**IT Steering Committee**

**1/30/18**

**Advising Task Force**

* Presented by Ken Baron, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising.
* Goal: Improve graduation rate and decrease time to degree.
* Charge: Provide specific recommendations to improve student experience and success through advising. Pay particular attention to opportunities created by the emerging role of assessment, technology, and analytics in advising.
* IT-Related Recommendations
	+ Fully deploy Assigned Advisor functionality and review existing tools in myUMBC and PeopleSoft. (Student should leave orientation and know where to go next.)
	+ Develop system that captures all student/advisor interactions and is viewable by both.
	+ Determine whether Advising Center should remain with PS 9.2 or move to myUMBC.
	+ Implement a Registration Automated Communication Plan

**Computer Replacement Initiative Update**

* Presented by Tony Moreira, Vice Provost For Academic Affairs.
* Deadline to submit applications for computers is this week. As of last week, there were 107 applications, but more usually come in at the last minute.

**Duo Rollout**

* Presented by John Fritz, Assoc. VP, Information Technology and Damian Doyle, Senior Director of Enterprise Infrastructure.
* UMBC is moving toward two-factor authentication for increased security. Duo is the software package we are using. Our goal is for all employees with PS access to be using Duo by Fall 2019.
* Please see the Draft Rollout Plan (attached) for objectives and timeline.

**Upgrade to High Performing Computing Facility**

* Presented Damian Doyle, Senior Director of Enterprise Infrastructure.
* This facility has a whole lot of RAM and a whole lot of storage to allow for advanced research capabilities.
* For more information, please contact Damian Doyle as this discussion was beyond my understanding.

Feel free to send questions my way.

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