

The use of a new system for handling student concerns is not user-friendly. The new system is challenging to navigate, often needing assistance from staff members. However, the changes mostly affect the back-end processes and are not noticeable to faculty, aside from the need to manually enter student details on forms. Overall, the situation is described as orderly, with no significant increase in cases.

IV. TEP Proposal and proposal on the Mental Health and Food Security update (Novoa)

The CAS faculty council previously worked on a tuition exchange proposal, and we wanted to persuade the provost to participate. At the January 2024 meeting he said he would get with HR on it. There's a strategy to reach out to other colleges, such as engineering, to gather support for this initiative. The idea is to ensure strong backing from multiple colleges when re-presenting the

Novoa emphasized the importance of keeping faculty informed about these timelines and the potential impact on course offerings and funding. She expressed concern about the university's AAU status and accreditation, stressing the need for a coherent Gen Ed program by the catalog deadline for Fall 2025. Allison added that while the immediate focus is on having a course list ready for the catalog, the comprehensive development of the Gen Ed curriculum is expected to extend into 2026. Faculty Senate and Gen Ed Council are working to address these issues, but the complexity and urgency of the situation remain a significant concern for faculty and administration alike.

VI. Provost Meeting - February

The Provost's meeting, initially scheduled for January, was rescheduled to February due to a faculty council members to engage directly with the Provost on pressing concerns and initiatives affecting the college.

Collins noted that the council had previously identified several key topics to discuss with the Provost, reflecting ongoing challenges and priorities within the college. These include faculty retention, graduate student recruitment, and the tuition exchange program. The faculty council aims to use the meeting to seek support and guidance from the Provost on these issues and to advocate for policies that enhance faculty and student experiences at the university.

The rescheduling provides additional time for the council to prepare and refine the agendas, ensuring a focused and productive dialogue. It was also noted the importance of presenting a united front and clear message to the Provost, hoping to influence decision-making at the university level.

