

General Faculty Meeting
October 1, 2007
CUPP REPORT

As of this writing, CUPP has met twice since our last faculty meeting on September 10. It is fair to say that the bulk of our conversation during these meetings has centered on (1) Provost's Cunningham's proposed new administrative structure for academic affairs; and (2) a proposed new child leave policy for all faculty. The provost presented both policies during our September 14 meeting. We have continued to discuss the policies in CUPP and everyone (including the provost) is in agreement that we would like to continue the conversation, perhaps as early as our first CUPP meeting in October (October 5).

We intend to turn our attention to one of our announced priorities – committee structure and cohesiveness on campus – just as soon as we are finished contributing to the administrative structure and leave policies. In the case of administrative structure, we believe it is particularly important for CUPP to take the time now to complete its work on the subject. As you recall, that work began last year and constituted the major effort of CUPP throughout the academic year.

CUPP also is looking forward to welcoming President Wilson to a meeting in which he will discuss the upcoming capital campaign, its prospects for success, and its priorities.

We have received nominations to serve as the faculty representative to an administratively-formed staff recognition/merit committee. President Wilson, in consultation with the Staff Council, is forming the committee to review options and make recommendations for recognizing the work of staff who perform at high levels. We will discuss the process of electing a faculty representative at our next CUPP meeting.

Finally, we have received a few constituent requests and have discussed them; they are detailed in the minutes we have filed.

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CUPP Chair