

## **UFC Chair Report – February 2019**

I attended three of the four general education fora; we have had a lot of discussion, which continues amongst the CAS chairs and within departments, and I thank everyone for their contributions. I was especially pleased to hear from students, who have another forum this week. Thanks to Anand for creating and managing the web page with comments from faculty and students. I encourage everyone to remain engaged as we move forward with this process; ideas and thoughts still can be uploaded through the web page, or emailed directly to Nicole or me.

There will be an electronic vote on the final proposal for general education curriculum, at some future date. It will be sent to all full-time instructional faculty, per handbook guidelines for general faculty voting.

I met with the Board of Visitors on Friday Feb 8. They are very interested in our review of general education and seem pleased to hear that so many people are discussing it. At the BOV meeting I heard a little about how President Paino hopes to make up our budgetary shortfall by balancing raises in tuition/fees and housing/meal plans. It is apparent that Huron has begun to model changes in these items and more (e.g. out of state tuition, changes in how we charge tuition), though actual figures and recommendations are not yet available.

I continue to attend committee meetings with the Huron consulting group. They are now able to identify characteristics of students who are more likely to withdraw from the university, and I believe we will be seeing a series of recommendations for student success in the not-too-distant future. They impress upon the committee how important it is for everyone to participate in recruiting and retaining students. I hope that everyone gets involved as they are able; I also think it is important that advisers see the data on which these recommendations are made. I anticipate many other recommendations and interesting data points; at the moment, most are still proprietary. I encourage anyone who is interested to reach out to Nina, Tim or Debra to see ANY of this data.

Faculty should have received, and hopefully responded to, our survey about governance and what UFC and its committees should focus on next year. This is part of a larger effort to make faculty governance more relevant, to focus our numerous committees on tasks that faculty care about, and to “own” governance!