

Proposal: Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Summary of Questions Raised by the Educational Policies Committee:
A Report by President Herb Terry

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1. The proposal emphasizes new targets in undergraduate education, such as collaborative research and internships, rather than core tasks (instruction and curriculum). How will the VPUE's responsibilities and activities differ from the undergraduate activities currently being performed within the Dean of Faculties office? Will the VPUE play a greater role in the managing of core tasks than the Dean of Faculties currently plays?
2. To what extent, if any, will the VPUE oversee assessment of learning outcomes within degree programs and majors, for the purpose of improving assessment activities and of presenting that information to others?
3. Undergraduate education (curriculum, degree requirements, instruction, and assessment) is typically left to the schools and colleges; what role will the VPUE play in improving coordination and communication between them and students, advisors, and administrators?
4. Does the Provost contemplate changes in the undergraduate-related committee structure currently employed in the Dean of Faculties office? This is an opportunity to clarify the future role of the General Education Committee. Will the Gen Ed curriculum be administered/assessed by the VPUE (or a committee established by the VPUE)? What tasks will continue to be carried out by the Gen Ed Committee?
5. To what extent will distance learning fall within the portfolio of the VPUE?