

## **DEVELOPING, EVALUATING THE GENERAL EDUCATION/CORE CURRICULUM**

The general education distribution at McLennan Community College is represented primarily through the Core Curriculum, which was established in the fall of 1998. The maintenance and evaluation of the Core Curriculum is the responsibility of the Dean, Arts and Sciences, with the assistance of the faculty, through the Core Curriculum Committee. Additions to and deletions from the Core are evaluated by this committee, which then makes recommendations to the dean. Within each academic department where the general education curriculum exists, there is a departmental curriculum committee, which, in turn, is responsible for the development, maintenance and evaluation of the curriculum within that particular discipline. The faculty within these departmental curriculum committees are to work with the Core Curriculum Committee to provide evaluation information for those courses within the department, which also reside within the Core Curriculum. Additions to the general education curriculum likewise originate with the departmental committees. If any change within the curriculum of one of the departments has a potential impact on the Core Curriculum, the curriculum committee is directed to report that impending change to the Core Curriculum Committee. All recommendations for change to the general education curriculum, whether the Core Curriculum is directly affected or not, must be submitted to the College's Instructional Council. Ultimately, the responsibility for evaluating the effectiveness of the general education/core curriculum rests with the administration of the College.