**NESS Meeting**

**September 14, 2021**

**Attendees**: Annie Byrd, Melody Wright, Catherine Allison, Barabara Smith, Bonnie Paucar, Desiree Stonesifer, Diana Smith, Helena Dhalen, Henriette MaCarthy, Sharon Maul, Sharon Paul, Dawn Stoute

**Guests**: Ray Soellner, Assoc. Director Telecommunications, Division of Information Technology

[Meeting recording](https://umbc.webex.com/webappng/sites/umbc/recording/3fd0a2e5f7921039a7b4005056819da5/playback)

**Notes**:

* Guest Speaker:
  + Ray Sollener went over the new phone system
  + The conversation was recorded
  + Please send all request and questions to Ray: [rays1@umbc.edu](mailto:rays1@umbc.edu)
* Helena Dhalen gave a back to campus update
  + Covid19.umbc.edu
  + Please send any questions to Helena that you might have about hybrid/back to campus work
* Melody Wright presented the NESS 2021-2022 Action Plan
  + The slides will be distributed after the meeting
  + Main points:
    - Engagement with Constituency
    - Leadership Development
    - Wellness
    - Budget for NESS
  + Ideas for action plan:
    - Retirement plan advisement
    - Tours of RAC
* Announcements
  + Lunch with HR series
  + OEI Employee Training
  + JEDI Sessions
  + Navigating Uncertainty with Mindfulness
  + Upcoming BAM meeting – September 29, 2021
    - <https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/businessmanagers>
  + Chancellor Town Hall on Presidential Search
    - https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/insights/posts/112261
* Next month’s guest: HR Benefits Manager and Fidelity Rep