

President's Report for UFC Meeting March 27, 2019

Student Success Plan

We are finishing our engagement with Huron Consulting Services. The Steering Team, chaired by Dr. Jeff McClurken, last week approved a Student Success Plan that contains twelve goals. In the next week, I will send another *Message from the President* to campus summarizing those goals and how this plan creates a roadmap to greater student success and institutional sustainability. Following this message, we will present the plan to the Board of Visitors at the upcoming April 12th Board meeting.

I will be working with the Steering Team to decide how best to engage the campus on the contents of this plan without revealing trade secrets that could be used by our competition. I plan to hold an all-university meeting during the week after finals to discuss this plan and other matters of importance.

April 1st Tech Talent Summit at Stafford

We are hosting a second summit with K-12, community college, and industry partners to discuss our role in meeting the Commonwealth's need for tech talent. We have had a lot of discussion with state and local leaders about how UMW can play an important role in serving the region's economic development through its partnerships with local school districts, Germanna Community College, and industry. This collaboration holds some promise for the Stafford Campus. This will also be discussed at the May all-university meeting.

Giving Day

Thanks to the faculty who helped make our 2019 Giving Day such a remarkable success. In one day, we received over 3,500 gifts totaling around \$600,000. The enthusiasm surrounding this day reflects the commitment of our friends and alumni and the power of a Mary Washington education. In short, our students, current and former, understand the value of the education they received at UMW.

Student Recruitment

Also, thank you for all you do to help us attract talented students to UMW. We are nearing the end of the student recruitment season and faculty involvement is critically important to our success. I know how much time you devote to your teaching, scholarship, advising, grading, and service, but I also know that you contribute to this community in so many other ways. The time you take to interact with prospective students is so important and does not go unnoticed.

Good luck as you prepare for the home stretch of this semester.