

Report for Activity in September 2022

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October was a bit less busy for me as Senate Chair and trustee than September had been, but there is not a whole lot of news/announcements that will not be covered in the November Faculty Senate meeting. Brief updates are provided by topic below.

Presidential Search

The presidential search committee has passed finalists to the Board of Trustees. As a trustee, I shall continue to represent and advocate for faculty interests as the next president is chosen, but confidentiality prohibits me from discussion of the workings and outcomes of the work of the search committee and board.

Student Success

I remain attentive to faculty interests as a process for guiding the student success initiative(s) takes shape. President Gonzalez envisions a menu of instructional best practices from which each faculty member chooses instead of top-down dictates.

Participation in midsemester reports was down this fall. Faculty as a whole should more fully participate in the midsemester reporting because it has been shown to improve the number of students who achieve a C or better in a course. Participation in midsemester reports also indicates faculty seriousness in retention efforts. Data breaking down participation by units is included at the end of this report.

Shared Governance

The Shared Governance Work Group will meet again in November to begin the hard work of establishing what matters/proposals the Faculty Senate (and Staff Senate and SGA) must affirmatively approve for enactment. The Faculty Senate representatives will be Vice Chair Rob Detmering, Redbook Chair Bob Cohn, and me.

Proposed revisions to Redbook Chapter 4 remain under review by the administration (revisions to Chapters 2 and 3 have been returned to the Faculty Senate Redbook Committee for review), and the work of the shared governance group may need to be codified in further revisions to Chapter 4.

note: The Redbook revisions were recommended by a University Committee chaired by Senator Enid Trucios-Haynes several years ago. Pandemic-related emergencies delayed review of the revisions by the administration of then-President Bendapudi, but the process has resumed with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Cherie Dawson-Edwards taking the lead; I very much appreciate her diligent work reviewing the proposed revisions.

Data on Midsemester Report Participation

Table 1: Response rates for all Fall 2022 UG courses

Course Unit	Number of UG Class Sections	Number of UG Class Sections With Progress Reports	Progress Report Response Rate
A&S	1,261	673	53%
Business	222	140	63%
CEHD	190	138	73%
SSoE	189	80	42%
Kent School	49	42	86%
Dentistry	14	13	93%
Medicine	4	0	0%
Music	131	46	35%
Nursing	51	47	92%
SPHIS	22	21	95%
Total	2,133	1,200	56%

Table 2: Response rates for Fall 2022 high DFW UG courses

Course Unit	Number of High DFW UG Class Sections	Number of High DFW UG Class Sections With Progress Reports	High DFW Progress Report Response Rate
A&S	63	41	65%
Business	51	35	69%
CEHD	20	15	75%
SSoE	27	19	70%
Kent School	11	7	64%
Dentistry	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A
Music	11	4	36%
Nursing	16	16	100%
SPHIS	5	5	100%
Total	204	142	70%

Table 3: % student identified at-risk in all responding Fall 2022 and Fall 2021 UG courses

Course Unit	Total enrollment in Fall 2022 UG courses	Number at-risk Fall 2022 UG students	Fall 2022 % at-risk	Fall 2021 % at-risk
A&S	34,074	2,610	7.7%	9.6%
Business	7,348	420	5.7%	8.1%
CEHD	4,585	332	7.2%	9.2%
SSoE	5,492	408	7.4%	9.5%
Kent School	768	54	7.0%	5.0%
Dentistry	392	40	10.2%	8.1%
Medicine	59	N/A	N/A	N/A
Music	2,439	78	3.2%	4.8%
Nursing	2,041	180	8.8%	11.1%
SPHIS	875	158	18.1%	6.3%
Total	58,073	4,280	7.4%	9.1%

Table 4: % student identified at-risk in all responding Fall 2022 and Fall 2021 high DFW UG courses

Course Unit	Total enrollment in Fall 2022 High DFW UG courses	Number at-risk Fall 2022 UG students in HIGH DFW	Fall 2022 % at-risk in High DFW	Fall 2021 % at-risk in High DFW
A&S	3,448	531	15.4%	22.3%
Business	2,359	183	7.8%	11.4%
CEHD	568	65	11.4%	10.6%
SSoE	1,140	158	13.9%	14.7%
Kent School	187	17	9.1%	8.0%
Dentistry	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Music	301	13	4.3%	4.8%
Nursing	521	78	15.0%	20.5%
SPHIS	206	27	13.1%	7.5%
Total	8,730	1,072	12.3%	16.5%