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There were a number of conversations about two main topics going on at the University Centers. The first is that the centers are concentrating on restructuring their general education requirements. Faculty are making recommendations to their departments and trying to fit these within the Seamless transfer guidelines. Secondly, there was discussion on faculty hired in multidisciplinary fields. Many expressed the concern that the traditional structure of promotion and tenure does not fit into a multidisciplinary approach, therefore setting up any given new faculty member to fail. In essence, many felt that the faculty member hired for this would be trying to meet the academic expectations placed on them by a number of sources. Finally, there continues to be concern for monies appropriate for graduate assistants for research. This has and continues to be an ongoing issue with the University Centers.