Nonexempt Staff Senate Meeting Notes

October 12, 2017

**Attended**: Diana Smith, Melody Wright, Melody Creswell, Sharon Paul, Sharon Maul, Barbara Smith, Desiree Stonesifer, Bethany Walter, Shelly Graham, Sara Rolf

Commencement and Events Center Opening *Sandy Campbell, Advancement Operations, OIA*

* Event Center to hold May commencement- 2 Undergraduate, 1 Graduate
* Undergraduate divided into 2 graduating groups
	+ CAHSS, Erickson, Social Work
	+ CNMS, COEIT, INDS
* There will be a 3 hour space between ceremonies to alleviate traffic concerns
* May commencement day is also “check out” day in Res Life
* Need for a large number of volunteers for a smooth transition to the Event Center
* Sandy may send out request for assistance in simulations of commencement to better prepare
* President’s council mentioned interest in finding a way to applaud staff for their volunteer efforts during commencement

Review of UMBC Retreat & Welcome to UMBC *Diana Smith, Melody Wright, Sharon Paul*

* Reviewed video from President’s retreat
* All that attended found break-out sessions with individual departments insightful

Review of NESS Bylaws & Elections *Diana Smith, Melody Wright*

* Met with Beth Wells, discussed status of NESS compliance
* Need to hold elections to legitimize current Officer and Senator status
* Melody to create Google group of all 84 people eligible for NESS
* Will send email with information to vote
* Senate seats during this election will be 2 & 3 years respectively, this will allow for a stagger in future voting of Senators
* Following this election all terms will be 2 years
* Once Senators are elected they will be able to vote on the Officer positions

Other

* Melody Creswell and Bethany plan to attend October CUSS meeting
* Melody Creswell reviewing treasurer binder to collect more details regarding NESS financial accounts, verify if any funds are available