

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes October 8, 2019

Senators in attendance included: Kathy O'Dell, Eve Muson, Taka Yamashita, Adrienne Ekas-Mueting, Pamela Bennett, Diane Alonso, Felipe Filomeno, Jason Kestner, Mike Nance, Brian Kaufman, Weidong Zhu, Susanne Sutton, Hal Schreier, Jacob Kogan, Christine Mallinson, Drew Alfgren, Amy Everhart, Anne Rubin, Katie Kein, Tanya Olson, Diane Flint, Kindel Nash, Christelle Viauroux, Ann Sofie-Clemmensen, Curtis Menyuk, Joel Liebman, Mariajose, Castellanos, Kevin Omland, Molly Jones-Lewis, Sarah Fouts, Thomas Robinson, Liz Patton, Matthew Fagan, Orianne Smith, and Gunes Koru were in attendance.

I. Call to Order

President Koru called the meeting to order.

President Koru welcomed the senators and introduced himself as the returning President of Faculty Senate. As the President of Faculty Senate, he will be serving as the chair of today's meeting.

Orianne Smith, Vice President, served as timekeeper. She will announce when time limits have been reached and will take note should there be queries regarding our process and procedures.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda has been received by the senators electronically and in paper copy.

The agenda was approved by the Faculty Senate.

III. Report of the President

President Hrabowski provided an update from administration.

President Hrabowski welcomed the senators and thanked them for their hard work throughout the campus.

The President acknowledged the recent power outages on the campus and invited the senior administration from Baltimore Gas and Electric to the Faculty Senate meeting.

Calvin Butler, Steve Warner, Rob Biogotti and Calvin Little attended the meeting from BGE administration and assured the senators that they are working very hard to address the recent problems with service. They will be implementing several measures (drone equipment, additional inspections) in the hopes that their proactive actions will tackle the issues. They

assured the senators that they take this problem very seriously and personally. “UMBC is a world class institution and it deserved world class energy”.

President Hrabowski thanked the implementation team for the Title IX training for their additional resources that they’ve provided and signage throughout campus.

The President noted that if a faculty member see’s someone vulnerable and needing assistance to encourage a conversation with that person. Additionally, training is ongoing for faculty and he noted the importance of continued training to support out students.

President Hrabowski added a call to faculty for their continued support in continuing to grow enrollment.

He added that we have obtained the monies for a counseling facility and we are expecting that to be completed within the next two years.

President Hrabowski wrapped up his report by acknowledging a member of the Theatre Department, KeiLyn Durrel Jones for his television series “The I-Land”. He earned his BFA in Acting from UMBC.

VI. Approval of the September 10, 2019 Faculty Senate Minutes

The meeting minutes for September will be held over until the November meeting to give senators and their department colleagues sufficient time for review.

V. Report of the Faculty Senate President

President Koru provided a report for the Faculty Senate.

President Koru thanked the senators for serving in the senate and representing their respective department colleagues. He asked them to contact their department chairs to take at least 5 minutes in their department meetings to talk about the Faculty Senate agenda items. Fostering shared governance at the department level is one of our goals and everyone’s involvement is needed. There is a tradition and culture of shared governance on our campus which is cherished, and we’d like to preserve and strengthen this moving into the 2020’s.

As a part of this mission, earlier this month, Orianne and Dr. Koru attended the Welcome to UMBC event. They took the opportunity to talk with the new faculty members and inform them about the role of the Faculty Senate. They also heard about how the distinguished members of UMBC enjoyed being at UMBC for many years because of the opportunities for professional growth and the wonderful sense of community.

President Koru encouraged the senators to participate in the annual Maryland Giving Campaign. This campaign helps various individuals and organizations who need assistance. Jack Suess, the

Vice President of Information Technology, and Dana Smith, the Dean of the Erickson School of Aging, are leading the campaign this year and any questions can be directed to them.

