**TENTATIVE MINUTES**

UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

Friday, October 19, 2018

The monthly meeting of the University Steering Committee of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (the Committee) was held on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 1 p.m. in 1005 Administration Building. Chair Adam Harvey and the following member were present: 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
* Eleanor Lewis, Communications Support Specialist, Campus Life
* Brandon Liu, Assistant Speaker, SGA Senate
* Kiki Malomo-Paris, Chair, GSA Legislative Concerns Committee
* Carly Socha, Treasurer, Student Government Association

PRESENTATIONS

Sexual Assault Response Initiatives

Part 1: Freeman Hrabowski, President

Part 2: David Gleason, General Counsel

Part 3: Group discussion with Candace Dodson-Reed, Chief of Staff, Office of the President; Lynne Schaefer, Vice President, Administration and Finance; Nancy Young, Vice President, Student Affairs

Maryland Charity Campaign

Nancy Young, Co-chair, Maryland Charity Campaign

BUSINESS

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Title ix Questionnaire

On October 3, 2018, the Committee sent a campus-wide survey seeking input on specific ways in which UMBC could become a safer, more supportive learning community for all. The survey contained two questions:

* What can be done to make you feel safer on campus?
* How can we help our community be successful in improving the campus culture and environment?

Adam shared his thoughts about the responses and invited others to share theirs. He then asked everyone to consider how we could turn the information that had been collected into actionable items. After brief discussion, the group decided that responses would not be shared outside of the Committee except in summarized format. The group must figure out how to analyze the data and produce a summary. Kiki offered to assist with the analysis and summary.

Human Relations Committee

Lisa, Damian, and Adam met with Bobbie Hoye (Title IX Coordinator; Associate General Counsel/Human Relations Officer) on September 27, 2018, to discuss the future of the Human Relations Committee. The group concluded that a broader committee should be formed to study possibilities and make recommendations. This ad hoc committee will include general experts in addition to shared governance representatives. Adam asked each senate to submit up to two names for service on the committee before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

There are, so far, two proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization. All proposed amendments will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

SENATE REPORTS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Brandon and Carly reported on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA).

* One vacancy on the SGA Senate has been filled.
* SGA and other partners sent a survey following the listening session.
* SGA is working on a resolution addressing student safety concerns.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

There was no report on behalf of the Professional Staff Senate.

Non-Exempt Staff Senate

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

* Chief Human Resources Officer Valerie Thomas was scheduled to speak, but she asked to reschedule. The October meeting was canceled as a result.

Graduate Student Association

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

* GSA is planning to send a survey to graduate students regarding counseling and health services on campus. Adam recommended that SGA consider sending a similar survey.
* The Historian resigned. The new Historian is Deanna Cerquetti.
* At the next GSA meeting, senators will be discussing various demands that have been made to campus administration and possible resolutions.
* GSA has collected more money from graduate program fees than anticipated due to an increase in graduate student enrollment.
* GSA is investigating the possibility of creating an emergency loan program for graduate students.
* The Graduate Research Conference has been renamed Graduate Experience, Achievements & Research Symposium (GEARS). The 2019 GEARS will be held March 27 in the Ballroom, University Center.
* There is interest in increasing graduate student engagement in Homecoming.

Faculty Senate

There was no report on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

There was no report on behalf of the President’s Office.

OTHER

There were no other items for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in 1013 Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie A. Kruger