

## **APPROVED MINUTES – 11/3/2017**

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

Friday, October 6, 2017

The monthly meeting of the University Steering Committee of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (the Committee) was held on Friday, October 6, 2017, at 1 p.m. in 1013 Administration Building. Chair Roy Prouty and the following members were present: Gerardo Herrera-Cortes, Josh Massey, Emily Moroney, Diana Smith, 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

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **MINUTES**

Without motion, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

##### **UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE WEB SITE**

Roland King, communications manager for campus news and community engagement, joined the group to discuss possibilities for a potential Web presence.

##### **CLIMATE ACTION FORUM**

The Climate Action Steering Committee hosted a Climate Action Forum on September 25. Roy and Josh participated, though in different sessions. Roy asked University Steering Committee members to consider climate change as an actionable item for the Committee to embrace by aligning focus in the senates and leveraging their collective impact. Emily, who works in off-campus student services, offered to share statistics related to carpooling.

##### **USM STUDENT COUNCIL RECAP**

The University System of Maryland Student Council met on October 1 in Adelphi, Maryland, and attempted to pass various resolutions regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Title IX, and collective bargaining for graduate students. Roy would like to better understand the implications of potential unionization for graduate students.

##### **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Acting on the recommendation of past USC Chair Damian Doyle, Roy is trying to determine if the Human Relations Committee has a purpose or provides value. Roy will be meeting with various individuals associated with the committee in the next few weeks.

##### **SPACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Roy posed these questions: Which committees belong under the umbrella of shared governance? Should the Space Management Committee, for example, be added to the Plan of Organization as a University Committee? This topic will be discussed further at future meetings.

##### **PLAN OF ORGANIZATION**

Roy reminded Steering Committee members that proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization will be reviewed during the November meeting of the Committee.

## SENATE REPORTS

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

- Ensuring student representation on committees.
- Preparing for mid-year review of budget.

### PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

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

- Encouraging staff participation in strategic plan implementation.
- Brainstorming about opportunities to create a more vibrant campus life for staff.
- Organizing social activities, including Oktoberfest, which was held at Flat Tuesdays on October 5 and included door prizes from Heavy Seas Beer.

### NON-EXEMPT STAFF SENATE

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

- Discussing reorganization.

### GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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

- Managing impact from grant services that have been cut due to lower enrollment and a deficit from the previous fiscal year.
- Exploring ways to provide support to students, especially international students.
- Preparing for the possibility of health insurance increases for graduate students.

### FACULTY SENATE

There was no report on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa reported on behalf of the President's Office.

- Governor Hogan has requested a mid-year budget reduction, about \$732K from UMBC. Separately, a fund balance cut of \$2.7M was [requested or made] at year-end. The continuing trend of fund balance cuts is troubling from a long-term perspective.
- An Open Forum on the Facilities Master Plan will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017, at noon in 132 Performing Arts and Humanities Building.

## OTHER

There were no other items for discussion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, November 3, 2017, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in 1013 Administration Building.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie A. Kruger