

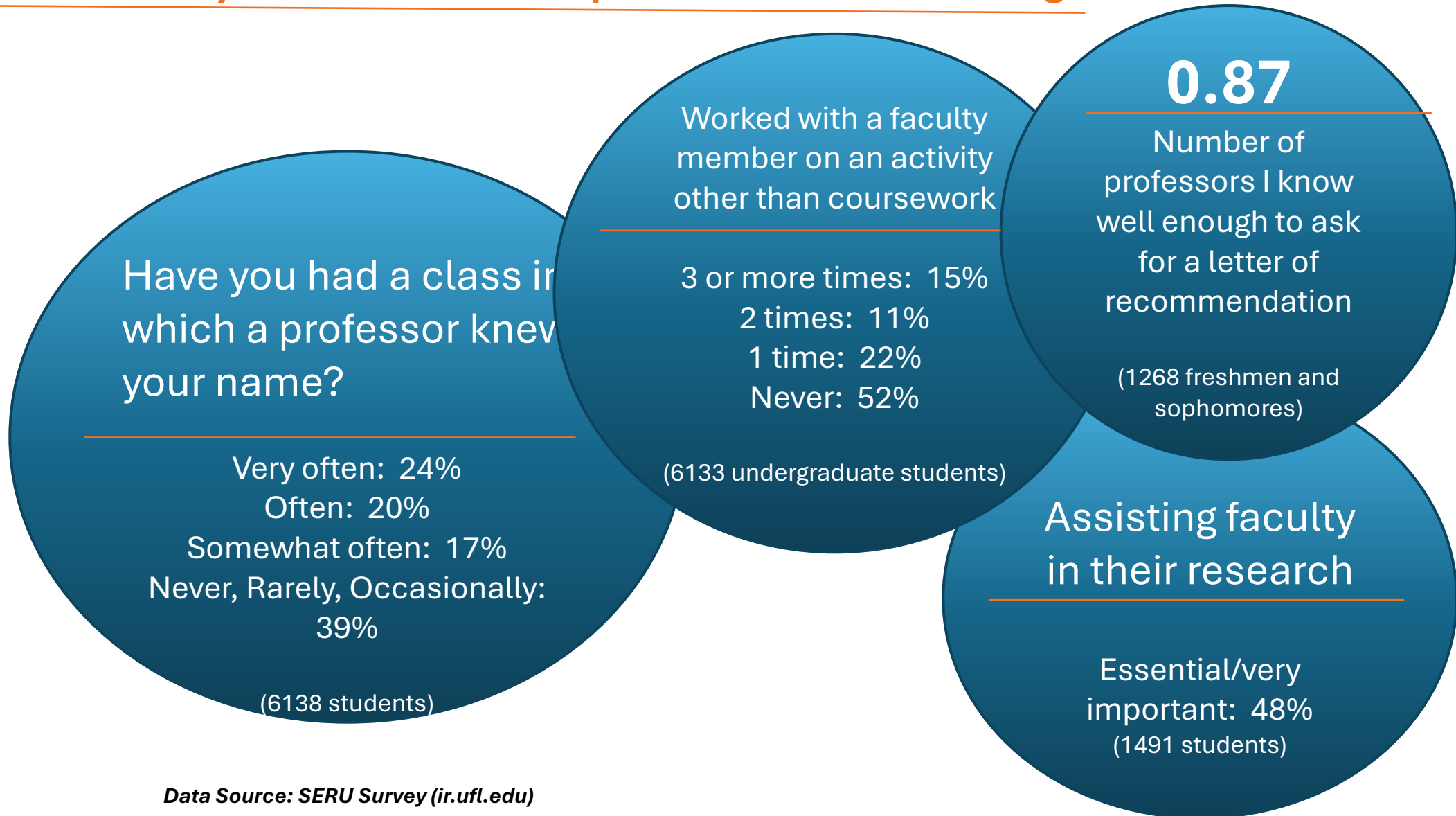
UF Quest Program Update

October 17, 2024
Faculty Senate



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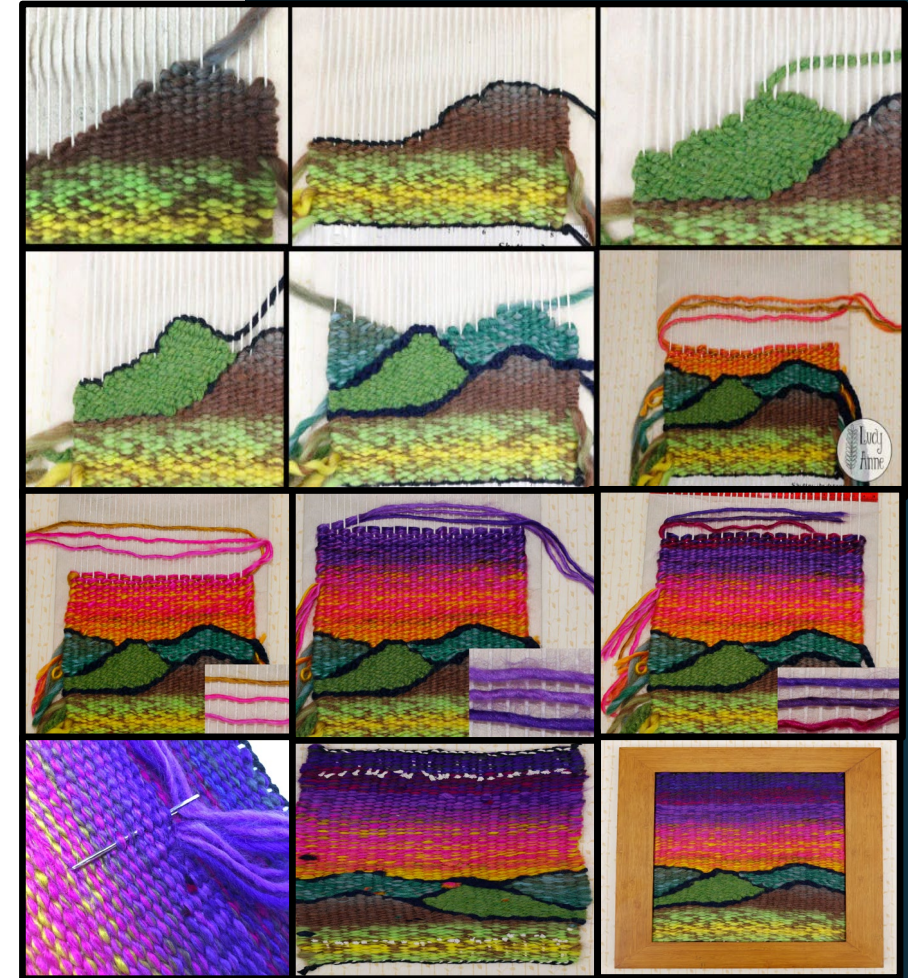
Know Them by Name: Relationships Are Central to Learning



Data Source: SERU Survey (ir.ufl.edu)

2016-2020: Weaving the Miraculous Tapestry of UF Quest

- **Four Task Forces**, 32 Faculty (Spring 2016-2017)
- **CLAS Working Groups** (Fall 2016)
- **COTA Faculty Retreat** (September 2016)
- **UF Quest Conference**, 38 Faculty (November 2016)
- **CLAS Faculty Council** (November 2016)
- **University Curriculum Committee, General Education Committee ACUA** discussions
- **Combined Working Groups**, 41 Faculty (Spring 2017)
- **Student Town Hall** (March 2017)
- **Faculty Retreat**, 31 Faculty (April 2017)
- **Deans' Breakfast** (April 2017)
- **Academic Policy Council and Full Senate Presentations** (February, May 2017)
- **Survey of Faculty** (May 2017)
- **UF Quest Curriculum Committee** (February 2018)
- **First Call for Proposals** (April 2018)
- **First Pilot of UF Quest Courses** (Spring 2019)
- **Faculty Senate Presentation** (May 2019)
- **Faculty Senate Resolution** (October 2019)
- **UF Quest Assessment Task Force** (September 2019)
- **UF Quest 1 Requirement** (Summer B 2020)



