

- **Wish to express my gratitude:** to faculty for remaining flexible on final exams/projects during uncertainty on weather during finals... and for whatever we encounter this winter term. With potential campus closures, Moodle might be considered for communication between faculty and classes.
- **Several notes from President Fuller:**
 - **Governor Recommended budget** = \$665M for public universities; universities asking for \$100 more in order to keep tuition increases at or below 5%. The President's Council will be releasing a public letter to Governor Brown to protect current service level funding. Union and student leadership have also agreed to sign this letter – at WOU: SEIU, WOUFT and ASWOU.
 - **TV crew** is planning to be on campus to film about WOU's Voyager program that will support Oregon Marine Corps Reserves who had been called up and sent off to Honduras for six months of humanitarian aid service – but because it wasn't a war zone, did not qualify them for certain GI Bill military reservists who have been sent off on deployments. If curious about military support at WOU, contact Andrew Holbert in the Veteran's Student Success Center.
 - **WOU has partnered with TheDream.US** -- A private scholarship fund to provide full-ride, 4-yr scholarships to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) – eligible students who are barred from “locked out” states. For WOU, we will review applications for students from Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota and South Dakota. Contact Dave McDonald for further information.
- **Military leave policy:** faculty comments included in current draft; ask for Faculty Senate endorsement to move on to University Policy Committee
- **Summer Scheduling and Registration date changes:**
 - Beginning this year the linkage between spring term enrollment and summer term enrollment is being uncoupled. This is being done for a number of issues related to Federal Financial Aid and Banner processing of web enrollment, grade submission, withdrawal and fee refund, etc. Registrar Amy Clark and Financial Aid Director Kella Helyer will be providing more detailed information. Specific weeks are being created to be in compliance with Federal Financial Aid for 3 wk, 4, wk, 6 wk and 10 wk sessions.
- **Update on forensic evaluation of academic records of degree completion students:** we have established a system for reviewing degree plans for students who have left WOU without a degree. Frequently, this involves evaluation of whether the student has met the learning outcomes intent of gen ed/LACC requirements. LaRon Tolley, division chairs, deans, registrar are involved in this process. Appeals would come to the provost.
- **Update on general education learning outcomes initiative:** 85% of general education courses have submitted course goals that map to at least one general education learning outcome. There are several academic units that have not complied with this initiative; Sue Monahan will be following up with them. Compliance needs to be 100%.

- **Academic Program Review Process:** one aspect of the recent work with strategic planning is the emphasis on aspiring for excellence in all our programs. One process that is employed by universities is the academic program review process. For those of you with outside professional accreditors, you've had to perform self-studies of your unit operations. We are working on a process – appropriate for a school such as WOU -- for ensuring that all academic units have the opportunity to engage in a program review approximately every 7 years. We will be engaging with Faculty Senate to fine-tune the related materials to be used by academic units. Our intention is to start several reviews next academic year.
- **180-degree pathways:** Sue Monahan is working with departments/programs on verifying we have pathways for students to complete their undergraduate degree within 180 credit units.
- **Missing grades:** I had asked the registrar to give me information on how many grades were missing there is some variation among divisions. I'll provide this information to the deans about "early warning" for instructors about what they have on their term teaching load so a class or by-arrangement isn't forgotten to have grades submitted. I mention this because we've seen a creeping up over the past year in the number of missing grades.
- **Closing comment:** As you may know, Kathy Hill retired at the end of fall term. I am pleased to introduce Hilary Holman-Kidd as the new person in the provost office. Hilary had been at WOU, previously, as part of the inaugural management team for the OHSU nursing program at WOU and helped manage the operations for a number of years. Most recently, Hilary was with Chemeketa as a system analyst.