

Report of the Vice President for Academics – D. Kinney  
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I will be unable to attend the retreat on June 19 because I am giving a conference presentation in Syracuse. One important initiative for academics in the coming year is the action plan worked out with Fred Floss. The plan addresses the workload issue and is also intended to be a means of increasing participation in UUP. The West Campus Chapter will be the beata site for the plan. A draft of the plan is printed below.

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**What Kind of Research University Do We Want to Be?**

1. Letter from the union to faculty members  
----Come see us if:
  - a. You've been asked to teach more courses
  - b. You're class size is increasing
  - c. Your department is talking about changing the rules for teaching, research, or service
2. Department Reps:
  - a. Give them a heads up about action plan
  - b. Brief them on the issues
  - c. Survey them on what is happening in their departments
  - d. Ask for their help
3. Meetings with University Senate
  - a. Resolution on appropriate class size for writing-intensive classes, graduate classes, etc.
4. Workload Workshop for Academics in the fall with Lisa and Fred
5. UUP survey
  - a. What are your important issues?
  - b. Get a list of names to help
6. Quality Media Campaign
  - a. Signs, flyers, press releases
7. Students
  - a. How do we get the involvement of student government, clubs, Honors College, etc.
8. Small groups to put together a strategy
9. Impact on the future of the university in terms of recruitment of future faculty and graduate students

I am also interested in topics for future Front Page Discussions.