

Dear colleagues,

The days following commencement were an exciting period of creative planning as part of the Academic Growth Plan. The Academic Growth plan is a university-wide, comprehensive integrated planning process that intends to support creative and collaborative development of distinctive programs that drive enrollment growth.

Lectures and workshops during the week explored several frameworks for developing new programs. Specifically, we focused on platforms for learning, concepts derived from the Transformation Imperative, online learning, and scalability.

This was an enormously productive week for the development of new and revised programs. Several members of the faculty are continuing to work on a number of these curricular projects over the summer. They are the following:

Photography and New Media (new BS degree)

Suzanne Singletary, Jack Carnell, Barbara Kimmelman

Environmental Sustainability (revised BS degree)

Tom Schrand, Chad White

Social and Entrepreneurial Ventures Portfolio (new portfolio)

Sue Lehrman, Barbara Klinkhammer, Mike Leonard, Les Sztandera, DR Widder

General Education Framework (re-envisioning general education)

Tom Schrand, Katharine Jones, Barbara Kimmelman, Philip Russel, Craig Griffen

Honors Program (revision)

Marcella Deh

Please mark you calendars and join us on **Thursday, August 29, 12.30 – 2.15pm** in the DEC Forum for presentations of these new curricular projects. It will be an important time to gather community feedback on the proposals. Lunch will be served and we will send an invitation closer to the date in August.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Academic Growth Plan this year, and I hope you have a wonderful and restful summer,

Randy