Student Comments from BA Renewal Student Town Hall – March 8, 2016
+/- 40 students in attendance

- What BA Core Requirements will be left?
- Do departmental requirements still apply?
- It is currently difficult to figure out what requirements are needed for programs.
- Some BA Core Requirements don’t transfer between institutions.
- What was the initial reasoning behind BA Core Requirements, and what is the thought process behind the new ones?
- BA Core Requirements allow breadth and diversity in a program.
- Students can discover other courses.
- Students can learn to think/problem solve in other ways from taking classes in other Faculties/Departments.
- It seems that students will have more control of their own programs in the new proposal.
- Who would take responsibility if students fail to progress within their programs, the student or the Faculty?
- More options mean it is more difficult to register and makes it harder to transfer between institutions.
- BA Core Requirements help some students figure out what to take in first year.
- Credits should be divided better between Faculty and Departments.
- Concern with how courses within the BA Renewal proposal will fit together.
- Doesn’t like current system but doesn’t like Renewal either. Some BA Core Requirements should be left up to Departments.
- BA Core Requirements should not be left to Departments as boundaries should be set by the faculty.
- Information is hard to find.
- List of mandatory options is just too broad.
- What would be the consequences if this BA Renewal Proposal fails?
- What is the timeline for governance?
• Will current students be grandfathered in to the new BA model?
• What is the approval process?
• What is the rationale behind removing the LOE (Language Other than English)?
• Concern that each Department will pick their own requirements for a BA.
• Did you compare the UofA to other universities?
• Did you consult with other Universities?
• We need requirements or pathways to still tell us what to do!
• What links two different programs with the new BA?
• It seems that it would be easier to be a double major.
• Does the Fine Arts like this Renewal?
• There are concerns about how the Faculty articulates the new model.
• How does this BA Renewal Proposal affect employability? Is their more focus on skills?