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**Statement of Educational Principles
that will Guide Subsequent Recommendations
Regarding the Revision of the General Education Program**

Throughout the process of revising the General Education program at Missouri State University, the Task Force will be guided by the following educational principles:

1. The General Education mission consists of preparing life-long learners by building upon a foundation of enduring knowledge and perennial questions as well as exploration of contemporary issues.
2. The public affairs mission— cultural competency, ethical leadership, , community engagement—is essential, including
 - a. developing engaged and principled leaders
 - b. providing diverse perspectives (local to global), past and present
 - c. responding to the needs of the community, region, state, country, and the world.
3. Innovative and relevant curriculum addressing contemporary and enduring social issues is vital, including
 - a. Multi-disciplinary content, with progressively more challenging problems, projects, and standards for performance
 - b. Active, engaged, and collaborative forms of learning.
4. Demonstrated learner outcomes are regularly evaluated, with the evidence used for continuous improvement.
5. Curriculum should be accessible to all students.