

Meeting Minutes NESS MEETING 4/10/2024

Attendees:

Helena Dahlen
Crocettha Argento
Makeba Ellis
Sharon Paul
Cathy Myers
Barbara Smith
Kyle Pokorny
Wendi Myers
Linda Zepp
Melessia Jasper
Terisa White
John Roemer
Ebony Brown
Erica Davis
Dawn Stoute
Michelle Kimerly
Lisa Thomas

MEETING NOTES

- There were no action points from the last meeting.
- Sharon Paul , presented the result from the Senator Voting Poll starting July 2024. Welcome to new senators: Crocetta Argento, Erica Davis, John Roemer, Kyle Pokorny, and Linda Zepp (staying on for another two-year term)
- Collier Jones, from DoIT, presented screenshots of the new myUMBC. There will be major changes to the Home Page and to the “Group page.” “Group” will be called “Communities.” You will be able to crosspost between groups. The “Guide” will be called “Resources.” To the left, you will find all your navigation links. Collier urges anyone to contact him to review changes you would like to see in the new version. The latest version will be launched in the fall of 2024 (2025)
- The NESS May meeting is moved to May 15 instead of May 8.
- Nominations for President, Vice President, and Treasurer for NESS. Helena and Terisa will be available on the President and Treasurer's voting poll. Barbara Smith cannot continue as VP due to eligibility issues. She is resigning as VP immediately. We will add a voting procedure for the 2-3 months leading up to the end of this term, July 30th. At the end of April, Helena will send out a voting poll to the current senators to vote before the May 15 meeting. Presentation of the President,

VP, and Treasurer for the next 2-year term starting July 1st will be done at the meeting on May 15.

- Helena gave a brief report from the last USC meeting where the President was present.

NESS members feel that overall, Dr. Sheares Asby and the President's office have communicated well with the UMBC community. Compared to many other institutions in the region, UMBC seems to genuinely care about the well-being of its staff/ students and faculty in crises.

There is still a lot of uncertainty and insecurity in several departments.

- Helena reported from the last IT Steering Committee meeting that the new, updated HELP page on my UMBC is up and running. There is a new CISO in DoIT, Stacy Cahill, whom we will invite to one of our coming meetings. The results from the Legislative IT Audit came back with flying colors. There were no findings and only one discussion note. Very well done.
- Helena reminded the group about the upcoming Professional Development Week at the end of April and the Administrative Professional Day Lunch on April 24.
- An updated Active Assailant Training is available for individual departments or groups. Please contact Bruce Perry at the Police Department with any inquiries.

At the pen, Helena Dahlen
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