RECOMMENDED CHARGES TO CUSA FROM DEAN STEEPLES FOR 2015-2016

1. Examine how the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree with departmental majors supports the overall undergraduate educational mission of the College and determine the degree-specific requirements needed to distinguish it as a separate degree.

2. Assess current curriculum approval procedures for simple course changes to determine how to create a more streamlined process that will allow the larger CUSA committee time for discussion and development of larger curriculum and policy issues.

3. Review current Academic Standing Policy and propose changes that can help contribute to students’ retention and persistence, especially with populations that may be impacted before a true assessment of their potential is achieved under the current policy.

4. Discuss and possibly develop policy and procedures to address the increased use of online courses and how that may impact our Lawrence and Edwards campus students and the departments offering the courses.

5. Continue to develop and market the College’s new certificate options. Find ways to develop curriculum that gives students an appreciation of the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

6. Over the past ten years we have seen a significant decrease in credit hour production. While there may be factors that contribute to this that cannot be helped we must strive to find ways to address this shortage. CUSA should explore ways to maximize some of the initiatives already started such as the KU Academic Accelerator Program and course redesign. Additionally, consider options that appeal to students across all programs and find ways to help students see the value of courses by connecting them to internships, service learning or perhaps career development.