

## **APPROVED MINUTES – 2/2/2018**

### **UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Friday, January 5, 2018

The monthly meeting of the University Steering Committee of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (the Committee) was held on Friday, January 5, 2018, at 1 p.m. in 1013 Administration Building. Chair Roy Prouty and the following members were present: Josh Massey, Ashley Waters, and Melody Wright. In addition, the following were present:

- Lisa Akchin, Associate Vice President, Engagement; Assistant to the President
- Leslie Kruger, Executive Administrative Assistant, Institutional Advancement

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **LANDSCAPE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Sarah Hansen, STEM Communications Manager; Chair, Landscape and Stewardship Committee

#### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Bobbie Hoye, Title IX Coordinator; Associate General Counsel; Human Relations Officer

### **BUSINESS**

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

### **SENATE REPORTS**

#### **FACULTY SENATE**

There was no report on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Roy reported on behalf of the Graduate Student Association (GSA).

- Space has been reserved for the GSA Award Banquet.
- The Grants Committee is recommending changes to the grants system. The revised grants policy is due to the Graduate School by January 25.
- The Legislative Concerns Committee organized advocacy efforts, including an open house, to oppose the proposed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act being considered by Congress.
- University Health Services will be communicating with the Graduate School about health insurance options for graduate students for the next academic year.

#### **NON-EXEMPT STAFF SENATE**

Melody reported on behalf of the Non-Exempt Staff Senate (NESS).

- Officers have been duly elected. Diana will continue to serve as president, and Melody will continue to serve as vice president.
- Campus Planner Celso Guitian delivered an overview of the Facilities Master Plan.

#### PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

Ashley reported on behalf of the Professional Staff Senate (PSS).

- There were three presentations:
  - Instructional Technology's Collin Sullivan discussed TechFest2018.
  - Students from Gib Mason's class, "Innovation, Creative Problem-Solving & the Socialpreneur," shared their vision for attracting students to Arbutus and creating a college town. The vision begins with OCA Mocha, an off-campus space for students, staff, faculty, and community members to gather.
  - Director of Campus Life Dan Barnhart and Associate Director of Event and Conference Services Joel DeWyer reviewed changes to The Commons, including Flat Tuesdays.
- PSS officers will be meeting with President's Council on January 22 and having dinner with President Hrabowski on January 30.
- Excitement abounds for work/life balance initiatives, though they are somewhat controversial.
- PSS has been working with Human Resources to review personnel data regarding racial and gender equity.

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Josh reported on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA).

- Students are preparing for finals, so there is very little progress on SGA initiatives.
- Space continues to be a primary focus of the SGA. Changes to The Commons, in particular, will greatly affect students.
- SGA is trying to better understand its relationship with the newly formed Department of Campus Life. Two new positions, which will be working closely with SGA, will be filled by spring.
- Elections will be a priority in the spring semester.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa reported on behalf of the President's Office.

- Several events are planned to commemorate the grand opening of the UMBC Event Center:
  - Open House for the University Community: Wednesday, January 31, noon-3 p.m.
  - Grand Opening: Saturday, February 3. Doors open at 3 p.m. Men's basketball game begins 4 p.m.
- An external partner specializing in event space management will manage events in the UMBC Event Center.
- The General Assembly convenes January 10. More information will be available once the Governor releases his budget.
- The marketing and branding team will soon introduce three proposed brand directions.
- The webinar (see announcements) will be available on CD.

#### OTHER

There were no other items for discussion.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Webinar: *Racist Messages on Campus: Respond, Recover, and Rebuild from Vandalism, Symbols, and Slurs*, Tuesday, January 23, 2 - 3:30 p.m., 711 Administration Building
- International Rules and Policy, Friday, January 26, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., PAHB Atrium
- University Steering Committee, Friday, February 2, 1 - 2:30 p.m., 1013 Administration Building

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie A. Kruger