

## **September 26, 2018 Report of UFC Chair, Jackie Gallagher**

We are looking forward to a productive year with the University Faculty Council.

So far, we have committees looking at a variety of topics, with the review of general education curriculum being the most time consuming and potentially impactful.

Another important topic is whether the graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies should be combined or kept separate. The University Faculty Affairs Committee could be tasked with changing handbook language, but I don't think they should make the decision without broader discussion. The University Student Affairs & Campus Life Advisory Committee have it on their agenda and have requested a report from Susan Worrell's office. Cost is a big consideration but should not be the only consideration. Graduate students in the Colleges of Business and Education would be most impacted by a change. Please start thinking about this.

I would really like to try to increase discussion of UFC agenda items outside UFC meetings, and to increase discussion within UFC meetings. We are each representatives of some area and I'd like to encourage everyone to share discussion topics and to collect and report opinions. Otherwise, we are just in a bubble and what we talk about doesn't reach our constituents.

Anand and I have tried to tidy up the web page, hopefully making it easier to find information, and Anand has updated the "submit a forum topic" page so that it works again.

If anyone has other suggestions for how to make the UFC more effective, please let me know.