**Symposium on Graduate Student Mental Wellness**

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

**10:00 am to 2:30 PM**

**University Center, Third Floor**

**Agenda**

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| 10:00-10:15 | **Welcome** Janet Rutledge, *Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, UMBC*Freeman Hrabowski, *UMBC President* |
| 10:15-10:30 | **National Overview and Perspective** Hironao Okahana*, Associate Vice President, Research & Policy Analysis, Council of Graduate Schools; Dean’s Fellow, the Graduate School, UMBC* |
| 10:30-11:00  | **Keynote Address** Elizabeth Klonoff, *Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida* Title: “Graduate Student Health and Wellness:  The Elephant in the Room” |
|  | **Focus Sessions** on three broad themes will have twenty-minute overviews provided by the speakers plus 10-minute table discussions |
| 11-11:30 | **Focus Session on Funding Insecurity** Alex Rittle, *GSA President, PhD Student in Geography and Environmental Systems* |
| 11:30-12:00 | **Focus Session on Sense of Belonging** Anne Brodsky, *Professor and Chair Psychology Department, UMBC*KerryAnn O’Meara, *Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty and Gradate Affairs College of Education, Director of ADVANCE, University of Maryland, College Park; Director of Research, USM PROMISE AGEP* |
| 12:00-12:30 | **Focus Session on Conflicts with Thesis/Dissertation Advisor** Angela Byars-Winston, *Professor, Department of Medicine, Faculty Director in the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research,**University of Wisconsin; Chair of the National Academies Consensus Study on Effective Mentoring in STEMM fields* |
| 12:30-1:45 | **Lunch Breakout Sessions** Facilitated by presenters from the plenary focus sessions plus additional UMBC faculty and staff who have been selected for each breakout.  **Financial Insecurity: UC 310**Alex Rittle, *GSA President*Kimberly Moffitt, *Associate Professor and* *Director, Language Literacy and*  *Culture Program, Former President, UMBC Faculty Senate*Trisha Wells, *Co-Chair, Financial Literacy and Education Committee, UMBC***Sense of Belonging: UC 312**Anne Brodsky, *Professor and Chair Psychology Department, UMBC*Kim Leisey, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, UMBC*KerryAnn O’Meara, *Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty and Gradate Affairs*  *College of Education, UMCP***Conflicts with Thesis/Dissertation Advisor: UC Ballroom Lounge**Jeffrey Halverson, *Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Professor of*  *Geography and Environmental Systems, UMBC*Angela Byars-Winston, *Professor, Department of Medicine, University of*  *Wisconsin*Marcus Zupan, *Presidential Teaching Professor, UMBC Alumni Outstanding*  *Faculty, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UMBC* |
| 1:45-2:30 | **Reports from Breakout Sessions**Moderator: Jeffrey Halverson, *Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Professor of Geography and Environmental Systems, UMBC***Closing Comments and Next Steps**Janet Rutledge, *Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, UMBC* |

**Symposium Goals:**

* Facilitate frank, open discussion about the problems nationally and at UMBC.
* Determine the path forward at UMBC to begin addressing these issues.

**Expected Outcomes:**

* Stakeholders in graduate education at UMBC will understand how mental wellness is critical to graduate student retention and success.
* Reports from breakout sessions will inform the work of a graduate student retention and success committee.