, sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, from June 2-6 at the University of Central Oklahoma.
- The Assoc. Provost for Curriculum and Co-Curriculum also attended two conferences focusing on General Education in January and February of 2015.

From this variety of conversations about General Education, we have seen some remarkably consistent themes and ideas emerge – a consistency that is indicative, we think, of an overall sense of shared purpose and mission amongst Wofford’s faculty and staff. The draft list of General Education outcomes on the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum website represents our committee’s *initial* efforts to develop a common language that reflects these shared goals and values.

#### **Process:**

The Steering Committee operated under the assumption that student learning is and should be the primary focus of General Education. Our work, therefore, was to describe what distinguishes the Wofford experience from that of other places and what shared values we could agree serve our students well in the changing landscape of higher education.

The Committee’s initial step in arriving at a draft of General Education learning outcomes was to brainstorm a big list of General Education “aspirations” – basically a large “wish list” of habits of mind, skills, competencies, and varieties of knowledge that our students might acquire as they go through four years of General Education. From this large and rather unwieldy list, the Committee worked individually and in small groups, both online and in person, to refine, rework, and/or combine these aspirations, transforming them into specific General Education learning outcomes.

Here are the principles that guided the Committee’s work during this process:

- The shared *institutional values* that drive our collective work ought to inform the variety of habits of mind and learning articulated in *General Education outcomes*;
- These General Education outcomes, in turn, ought to inform the *pedagogy and course design* of General Education courses;
- General Education outcomes, however, do not dictate individual course outcomes; the former, rather, afford those that teach General Education courses the ability to frame their courses in reference to these General Education goals;



- A single course would not be the *only* place where any single outcome is met, and no single course would be expected to meet *every* General Education outcome;
- A General Education outcome should not be something so *broad* that it applies to virtually every course taught at Wofford. Such an outcome is probably an institutional value rather than a General Education outcome.
- A General Education outcome should not be so *specific* that it might only be taught in the courses of a single department. Such an outcome would be a specific course outcome of that department rather than a General Education outcome.<sup>1</sup>

The link below will take you to what is essentially a progress report on our Committee's efforts to arrive at a draft list of General Education outcomes. Though it is the work of hours of deliberation, it is still in process and thus might appear messy and/or unfinished. The list, however, should form a starting point for our discussions together during pre-session in August about General Education reform.

<https://wofford.sharepoint.com/sites/currcocurr/layouts/15/start.aspx#/>

(The list can be accessed toward the bottom of the General Education section, under the subheading that says, "What's next?")

The committee's goal is that by the end this reform, these General Education outcomes will provide both a *lens* for students and faculty to see the form and function of General Education, and a *logic* to the system of courses and co-curricular experiences that students participate in as they move through their four years at Wofford. Moreover, our aspiration is that all of us on the faculty and staff will recognize these outcomes as the values we all share, values that are focused on student learning and articulated to emphasize what is distinctive about our place.


Thanks for your time in reading this letter. Please feel to contact Trina Janiec Jones ([joneskj@wofford.edu](mailto:joneskj@wofford.edu)) or any member of the General Education Steering Committee with questions or comments. (The names of the Committee members are listed on the website.)

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<sup>1</sup> In Wofford's current General Education model, the Cultures and Peoples requirement most closely reflects the above principles: it is guided by an institutional value (that students be exposed to learning outside the Western tradition); it is not so broad that every course taught at Wofford fulfills it; it is not "owned" by any single department; and it might be fulfilled by any number of courses across a variety of disciplines and divisions.

Respectfully,

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The entire Wofford community is invited to a presentation by Katie Wiebusch '13, Director of Franchise Operations for Pure Barre. Katie will speak about how she found her career and also lessons she wished she'd learned before graduating college. Her talk is part of the summer Executive Speaker Series sponsored by The Space.

**Katie Wiebusch '13**  
**Thursday, July 16**  
**11:00 AM**  
**The Space**

Katie joined the Pure Barre Corporate team in 2013 as an analyst on the Real Estate team. Since this time, Katie's role has expanded to include responsibility for overall consulting efforts as the Director of Franchise Consulting. Her primary responsibilities include driving revenue and optimizing overall studio performance across the portfolio. Katie comes to the team with financial analysis and business development experience. She has visited over 220 Pure Barre studios and enjoys taking and teaching class whenever she can. She received a B.A. from Wofford College, where she majored in Finance and Spanish, and minored in Economics. Katie is excited to be in a role and working for a company that she is most passionate about.

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**Date:** July 20, 2015 at 12:36 PM

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JB

Work will begin this week to replace the tennis courts housed in the Reeves Tennis Center. Sidewalks leading from The Village to the Reeves Tennis Center will also be closed until further notice.

During this renovation, tennis courts will be made available to members of the Wofford men's and women's tennis teams only. Weather permitting, the project is estimated to be complete by the end of September/early October.

We appreciate your patience as we improve this facility.

**From:** WoffordNews WoffordNews@Wofford.Edu  
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**Date:** July 23, 2015 at 9:38 AM  
**To:** Wofford Staff WoffordStaff@Wofford.Edu, Wofford Students WoffordStudents@Wofford.Edu



The entire Wofford Community is invited to attend a talk by Bill Cochran, an executive with GMAC (retired). Bill's talk is part of the Executive Speaker Series sponsored by The Space. The purpose of the series is to provide summer Institute students access to seasoned professionals in order to learn lessons in professional development.

