**Non-Exempt Staff Senate Meeting Notes**

**September 14, 2017**

**Attended:** Diana Smith, Sharon Paul, Sarah Jackson, Barbara Smith, Desiree Stonesifer,

Helena Dahlen, Melody Creswell, Bethany Walter, Sheryl Gibbs

Council of University Systems Staff (CUSS) Kevin Joseph, Director, Business Intelligence

* Advocacy Group Composed of people from each campus who bring forward concerns from constituents
* Next meeting at UMBC, 10/24/2017
* UMBC will maintain meetings in October each year, changed from May
* Sheryl Gibbs stepping down from CUSS seat
* UMBC has 2 seats primary and alternate, if both attend meetings together only the primary can vote
* Melody Creswell and possible Bethany Walter will be NESS CUSS representatives

UMBC Homecoming Stanyell Odom, Director Alumni Relations, OIA

* Homecoming will span 2 weekends this year
* Plenty of activities for faculty, staff and families not just students
* Comedy show (Trevor Noah- get tickets soon, almost sold out), bonfire, poetry slam, alumni awards, Men’s Soccer vs. Albany plus much more
* Grit and Greatness has gone public
* Fundraising campaign- 94M currently, still need 56M more

Professional Staff Senate (PSS) Laila Shishineh, Assistant Director, First Year Experience

* 18 Senators with a 2 year term
* Half of the Senators replaced each year
* Began to build interest- created communications group and myUMBC group
* Use myUMBC group to run polls and collect data from members as well as Senator voting (Collier helped set up-speak with him for more info)
* Number of sub-committees, run newsletters, update website and myUMBC