

# CAS Report to the UFC

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Several faculty searches are continuing in Arts and Science, although I have nothing new to report yet. I hope to have some new information in my November report.

The search of a director of the sciences is under way, and the search for a director of the arts is also launching soon (or has already launched by the time you read this report).

Later this month, expect to receive some communication from me about the [Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Institute](#) (AHSSI) as well as the [Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59 Summer Science Institute](#) (SSI). I expect some reorganization on how these programs are supported and administered and announcements will come out later in October as we start recruiting interested faculty.

Michael Stebar and Elizabeth Johnson-Young held an information session about the [Summer Enrichment Program](#) (SEP) last week. They are looking for more faculty to support this one-week program through either daily courses or one-time enrichment sessions. It's a small commitment, pays you for your time, and represents an important outreach and recruitment initiative. I encourage you to think about how you might help.

The deans have started conversations with representatives from Stafford County Public Schools to leverage their programs in Career and Technical Education for recruiting purposes. Meetings have been scheduled to explore cybersecurity and the health professions.

On Oct 25, we will welcome the provost from George Mason University who will be joining Provost O'Donnell at a signing ceremony to acknowledge our new agreement that facilitates the creation of new academic partnerships aimed at minimizing the time to complete a masters degree. GMU's BAM program (Bachelors to Accelerated Masters) will slowly extend to students at UMW. I have started conversations with a select group of chairs about participating in the initiative.

Assistant Dean Betsy Lewis and I were fortunate to showcase our summer research programs to the UMW Elderstudy group last week. The group enjoys hearing what our students are doing during the summers, and they respond with a donation to the Beyond the Classroom endowment.