

UFC Chair Report – March 2019

I attended a Steering Committee meeting on Feb 19. The committee is wrapping up, deciding which goals should be worked on first, who will do it, how it will be implemented and assessed. The entire university community should be prepared to be involved in some new ways to reach out to students to ensure their success.

I attended the student "Can We Talk?" session with members of the Ged Ed Committee on Feb 20. While only a small group of students was present, they asked good questions and were curious and interested. The overall reaction to the latest gen ed curriculum proposal was positive, but not effusive. Students seemed to think that on the whole, students would benefit from the reduced number of courses. They asked several questions about how students would transition from the old system to the new one.

I met with the Board of Visitors Executive Committee on Thursday Feb 21. A smaller, less formal meeting than the whole BOV, I was accompanied by John Broome and Rachel Graefe-Anderson. We spoke about the latest general education curriculum proposal and the procedures anticipated for approving and implementing it. I described our continuing agenda items very briefly, and all expressed positive feeling for the Day on Democracy. John described the moving target of CoE accreditation.

We have all received links to vote on new university committee members through the Condorcet system. I noticed that the description of who is on the committee until what year doesn't match the document I have. Suzanne says that they don't know why this happened, but it is definitely wrong – the years are off (one added) and some people are not designated correctly (e.g. Helen is CAS, not at large). Hopefully this didn't influence voting – the UFOC will try to not let this happen again!