

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate February 14, 2023

1. **SU Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars:** On Friday, SU was recognized as [the Top Producer of Fulbright Students](#) (Masters Institutions) in the nation by the US Department of State. This recognition reflects the incredible work of Kristen Walton and her colleagues in our [Nationally Competitive Fellowships Office](#) as well as our students and alumni who pursue these highly competitive awards. My heartfelt thanks to Kristen, student applicants (whether awarded or not), and all the faculty and staff who support these students as research mentors, advisors, reference letter-writers, and mock interviewers. **FS Action Requested: Wild cheering and celebration.**

2. **Strategic Enrollment Goals:** In her [State of the University Address](#), President Lepre set ambitious goals for the University related to enrollment growth over the next five years including:
 - a. Total Enrollment of 8,500 headcount (7,123 in Fall '22)
 - b. 12% graduate (10.46% in Fall 2022)
 - c. 85% first-year retention (76% Fall '21 to Fall '22)
 - d. 25% yield rate of undergraduate students (19% for Fall '22 entering class)
 - e. Increase in rankings to Top 25 among Regional Universities-North (currently #63) and among to 10 Regional North publics (currently #14)

Several groups (e.g., Enrollment Action Team and its committees, Admissions, Deans Council, Graduate Studies, Office of Diversity & Inclusion) are working on strategies to achieve these goals. Critical among these are data-informed tactics to improve retention. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions, input, and partnership on achieving these goals.**

3. **GenEduary:** As noted in our First Monday email for February, more than 90 faculty and staff made GenEduary a huge success as evidenced by the number of new proposals in the pipeline. This was a terrific effort by everyone developing and reviewing proposals and supporting the process. **FS Action Requested: None, information item.**