

Meeting Minutes
Governance Steering Council
September 26, 2013

Present: Giordana Segneri, Margarita Cardona, Catherine Johnson, Sydney Comitz, Dan Gerlowski

Not Present: Michael Carrington

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 12 were approved.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by members present at the meeting.

3. Constituent Body Reports

a. Students

- i. The Chancellor will visit with SGA tomorrow (9/27/13) to discuss the process of selecting a new president for UB.
- ii. SGA executive board members will attend the ASGA Conference at the Bethesda Hyatt. The conference provides training for each executive role at SGA, as well as motivational and leadership training.
- iii. Executive President's Council meets once a month and includes the presidents of Student Bar Association, Student Events Board and Student Government Association.
- iv. President's Council meets once a month and includes the presidents of 60 clubs and student organizations.
- v. Latin American Student Organization is co-sponsoring the play "Plantains and Collard Greens" on October 7 at Langsdale Library.
- vi. Students commented on the disrepair of the locker rooms in the recreation center and discussed how to bring the issue to the attention of the administration.

b. Staff

- i. Next meeting is scheduled on October 14.
- ii. UBSS is soliciting feedback on the GSC bylaws.
- iii. UBSS will hold a special session on October 11 in the Bogomolny Room to gather feedback on the draft strategic plan.
- iv. The Chancellor will meet with UBSS October 9.
- v. The UBSS Executive Board has been discussing charges to University Committees.
- vi. UBSS will be sharing the staff survey results and next steps once major goals for the year are identified.

c. Faculty

- i. UFS has finalized staffing all University Committees. Catherine will send the final list to Giordana to update the website.
- ii. UFS has been framing the discussion regarding qualities of the new president around the following – we anticipate sharing these with the Chancellor on 10/8:
 1. Support the student success mission.
 2. Question the implementation of the access mission.

- 3. Experience in expected type of growth we are experiencing at UB.
 - iii. UFS discussed the new structure of the Provost Office
 - 1. Office of Academic Innovation, under new Associate Provost Brian Etheridge, includes CELTT, Honors and experiential learning.
 - 2. Handoff of student success functions from Provost Office to the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - 3. UFS will invite Brian Etheridge to a future meeting to discuss still evolving structure.
 - iv. UFS continues discussing the Enrollment Group report, specifically:
 - 1. We don't know why good students are leaving UB – possible focus groups to look at this issue.
 - 2. Daycare options at UB.
 - 3. It is not fair to judge UB solely on retention rates, without context.
 - v. .
 - vi. A subcommittee of the UFS will be looking at the plagiarism tutorial and redesigning it. That group could benefit from student input.
 - vii. The sophomore seminar will be approved in November as an integrative and bridging element to the major, emphasizing critical thinking.
- 4.** Meetings with the Chancellor – The exact purpose of the meetings with the Chancellor is not well understood. The Chancellor will talk about the process of selecting a new president. Governance groups should be ready to share desired qualities of new president.
- 5.** Revision of GSC Bylaws – GSC members worked in live document to update the bylaws based on the feedback received from constituent groups, particularly UBSS. Work was not completed and got tabled until the next meeting.

Submitted by Magui Cardona