**TENTATIVE MINUTES**

UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

Friday, April 6, 2018

The monthly meeting of the University Steering Committee of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (the Committee) was held on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 1 p.m. in 1013 Administration Building. Chair Roy Prouty and the following members were present: Adam Harvey, Lilly Keplinger, Gunes Koru, Josh Massey, Emily Moroney, Diana Smith, Ashley Waters, and Melody Wright. In addition, the following were present:

* Lisa Akchin, Associate Vice President, Engagement; Assistant to the President
* Leslie Kruger, Executive Administrative Assistant, Institutional Advancement

PRESENTATIONS

COMMENCEMENT

Sandy Campbell, Director, Advancement Operations, Institutional Advancement

NEW PARKING SOFTWARE

Chuck Boddy, Director, Parking Services

Major Paul Dillon, Deputy Chief of Police, UMBC Police Department

BUSINESS

MINUTES

On motion of Diana Smith, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

WHAT IS SHARED GOVERNANCE?

The group discussed the various committees on which each senate has representation.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no action this month.

SENATE REPORTS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Josh and Lilly reported on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA).

* Lilly Keplinger is the new Speaker of the SGA Senate, replacing Gerardo Herrera-Cortés, who resigned mid-term. Lilly’s term as Speaker will end at the end of the academic year.
* The list of students who submitted applications to run for SGA positions in the upcoming election is now available on myUMBC. The election will take place via myUMBC from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly on Monday, April 23, Tuesday, April 24, and Wednesday, April 25.
* SGA is wrapping up current projects, preparing for the end of the academic year.
* Interviews are underway for the SGA advisor position.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

Ashley and Emily reported on behalf of the Professional Staff Senate (PSS).

* Proposed changes to the bylaws affecting the election process were passed. The vice president will no longer be a president-elect position, automatically becoming president at the end of the first year. Rather, elections will be held for each of these positions each year. In addition, presidents will be able to serve for more than one term.
* The election process is underway:
  + Nominations for senators will be accepted from April 2 to April 16.
  + The election will take place from April 19 to April 29.
  + Nominations for leadership will occur in June.
  + The slate will be complete by July.
* A student representative delivered an update on the Truth, Racial Healing Transformation Center.
* Director of Planning Julianne Simpson discussed the repurposing of the Retriever Activities Center.
* Lisa Akchin presented UMBC brand directions proposals.
* Aliya Webermann, a research assistant affiliated with We Believe You, a new sexual assault advocacy group on campus, introduced a campaign called #RetrieversDeserve, which aims to implement mandatory sexual assault prevention education for all UMBC students, as well as address issues with campus climate as regards support for sexual assault survivors. The group is circulating a petition with goals of implementing mandatory violence prevention education, Title IX language in all syllabi, and reinstating the Voices Against Violence office.
* Job Well Done, focusing on employee recognition, is lingering.
* PSS will be partnering with Alumni Relations to co-host an event at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The event is presently slated for June.
* PSS Reads, a new initiative, will encourage staff to read during the summer.

Non-Exempt Staff Senate

Diana and Melody reported on behalf of the Non-Exempt Staff Senate (NESS).

* NESS will not be holding another election this year. Diana, Melody, and other senators will continue serving in their respective roles.
* A subcommittee is focusing on outreach.

Graduate Student Association

Roy and Adam reported on behalf of the Graduate Student Association (GSA).

* Elections are complete. Roy, Adam, and many other executive officers will be returning.
* The Graduate Research Conference (GRC) was held March 28.
* The Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, which empowers scientists and health professionals to communicate complex topics in clear, vivid, and engaging ways, held a workshop at UMBC during the GRC.
* A review panel for the new grants policy will be selected April 20.
* Yesterday concluded national graduate student week, celebrating the role of graduate students. Several events were held throughout the week.
* The GSA Legislative Concerns Committee had a lobby day in March.
* GSA has established five awards to recognize members of the UMBC community. Nominations are due April 17. The awards ceremony will be held May 9, 6-8 p.m. on the seventh floor of the Albin O. Kuhn Library.

Faculty Senate

Gunes reported on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

* Post baccalaureate certificate on social dimensions of health – approved
* Africana Studies, third year review – approved
* Received information about Kuali Research to route proposals, automate processes.
* There is a new rank for adjunct professors: Adjunct III.
* Interdisciplinary Studies will be called Individualized Studies; however, this process is not yet complete.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Lisa reported on behalf of the President’s Office.

* So far, the FY 2019 State budget reflects steady support for public higher education and UMBC by the Governor and the legislature.
* The Governor’s budget, which has passed, includes a two percent faculty and staff cost-of-living salary increase beginning January 1, 2019. If fiscal 2018 revenues exceed forecasted levels, employees may receive additional compensation.
* We were successful in having reinstated an allocation of $4 million to continue to raise our per-student funding, the next step toward aligning our funding with the State’s funding guidelines. UMBC received supplemental funding of $3.5 million for this purpose in FY 2018. These additional funds to UMBC’s base budget are over and above regular operating increases.
* The Capital Budget includes $62.8 million to complete the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building, scheduled to open by fall 2019.
* There is an unexpected $4 million additional capital money.
* A summary of the FY 2019 State budget will be sent to all campus members once the legislative session has ended.

OTHER

There were no other items for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in 1013 Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie A. Kruger