Faculty Bridge-builders: 2016-2020

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October 17, 2019: Faculty Senate Passes Resolution in Support of the UF Quest Program



Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
October 17, 2019 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Call to order & Approval of [September 26, 2019 Minutes](#) Ray G. Thomas, Chair

Reports

- **Chair's Report**
- **President's Report**
- **Provost's Report**

Ray G. Thomas, Chair
Kent Fuchs, President
Joe Glover, Provost

Action Items:

[UF Quest Resolution](#)

Andrew Zimmerman, Associate Professor
of Geological Sciences, CLAS Senator

WHEREAS, the 2010 report of the University of Florida Undergraduate Education Task Force called for the re-examination of the purpose of the general education curriculum, the creation of a UF signature experience with themed courses, and the incorporation of an electronic portfolio;

WHEREAS, the 2018 report of the combined working groups, after receiving extensive feedback from faculty and students, proposed a new framework, called "UF Quest," to spark the development of innovative general education courses, driven by faculty expertise and student choice, and create a shared learning experience;

WHEREAS, UF Quest is a thematic, sequential general education curriculum, which seeks to promote experiential and applied learning, advance interdisciplinary study and outstanding pedagogy, achieve a high level of faculty engagement in undergraduate education, and invite students to take creative and intellectual risks; and

WHEREAS, UF undergraduates may choose one three-credit course that examines an essential question in the humanities for UF Quest 1; one three-credit course on a pressing question in the biological, physical or social sciences for UF Quest 2; an applied learning experience of zero to three credits for UF Quest 3; and an optional experience offered by a college or program in conjunction with a final-year capstone course for UF Quest 4;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida supports UF Quest in its effort to enhance the undergraduate experience as it completes the trial stage of UF Quest 1, begins the pilot stage of UF Quest 2, and prepares for the full implementation of UF Quest 1 in Fall 2020, UF Quest 2 in Fall 2021, and UF Quest 3 and 4 thereafter.

A **sequence of interdisciplinary courses** taken by all UF FTIC students as part of their general education curriculum, accompanying them during their growth in college.

UF Quest courses examine **pressing and essential questions** that are difficult to answer and hard to ignore.

UF Quest courses are **a model for all general education courses**.

UF Quest **prepares students for the rigor of college** and provides them with skills **needed for post-graduate success and well-being**.

All UF Quest experiences are considered **as a pump and not a filter** and always sparking intellectual curiosity.

UF QUEST

Full Implementation: 2027



OPTIONAL HORIZONS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

"Non-Negotiables" of UF Quest



UF QUEST

Who teaches: best faculty educators

- In-load assignments
- Faculty 500 hiring

What we teach: essential/pressing questions

- Faculty expertise and student choice
- Multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, or transdisciplinary
- Experiential learning
- Reflection

How we teach: student learning and relationships matter most

- Student-faculty engagement
- Class sizes small
- Cross-major dialogue
- Every student is known

UF Quest Through Spring 2025

Development

~**250** Quest 1 Humanities courses and Quest 2 Biological/Physical Sciences or Social Science courses

Faculty and Program Participation

Over **224** faculty, **60** departments and schools, **7** colleges, **2** centers

Student Enrollment

Distinct students: **19,612** UF Quest 1 and **11,181** UF Quest 2

Over **12,000** students in 22-23 academic year

Sample Data Outcomes

UF Quest 1: **67%** of courses rated >4.00 in the “overall” course evaluation question

UF Quest 2: **65%** of courses rated >4.00

77% of students would recommend their course to a peer.



UF Quest Forward

- National recognition: Center for Transformative Education, AACU, Peers
- UF Quest Director
- Director and UF Quest Faculty Leaders will lead campus in ensuring the “non-negotiables” are sustained.
- Town halls for UF Quest instructors
- UF Quest Day in Spring 2026

