

# MEETING MINUTES

## NESS MEETING

11/13/2024

11:30-12:30

### 1. Review of [Interim Time, Place and Manner Policy](#) - **Helena**

- Feedback. (a) Please add “Content Neutrality” and an explanation under IV Definitions. (b) Are any other spaces included as Designated Expressive Activity Areas and Preferred Locations for Expressive Activities? Also, what is the difference between the Designated and the Preferred space? (c) Would this policy address signs or posters which may have explicit language or graphics? Instances where someone (students, staff, visitors, children) could see something that is harmful, triggering/traumatic, offensive.

### 2. Academic Calendar, [Option A](#) - **Cathy**

- The NESS constituency at the meeting had no issues with Proposal A, which would have no classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. One of the benefits mentioned by staff was that fewer people on campus make a stressful holiday less stressful. As a next step, the group hoped that the student day off would eventually include a day off for staff.

### 3. NESS representatives on different committees - **Helena**

- The Climate Study Workgroup Committee is looking for a NESS representative. If interested, email or message Helena or Cathy directly. Helena will send out the email from Jasmine A Lee. *Amendment: Terisa White has volunteered to be on this workgroup/committee.*
- Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Crocetta Argento will join the committee as the NESS representative. Linda had another volunteer for this committee, and Helena will check with Shannon Tinney to see if that is okay.

### 4. NESS Calendar Schedule - continue with current pattern date and time? - **Cathy**

- Everyone seems okay with keeping the time and the day for next year.

## **5. Mentor-Mentee Update - *Helena***

- What does mentorship include? The group said that it should consist of a monthly phone or in-person meeting and be time-limited to x amount of months (suggested 3-6 months). Helena will email the ten new NESS eligible to welcome them to the group and offer them the ability to contact an assigned mentor.

## **6. Reports from different committees**

- IT Steering Committee, Update on Privacy Governance Program - *Helena*  
The University complies with the new law to have a Privacy Program website that will describe in detail what data we collect, why, what we do with it, etc. You can also submit a request to opt out of the University, collecting specific data about you. The link is on their website <https://privacy.umbc.edu/>. Barbara raised a question of who oversees the work on the website and the collection of the data, and Helena will find out.
- University Steering Committee—*Cathy and Helena* At the first of the two past meetings, the Provost and the President attended and described their different responsibilities. The provost is more focused on the Faculty side of campus, and the President does community outreach, public speaking, etc. At the last meeting, the General Council, Paul Maggett, attended and explained his vision and what his department can help with.
- Parking Committee - Sharon reported that Parking Services moved to 900 Walker Avenue in early October. UMBC has purchased an electric vehicle, Nissan Leaf. The committee is discussing having real time space counts, such as electronic signage. Fees for parking infractions have increased.
- Student Dining Advisory Committee - John Roemer reported that the main topics discussed were the availability of something to eat late at night and the different meal plans available on campus. Skylight has a \$6 daily meal plan. Sharon Paul highlighted that Skylight has a special on Thursdays in November: "Bring a friend and pay for 1 meal."

- Sharon Paul reported from the [Climate Action Steering Committee](#) that they added a new Ecosystem work group, which she joined. Sarah Hansen is leading this.

## **7. General University Information**

- [UMBC's Strategic Planning Survey](#) - take by November 17 - Cathy and Helena encouraged NESS members to complete the survey.

## **8. Ad Hoc Information**

- a. Questions, comments, concerns
- b. Suggestions for future meeting topics, guests, or presenters
  - Cathy suggested we invite Paul Meggett, General Counsel, to one of our meetings.