**TENTATIVE MINUTES**

UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

Friday, May 4, 2018

The monthly meeting of the University Steering Committee of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (the Committee) was held on Friday, May 4, 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, and Diana Smith. In addition, the following were present:

* Lisa Akchin, Associate Vice President, Engagement; Assistant to the President
* Dawn Stoute, Program Administrative Specialist, President’s Office
* Collin Sullivan, President-elect, Student Government Association

PRESENTATIONS

New UMBC Logo Research

Jim Lord, Director, Creative Services

Athletics Strategic Plan

Tim Hall, Director, Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation

Jessica Hammond-Graf, Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA for Student-Athlete Well-Being

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 and the challenges new senate leaders have getting in touch with them, especially at the beginning of the academic year. Potential tools to improve communication, as well as senate websites, were also discussed.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no action this month.

Systemic Issues aka Pulse Check

There was no action this month.

SENATE REPORTS

Faculty Senate

Gunes reported on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

* Shady Grove - finished in two hours. President told students talk about how they felt connected to this campus.
* Encouraged to get education closer to their home.
* Heard from Orianne Smith, course innovations.
* Proposed name change: Interdisciplinary Studies to Individualized Studies. Program reviewed in Emergency Health Services. Academic freedom resolution. Faculty members voted yes & approved.
* Roy, any from last meeting about pay raise.
* Issue was winter semester - only spring and fall semester count. Passed to Faculty Senate President Kimberly Moffitt and spoke with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Pat McDermott.

Graduate Student Association

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

* Roy and Adam will continue serving as president and vice president, respectively.
* The annual budget will be approved in May instead of October, representing a shift in policy.
* The new grants system is now in effect.
* The GSA Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 9, 6‑8 p.m. on the seventh floor of the Albin O. Kuhn Library. (The SGA Black and Gold Dinner will be held at the same time in the Skylight Room.)
* GSA is polling graduate students about resources on campus.
* GSA is preparing a document in opposition to the PROMISE Act, potentially removing financial aid from graduate students, particularly Federal Work Study Programs.
* A potential restructuring of representation of the Graduate Senate is in the works.

Non-Exempt Staff Senate

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

* Director of Planning Julianne Simpson discussed the repurposing of the Retriever Activities Center.
* Director of Parking Services Chuck Boddy invited NESS to designate a representative to the Parking Advisory Committee.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

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

* Elections are complete. PSS elected nine senators and one representative for the Council of University System Staff.
* Ashley and Emily are both leaving UMBC in June. It is unclear who will be serving on the Executive Committee. Damian Doyle and Laila Shishineh should be good points of contact for future updates.
* PSS is continuing to work with the Department of Human Resources on Job Well Done, focusing on employee recognition. The program should be implemented in the fall. The budget is still being finalized.
* PSS partnered with the Mentoring Committee to hold a professional development networking seminar for exempt staff on Wednesday, April 18.
* The Mentoring Committee will be taking applications for this coming year's cohort and will have their speed-dating style match event on Wednesday, June 6.
* The annual staff picnic will be Friday, June 29 on The Commons Terrace. This year, PSS is partnering with NESS to host the picnic.
* Working with Alumni Relations, PSS has procured a separate set of tickets for exempt staff to attend UMBC Night at Oriole Park on Monday, August 27.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

* Elections are complete. There were some PR issues in the aftermath of the election.
* The SGA Black and Gold Dinner will be held Wednesday, May 9, 6-8 p.m. in the Skylight Room. (The GSA Awards Ceremony will be held at the same time in the Albin O. Kuhn Library.)
* The Maryland Higher Education Commission has changed its financial aid requirements for full-time students from 12 credits to 15 credits.
* The Senate is working with SGA President-elect Collin Sullivan to get SGA more involved in OCA Mocha, the proposed coffee shop in Arbutus.
* Josh is graduating, but he will be staying at UMBC to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Lisa reported on behalf of the President’s Office.

* Team OCA Mocha will be welcoming the community into the future OCA Mocha space, located at 5410 East Drive, during the Arbutus Arts Festival on Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
* The University Retreat will be held on campus Wednesday, August 22.
* Lisa thanked everyone who served in shared governance leadership roles this year.

OTHER

* Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day, held April 25, was great.
* Volunteers are needed for undergraduate commencement, especially the second ceremony. Both undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be held in the UMBC Event Center on Thursday, May 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in 1013 Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Stoute – edited by Leslie A. Kruger