

NESS Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025

Attendance: Helena Dahlen, President, Crocetta Argento, Ebony Brown, Jenny Carr, Erica Davis, Makeba Ellis, Cathy Fu, Sharon Paul, Kyle Pokorny, Teresa Reese, John Roemer, Barbara Ann Smith, Lisa Thomas, Linda Zepp.

Guest: *Renique Kersh*, Vice President of Student Affairs. Renique shared updates in Student Affairs with this presentation [Deckslide](#)

Voting for the nominated candidate to become the interim Senator and Vice President for the rest of this term (end of June). *Any NESS-eligible employee can vote for the nominated interim Senator candidates. Only current Senators can vote for the interim Vice President positions.*

- Barbara Ann Smith was unanimously elected interim Senator and then elected interim Vice President for the rest of this term!

Nominating candidates for the Senator election in April for the two-year term starting July 2025 (2025-2027 term). [List of NESS Senators](#)

- Any NESS-eligible individual can serve as a Senator. It's a two-year term. Senators are asked to come to most NESS meetings and to serve on at least one university committee. They have authority to vote on matters of importance at NESS meetings.
- The [nomination form](#) went out last week. Nominations are due 3/28/25 and a poll will be sent to membership in April. All NESS-eligible individuals can vote for Senators. Election is by majority vote.
- Current senators up for nomination: Helena Dahlen, Terisa White, and Barbara Smith. All three have consented to serve another term.
- Continuing senators NOT up for nomination: Kyle Pokorny, Crocetta Argento, John Roemer, Linda Zepp (but she is retiring), Erica Davis.
- We would be happy to have more senators in NESS.

Nominating candidates for the Vice President and President election in May for the two-year term starting July 2025 (2025-2027 term).

- Current Senators vote for President and Vice President.
- Nominations are in April, elections held in May. Any senator can be nominated for these positions.
- Current nominations: Helena, President; Barbara Ann Smith, Vice President.

Strategic Planning Committee update: *Crocetta Argento*

Crocetta gave us an update: The committee is now meeting monthly. "Emergent Themes" subgroups are forming. Each subgroup will come up with goals and determine what ideas should be brought back to the committee. Crocetta is on the "Vision and Values" subcommittee. She'll keep us updated.

Mandatory P-card training: Reminder that Procurement is holding mandatory P-card training in March and April. Check out their myUMBC Group to sign up. Failure to attend a P-card training will result in forfeiture of your card.

For April's meeting:

1. University Steering Committee update: *Helena Dahlen*
2. Other committees update (CUSS, others?)
3. Shared Governance survey (Cathy is asking Roy for it now.)

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 9 at 11:30 am in SH 354 (new location!) or via Webex. The guest will be Rosetta Butler, Executive Director of Procurement.

--- Cathy Fu, Secretary