

Agenda

Provost Candidate

Peter Gilkey thanked the faculty and students from the UGC for attending the Faculty Forum with the first provost candidate. Peter urged all who could to fill out the individual feedback sheets on the candidate and return them to Johnson Hall. He announced the schedule for the second provost candidate and urged members of the UGC to especially attend the Faculty Forum session on Friday, Nov. 11. He noted that the degree of participation and faculty involvement in the recruiting process for a new provost is a unique opportunity.

Previous Discussion of Grade Inflation:

Due to an emergency, Mark Thoma was not available to present his report on Grade Inflation to the Council. The presentation of his report was moved to a special session on November 28.

The Council decided the issue should be studied and addressed in a two-report process:

- 1) Consideration of factual findings
- 2) Recommendations based upon the findings

Council members felt that the reports could be ready for the February University Senate meeting. Recommendations should be discussed with Academic Affairs and the Faculty Advisory Council in advance of a formal motion in the Senate.

Accreditation

Dave Hubin reported that the Accreditation Self-Study Committee has met and decided to structure the University's Plan B Report around the 11 points of the University mission. The Committee is proceeding with some preliminary steps, such as the assembling and updating of documents. The Committee is still considering how the documents will be presented. Requests for data are being sent out. These requests will be structured and focused so that it is as straightforward as possible for department chairs to respond.

It was noted that the Council's first discussion of the Accreditation Self-Study was a good brainstorming session, but the ideas that surfaced still need to be organized or prioritized into a few big issues. One example raised was the issue of grade inflation needing to be subsumed under a larger umbrella.