



Rainer also recapped the current system-wide situation with the existing General Education Requirements contained in the UA Regulations. Changes to the GERs in current regulation that were recommended by a system-wide committee over a year ago, have stalled mainly because UAA is satisfied with the regulations as they exist. (And all three Faculty Senates have to approve the proposed changes before they can take place.) UAA will discuss the proposed changes at their September meeting, so we hope to learn more in the coming weeks.

Pending decisions about whether or not to change the GERs regulation will influence how UAF can proceed with the courses it proposes to fulfill the GERs requirements.

One of the current sticking points is that the current GERs define History as *humanities*, while the UAF History Department sees it as *social science*. This has implications on transfer policy. Another sticking point is that UAF supports using Art courses which include skills acquisition, believing that that the majority of these cover art theory as well. UAA disagrees and only supports using Art theory courses to fulfill the GERs.

The consensus in the committee was to move forward with the intent stated in the resolution.

The committee discussed the proposed discussion item (copied below) and agreed to bring it

O) to a requirement that is achieved by the student completing the degree requirements associated with their program.

2. To ensure student achievement of these Communications Learning Outcomes, each department will demonstrate how their program addresses these learning outcomes by developing a Communications

