

NESS MEETING 3/13/2024

Attendees:

Helena Dahlen
Crocetta Argento
Makeba Ellis
Sharon Paul
Cathy Myers
Barbara Smith
Kyle Pokorny
Wendi Myers
Linda Zepp
Melessia Jasper
Terisa White
John Roemer
Ebony Brown

AGENDA TOPICS

- Last meeting action items
 - Terisa White will staff “Welcome to UMBC” on April 4 and Sharon Paul on July 22 and October 22.
 - Cathy will revisit the Newsletter idea closer to the summer to have a kick-off in the fall. She will still need volunteers.
- Melessia Jasper gave a presentation on ECR Responsible Employee Training, who must complete and where to find the information. The link to the website is:
<https://ecr.umbc.edu/training/responsible-employee-training/>
- Sharon Paul asked if there was any feedback on the questions sent out earlier about parking on campus regarding the survey by Mead & Hunt. Some members said lighting was an issue in some areas, specifically the Admin Garage.
- Cathy Myers: Volunteers are needed for the Student Hearing Board. The hearings have been virtual, but they will return in person. The hearings are usually held between 9 am and 1 pm or 1 pm and 6 pm. The two upcoming hearings will be on April 5 and April 26, from 1 pm to 6 pm. They usually don't last all five hours. NESS will post a link on their group site for anyone on NESS to sign up as a volunteer. It's recommended that anyone attending a hearing discuss this with their supervisor before signing up.
- Barbara Smith gave updates regarding the Middle States Self-Study and what will happen while they are here. Dr. Terrence Peavy, VP for Institutional Field Relations, Middle States Commission, visited UMBC on 3/7 to give a grounded explanation of the

process to the leads/co-leads on this project and to encourage us to connect with shared governance to get a sense of how we are doing from a collective perspective. The next meeting for the MSCHE group - Retreat Kick-off- is on March 27.

- Helena presented information from the last USC meeting. The Landscape Committee has been dormant since COVID. Unsure if it will be active again.
- Dr. Dauwalder presented options for reversing the fall 2024 calendar for UMBC to give students 2 more days off around Thanksgiving. Staff are not included in the study. Helena will raise the question at USC so that we are not forgotten. The proposal from Dr. Dauwalder will be voted on at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- The upcoming Senatorial election will take place at the next meeting on April 10. Helena will present a Poll for everyone on March 29, including everyone who said they are willing to serve on the Senate for the next term starting in July 2024. Regardless of whether they are senators or not, members of NESS can vote for as many candidates on the poll as they like. They have to attend the meeting on **Apr 10, 2024** .
- Short reports from Barbara and the Inclusion Council: UMBC is beginning the hiring process for the Director for Equity & Civil Rights and Title IX—working with Isaacson and Miller. Sharon added from the PAC meeting that Parking is having issues with people parking their cars in Lot 8 without gate cards because the gate is broken. They are waiting for a part to fix the gate. An additional sign has been set up when entering the area.
- Helena mentioned the upcoming Administrative Professional Appreciation Lunch on April 24. Lynne Adams will contact the leadership to encourage them to make it possible for eligible staff to attend.

At the pen, Barbara and Helena
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