The University Steering Committee has put together an ad hoc committee called the Community Equity Advisory Committee. This committee will advise the Steering Committee about issues related to diversity, inclusion, and equity. The Faculty Senate was asked to appoint two individuals to serve on this committee. This opportunity was announced in an email to the senators recently. Marcela Mellinger and Kathryn Kein stepped up to serve on this committee. President Koru recognized their service and willingness to help.

Finally, the Provost is putting together a small group of individuals who will write the task description for a larger committee which will explore the best practices for teaching online and hybrid courses, and possibly develop guidelines for these courses. More information will follow as it is available.

The report of the Faculty Senate President was approved by the Faculty Senate.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

President Koru provided an update from the Executive Committee.

In the last Executive Committee meeting, there was a discussion about the at-large members of the Executive Committee. The discussions are still on-going and it is encouraged that if anyone has an interest in participating, they can contact President Koru directly by email or in person.

During those discussions, it was realized that the chair of the Research and Creative Achievement Council is currently not in the Executive Committee. It is known that UMBC is a public research university and research plays a very important role in P&T decisions and in faculty life. Research related issues have always come up in the Executive Committee discussions. There seems to be agreement in the Executive Committee about including the chair of the committee officially but, the discussions are on-going and a proposal may be brought to the Senate at a later date.

The Executive Committee also talked about supporting student success after which an email was sent to Amanda Knapp. She has graciously agreed to attend our Faculty Senate meeting and will talk about this.

The Executive Committee also met with the consultants from Huron Consulting who work on the Strategic Enrollment Initiative. It was a very lively conversation. They received an invite to attend the senate and provide a report on their progress and to receive feedback in Fall 2019 or early Spring 2020.

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Faculty Senate.

B. Undergraduate Council

Beth Feeser, Chair of the Undergraduate Council, provided a report.

A report was sent electronically to the senators with all of the courses that have been approved since the September meeting.

The report of the Undergraduate Council was approved by the Faculty Senate.

C. Graduate Council

Steve Pitts, Faculty Representative for the Graduate Council, provided a brief report.

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The report of the Graduate Council was approved by the Faculty Senate.

D. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

Charles Nicholas, Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee provided a brief report.

At its last meeting on September 12th, the Academic Planning and Budget committee approved the Engineering Management Academic Program Review, the Post Baccalaureate in Applied Social Resource Methods and a Masters of Arts in ISD.

The report of the Academic Planning and Budget committee was approved by the Faculty Senate

E. Faculty Affairs Committee

Vicki Sipe, Chair for the Faculty Affairs Committee provided a report from the committee.

The Faculty Affairs Committee will be meeting October 14th.

The report of the Faculty Affairs Committee was approved by the Faculty Senate.

VII. Other Reports

A. FSAC – Christine Mallinson

Christine Mallinson provided an update from FSAC.

There was a special event held on September 18th where a panel and discussion took place of what's to come. Dr. Mallinson encouraged the senators to contact her if they'd like a department visit from the group.

It was announced throughout campus that there will be a new Office of Equity and Inclusion and Candace Dodson-Reed will be the contact. There is a search currently active for the Director and supports for that office.

Also, Dr. Mallinson announced that on September 27th, holds were placed on students that have not completed the consent training.

Additionally, there is a helpline with volunteers that are trained in UMBC specific issues and this information can be found on <https://courage.umbc.edu/>.

B. Student Success – Amanda Knapp

Amanda Knapp, Associate Vice Provost and Assistant Dean, provided a presentation on Student Success. This presentation was also provided to the senators electronically.

C. Entrepreneurship – George Karabatis

George Karabatis, Associate Professor in Information Systems provided a presentation on the Entrepreneurship program. This presentation was also provided to the senators electronically.

VIII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

IX. New Business

- A. Engineering Management Academic Program Review**
- B. Mathematics and Statistics Academic Program Review**
- C. Colab Call for Summer Projects for 2020**
- D. Masters of Arts in Instructional Systems Development**
- E. PBC in Apply Social Research Methods**

These items were presented as information items and will be voted on at the October Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Rose Drohan

