**UFS Draft Agenda
(11/23/15)
Meeting: 2 December 2015
BC135
12:00N-2:00PM Meeting**

1. **Attendance**

**Present:** Jose Anderson (Law), Sam Brown (CPA), Richard Bucher, (Adjunct – UFS Secretary), Stanley Kemp, CAS, Mike Kiel (Library), Rajesh Mirani (MSB), Dennis Pitta (MSB), Jeffrey Ross (CPA). Kurt Schmoke, University President, Sascha Sheehan - CPA, Julie Simon (CUSF), Colin Starger (Law), James Taggert (CAS), J.C. Weiss, (MSB – USF President), Joe Wood (UB Provost). **Absent:** Stephanie Gibson (CAS – USF Vice President), Cassandra Havard (Law).

**Guests** included: Barbara Aughenbaugh (DFA), Irv Brown (CPA), Pat Behles (AP Com.), Alicia Campbell, Steve Davison (AP Com), Mark Jacque (EM), Nicole Hudgins GEC Chair), Miriam King (EM), Mark Jacque (EM), Mary Maher (OHR), Betsy Nix (Honors), Michael Palmer (CAS), Chris Spencer (CAS), Paul Walsh (Acess.WkGp), Laura Wilson-Gentry (CPA.)

1. **General Business.**
	1. UFS President JC Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM in Room BC135.
	2. Logistical and necessary items – The Minutes, as amended, and Agenda were approved unanimously.
2. **University President’s Report**
	1. Enrollment strategy. President Schmoke reported that he had initial discussions with the new Provost, was looking forward to her ideas, including her idea of a standing committee of administrators and faculty to periodically meet on issues.
	2. Coalition lawsuit. A petition response has been made to the presiding judge and President Schmoke made it clear that in discussion with other stakeholders, he has made it clear that his interest in this matter is collaboration not merger. He noted that The State of Maryland petition clearly lays out the State and University positions, and asked that the Petition and Transmittal be made a part of these minutes (see attachments) He reminded Senators that the MOU with Towson University had expired and there are no plans to renew it. The president noted that UB’s MBA program has existed since 1972. He finally noted that it is likely that any decision will be appealed.
	3. Provost transition. The new provost and the current provost are working on a transition plan that he hopes to discuss at the January, 2016 UFS meeting.
	4. Student petition. A small group of students, the “Coalition of People of Color,” petitioned the University President expressing concerns regarding unversity culture including a less than diverse faculty, and its insensitivity to“micro-aggessions.” President Schmoke inidcated that he will be responding to their concerns later in the week and will provide the UFS with a copy of the petition and his reply.
3. **Provost’s Report**
	1. The Provost provided a comprehensive upate on associate activities relating to Divided Baltimore.
	2. Retired Faculty Lounge. The Retired Faculy Lounge is available for scheduled meetings.
4. **UFS President’s Report**
	1. Updates**:**
		1. Supplemental Salary ad hoc committee. President Weiss
		2. Technology committee composition. He indicated that there were other university technology committees and he wanted to find out more information regarding their charters before he moved ahead with the activation of a similar UFS committee. He will be speaking with Dave Bobart on this issue.
		3. He noted that the Committee and CUSF Reports are posted on Sakai and urged Senators to review them
		4. Student bereavement policy. President Weiss asked that all College/School faculty senates review the proposed university student bereavement policy so that it can be voted on at the January 13, 2016 meeting.
	2. He announced that Jim Nolan, Chairman of the Board of the University of Baltimore Foundation, will be speaking at our January, 2016 meeting.
	3. He also noted that a Facilities Town Hall to discuss the UB facilities master plan will be schedule soon after the beginning of Spring semester
5. **Gen Ed Council.** Nicole Hudgins indicated that she was meeting shortly with the MSB faculty senate to answer questions and hear comments regarding the evolving Gen Ed Council proposal.
6. **Discussion Items.**
	1. Academic Policy Committee recommendations. The Academic Policy Committee requested that the UFS approve a recommendation relating to the C - (C minus) grade (and D+ and D- grades) in undergraduate and graduate programs. The recommendations would eliminate C- (C minus) and all “D” grades, modify the repeat and replace policy for undergraduate programs; and establish the maximum number of academic credits that an undergraduate student can seek to earn in a single semester before decanal special permission is required. President Weiss noted that the Committee Report is posted in the in Sakai at UFS Portal/Files Directory/Committees/Committee Reports. He then requested that College/School faculty senates review this.
7. **Budget** **Update.** Barbara Aughenbaugh noted that there were no significant changes from the October Budget report to the UFS. She also indicated that the Budget office is working on budget timelines for FY17.
8. **Action.**
	1. Proposal to use foundational/developmental mathematics courses from an enrolling students previous institution to determine whether further developmental course work is necessary. The proposal was unanimously adopted.
9. **Elections. The Senate confirmed the following elections:**
	1. USARC alternate for CAS – Jeffrey Sawyer
	2. UFS Work Life: CAS - Becky Thompson
	3. Academic Support Committee: CAS - Kathryn Summers
	4. GSC, Planning and Facilities: CAS - Betsy Nix
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM