



Faculty Representative Report  
Anand Rao, UFC Chair  
Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
November 15, 2019

The University Faculty Council has met three times since my last report to the full Board of Visitors. The first was a special meeting held on September 11, 2019, for the consideration and adoption of learning outcomes for the new General Education Curriculum. The ninety-minute discussion included minor revisions to the learning outcomes for the Diverse and Global Perspectives and Natural Science categories. The revised learning outcomes were [unanimously approved by the UFC](#).

The second meeting was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. In addition to approval of meeting minutes and reports from University Committees, the UFC acted on the following:

- I. Approval of [two new undergraduate programs and nine new courses](#), all in the College of Education.
- II. Approval of new course designations in [Distance and Blended Learning](#), [Honors](#), [Speaking Intensive](#) and [Writing Intensive](#).
- III. Approval of the [UFOC recommendation](#) to update the Faculty Handbook entry for the Teaching Center Advisory Committee.
- IV. Approval of the [UFOC recommendation](#) to update the Faculty Handbook entry for the Honors Program Committee.
- V. Approval of the [CAS Faculty Council Resolution in support of the Campus Community Response Team](#).
- VI. Discussion of the [UFOC recommendation](#) to include contingent faculty representation on the University Faculty Council. In response to several concerns raised about contingent faculty selection and representation, the motion was returned to the UFOC for further consideration.
- VII. Discussion of the [BLS Committee recommendation](#) to update the BLS General Education Requirements. In response to a question about whether the new requirements would meet accreditation agency general education requirements of at least 30 credits, the motion was returned to the BLS Committee for further consideration.

The third meeting was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. In addition to approval of meeting minutes and reports from University committees, the UFC acted on the following:

- I. Approval of [eight new courses in History, Historic Preservation and Japanese](#).
- II. Approval of new course designations in [Distance and Blended Learning](#), and [Honors](#).
- III. Approval of the [University General Education Committee's recommendation](#) to allow courses in the After Mary Washington and Beyond the Classroom requirements in the new general education curriculum to be offered with Pass/Fail grading.
- IV. Approval of a [Resolution for UFC to Acknowledge the Serious Threat of Climate Change and Promoting a Transition to 100% Renewable Energy](#).
- V. Discussion of a [motion to move presentation of faculty awards from commencement to the April general faculty meeting](#). The UFC discussed the placement of faculty teaching awards, and it was noted that the donors have specified that the awards be given at commencement. In addition to discussion of existing faculty awards, UFC officers shared the discussion that we had with the BOV Executive Committee regarding the possibility of a new award recognizing faculty leadership. Commencement and Honor Convocation were both listed as potentially appropriate events for the presentation of this award. The motion was withdrawn from consideration.

The University Faculty Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 3:30 in the Digital Auditorium. At this meeting the UFC will review the courses that have been recommended for approval by the General Education Committee for the new general education curriculum. The UFC will also develop plans for a discussion about faculty governance at the general faculty meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2019.