

NESS MEETING MINUTES 02/14/2024

Attended the meeting:

Cathy Myers
Crocetta Argento
Sharon Paul
Lisa Harris
Barbara Smith
Desiree Stonsifer
Michelle Kimery
Terisa White
Teresa Reese
Makeba Ellis Thompson

Agenda Topics:

- **Review of Welcome to UMBC HR events**

Desiree presented the next dates for the "Welcome to UMBC" - HR event: April 4, July 22, and October 22 at 2:30 - 4 pm. We are looking for volunteers in NESS to represent NESS during each event. **Please let Helena or Barbara know if you are interested.**

- **Vote for Treasurer**

The senate voted unanimously for Terisa White to represent NESS as the Treasurer until the next election in June 2024. She is replacing Barbara Smith, who is stepping into the role of a NESS VP until the next election.

- **Representative for Research Council**

Crocetta Argento volunteered to attend the Research Council Meetings as a representative from NESS, replacing Desiree Stonesifer, who will end her tenure in NESS. **Desiree will let them know about the change of representative.**

- **Discuss upcoming voting for next academic year - senators, vice president, president, and Treasurer.**

Senate election at the April 10 meeting

Some Senators are up for reelection for the upcoming FY 2025 year, starting in July 2024. In addition, we also have room for more Senators.

The Senator election takes place at the April meeting. **We would like your nominations for Senators by Friday, March 29 at 5 pm.** You can nominate yourself and as many senators as you like. Any eligible NESS member can serve as a Senator. **The people nominated and who agreed to be nominated as Senators will be presented in a Poll sent out before the April 10 meeting.** You can vote for as many

people as you like. We will not disclose who is nominating whom or how many votes a person gets. **The Poll will close on April 9 at noon, and the results will be presented at the meeting on April 10.**

Vice President, President, and Treasurer election at the May 8 meeting

Treasurer, Vice President, and President positions in NESS are all up for election at the May 8 meeting unless the current leaders want to stay. Please let me know in good time before the election if you wish to continue your mandate for another period. Any member of the CURRENT senate of NESS is eligible to be nominated in any of the above positions. **Please send me your nominations, including if you want to nominate yourself, before April 30th.** We will conduct a Poll that will be voted on at the May 8 meeting. We encourage as many senators as possible to be present at this meeting. **The voting can only occur if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the senators are present.**

- Members to assist with the NESS newsletter- need at least 2

Cathy is asking for 2 - 3 volunteers to help her create a monthly newsletter for the NESS group. This will be an informative, fun, and casual communication. It will include brief bullets from the last NESS meeting and any news or information we can enjoy sharing. **Please email Cathy directly if you would like to participate. catmyers@umbc.edu**

- Any other information of Interest

Please save the date for the Administrative Lunch on April 24. The event for Non-Exempt Administrative staff hosted by HR will be a “thank you” lunch with an engaging speaker event around lunchtime. More information to come.

Thank you,

Helena Dahlen and Desiree Stonesifer

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