The interim provost P.T. Vasudevan shared with the senate that the University is still in the search for the new COLA dean, as well as for the new dean of UNH-Manchester. He said that the interviews are scheduled for October. Deb also added that the search for a new provost is an ongoing process and expressed hope to bring a candidate to campus in November.

The new Vice President for Enrollment Management, Victoria Dutcher gave a talk and a presentation on a five-year view on enrollments of undergraduate students at Durham. Victoria was happy to share the data saying that this was another year that UNH broke the record for new enrollments, having 19255 applications, and 3267 new freshman deposits received in early September. She pointed out that these were mostly out-of-state students and added that the in-state student number will be discussed in the future as an item that needs to be improved.

Victoria also suggested what can be done differently to put UNH on a more competitive pace and position us more strongly, saying that the plan is to select colleges that can raise tuition revenue at the same time as raising the academic profile of students. As an example she said that Paul College, can cap enrollments and raise profile of students. Also, while in CEPS we would try to improve the student academic profile; in COLA she thinks we need to keep it stabilized in order to increase enrollments.

She emphasized that these plans are intended to vary from department to department, and not broadly across any particular college, as department needs and capacities vary widely.

Suggested topic for discussion: Do we want to ask Victoria Dutcher to come and speak in front of the senate and share plans regarding graduate students enrollment, if there are any at this point?