Bill Cochran  
Retired Executive  
GMAC  
Monday, July 27  
11:00 a.m.  
Great Oaks Hall  
Roger Milliken Science Center

Bill Cochran is a throwback. His business acumen is substantial and his ethical foundations even more so. During his 40-year+ career in financial services and operations, he's witnessed the good, the bad and the ugly of leadership and shaped his philosophy around a simple but very effective mantra: Do the right thing... always.

Bill's four decades in business were spent with two companies: GMAC (now Ally Bank) and Baker Motor Company. He's an expert in operational excellence and an effective turnaround artist. He believes the way you treat others will determine your success or failure.

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To All Faculty and Staff:

**The Office of Development invites you to join us today from 4-5:30 p.m. for a reception honoring Ed Story, Senior Associate for Development, as he prepares for retirement. All are invited to gather in the Papdopoulos Room to celebrate Ed and his 20+ years of service to Wofford College.**

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**Date:** July 28, 2015 at 9:46 AM  
**To:** Wofford Staff WoffordStaff@Wofford.Edu, Wofford Students WoffordStudents@Wofford.Edu



The Wofford Community is invited to attend a talk by Chrissy Proctor, Assistant Principal of Roebuck Elementary School. Chrissy will speak about her career path and offer tips for professional success. Her talk is part of The Institute, Wofford's professional development accelerator, sponsored by The Space. We hope you'll join us!

**Chrissy Proctor**  
**Assistant Principal, Roebuck Elementary School**  
**Spartanburg, SC District 6**  
Wednesday, July 29  
10:00 a.m.  
The Space

Beginning her 10th year in education, Chrissy serves as an assistant principal at Roebuck Elementary in Spartanburg District Six. Previously, she taught second grade for six years and was the recipient of the WYFF Golden Apple Award. Additionally, Chrissy was selected by her colleagues to represent West View Elementary as Teacher of the Year in 2012. With a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from USC, a Masters in Gifted and Talented Education, and an Education Specialist in School Administration and Supervision, Chrissy plans to continue her education by pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Administration and Supervision. Currently, she is focused on continuing to improve and integrate the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) initiative at her school. Chrissy is dedicated to always putting children first and ensuring all children experience success.

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**To: Wofford Campus Community**

With the opening of Panthers Training camp this week, please make note of the following parking and traffic changes:

**VERANDAH LOT CLOSED — JULY 29-31**

The Verandah Lot will be closed from 8 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, July 29) through 11 p.m. Friday, July 31. If you park in the Verandah Lot or have a need to be in that area from July 29-31, please make other arrangements. Thank you for your patience as the Carolina Panthers welcome special guests for the training camp opening celebration.

You and your family are invited to attend the community-wide Lowe's Kickoff Party and Mayors Ball Run from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, in Gibbs Stadium. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and practice begins at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy food vendors, face painting, performances from Purrussion and the TopCats, and a first look at the Panthers as they begin their season at Wofford. Parking is at a premium and will be routed up Cumming Street from Pine Street. Overflow parking will be at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium, the Spartanburg County Administration Building (after 5 p.m.), The Village parking lot (accessed from Pine Street to Pearl Street to Osage Street) and the Calvary Baptist Church parking lot (accessed from Pine Street to Pearl Street to Osage Street). Additional parking and free round-trip shuttle service will be available from downtown Spartanburg Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Training camp shuttles will board at 100 Dunbar St. downtown. Spartanburg Public Safety will be on hand at major intersections to ensure pedestrian safety.

**CAMPUS DRIVE CLOSED — JULY 31**

Campus Drive will close to traffic on Friday, July 31, at 3 p.m. and will reopen at 11 p.m. People parked in lots accessible from Campus Drive will be allowed to leave after 3 p.m., but all incoming traffic will be diverted.

**EVINS STREET CLOSED — JULY 31**

Evins will be closed to incoming traffic at Osage Street at 3 p.m. Friday, July 31. Edgewood Street also will be closed. Osage Street will be open between Evins and Pearl streets. Vehicles parked in the Campus Life parking lot, Olin Building lot or around the horseshoe of Main Building will be allowed to leave, but incoming traffic will be halted until 11 p.m.

Thank you again for your patience. Welcome, Panthers!

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Campus Community:

This is a reminder that at this time, Windows 10 is not supported on campus. We have not had sufficient time to test the new operating system and cannot guarantee that it will work with all our systems.

While we recognize that the download for Windows 10 is free and available as of today, we request that you do not change your operating system at this time.

We will send out a notice when we have verified that Windows 10 will work with all of Wofford's services and required software.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

The Help Center

**From:** WoffordNews WoffordNews@Wofford.Edu  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Retirement Announcement - Reba Epton  
**Date:** July 29, 2015 at 11:33 AM  
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Reba Epton has decided to retire from Wofford College, effective Aug. 31, 2015. Reba is ending a career at Wofford that has extended for more than 32 years. Beginning in the Business Office in 1983, most of you now know her as a valuable member of the Information Technology staff. She was a pivotal member of the Banner implementation team over a decade ago and has played an important role in managing and upgrading Banner in the years since. Reba carries a wealth of institutional knowledge that has guided countless plans and decisions in Information Technology. We will certainly miss her contributions to our campus.

Reba has decided to spend the last several weeks of her career working from off-campus to allow her office to be prepared for a new occupant this fall. If you would like to wish her well in person, feel free to stop by her office but please do so this afternoon. There is no guarantee as to when she will next be on campus!

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