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To: Members of the Common Curriculum Planning Committee

From: Russell L. Moore, Provost

Subject: Committee's Charge

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CU Boulder offers its undergraduate students an exceptional array of educational options with 80 undergraduate majors, 75 minors, and 40 certificates across more than 50 academic disciplines. The opportunity before us now is to define what our degree programs' many and diverse educational missions have in common. By the time they leave the university with their degrees in hand, what skills, expertise, and frameworks of thought should our undergraduate students share? How does that shared academic experience reflect CU Boulder's mission and values?

Responding to a report by the [Higher Learning Commission](#), CU Boulder's accrediting body, Chancellor Phil DiStefano in 2020 declared [CU Boulder's commitment](#) to creating a common learning experience and a common set of intended learning outcomes for CU Boulder undergraduates. This commitment is grounded in the 2018 recommendation of the university's [Academic Futures](#) strategic initiative to define common educational touch points throughout the

- x You will also be guided by a wealth of even earlier discussion and deliberation. In particular, I ask you to understand the determinations of the [Academic Futures Committee](#). The group