

CUPP Report
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CUPP has met three times since the start of the academic year. By the time of the September 18 Faculty Meeting, CUPP will have met with Dennis Barden and Elizabeth Bohan (WittKieffer) on September 12. CUPP meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

1. On May 20-21, 2019 four CUPP members attended the Board of Trustees meeting.
2. On June 6, 2019, CUPP received a request from the Strategic Plan Steering Committee to appoint faculty members to Strategic Planning workgroups. The SPSC provided a written rationale for specific faculty members to be appointed to these workgroups because of their expertise and experience. CUPP voted to approve the appointments.
3. On August 1, CUPP sent out a call for nominees for faculty representatives to serve on the Presidential Search Committee. Seven nominees ran for election, resulting in the appointment of three faculty representatives to the Presidential Search Committee: Mary Coleman, Abigail Kerr, and Kevin Sullivan.
4. On August 28, 2019, CUPP met with Interim President Georgia Nugent to discuss strategic planning, budget cuts, and ways that CUPP and the administration plan to work together this year. President Nugent stated that the President's Advisory Council (PAC) will no longer exist.
5. CUPP discussed the current presidential search and the committee's future meeting with the presidential search consultants. After reading numerous articles on the subject of open and closed presidential searches, CUPP discussed the matter and, on August 28, passed the following resolution:

CUPP recommends that the Presidential Search Committee conduct an open search for the President in which all members of the campus community will be afforded opportunities to meet with finalists.”

CUPP plans to communicate this resolution to the Presidential Search Consultants on September 12.

6. CUPP has begun conversations with the administration and Curriculum Council about a comprehensive financial review of academic programs. After learning that

the Financial Health Greenlight Workgroup of the Strategic Plan had expanded its charge to include the financial review of existing programs, CUPP passed the following resolution on August 28:

CUPP recommends that any academic program evaluation be removed from the charge of the Financial Health Work Group and placed within the Academic Competitive Advantage and Innovation Work Group.

This resolution was communicated to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The Provost has communicated to CUPP that the ACAI workgroup is too busy to assume responsibility for this additional task, but that the review of academic programs will take place under the leadership of Academic Affairs. The Provost has reached out to CUPP and CC to discuss a process for this review.