

Meeting Minutes
Governance Steering Council (GSC)
October 10, 2013

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

The GSC was called to order at 12:43pm.

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous GSC meeting held on September 26, 2013 were approved with minor edits.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. Updates from the constituent bodies:
 - a. Students:
 - i. The Student Senate voted unanimously to support the Livesafe App as proposed and requested by Campus Safety
 - ii. The Student Senate voted unanimously to forward a request to the Faculty Senate to encourage their participation and feed back in the Maryland Open Source Text (MOST) initiative and participate in the event held at UMBC on November 5th introducing the technology. The request is for the faculty to send representatives to gather information in an effort to consider the adoption of open source text books.
 - iii. As of Wednesday October 2, 2013 the Student Senate is operating with a full senate.
 - iv. The ASGA conference was held Oct 4-6th with 9 attending members who will be sharing what they learned with the members who were unable to attend.
 - v. The constitution is under review in order to find an avenue for updating it so that it reflects the institutional knowledge that was gained after the first year of experience as a government association.
 - b. Staff:
 - i. The staff met with the Chancellor on 10/9 and provided their list of preferred characteristics in a new President
 - ii. A special session of the Staff Senate will be held to encourage discussion and dialogue about the University strategic plan on Friday, Oct. 11, to provide feedback to the Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee.
 - c. Faculty:
 - i. Sophomore Seminar will be returned from the individual School senates to the Faculty senate in November. This will make our programs more unique and instill a certain amount of academic rigor and quality enhancement.
 - ii. The UFS received and endorsed a 6th goal for the strategic plan concerning faculty research
 - iii. The UFS presented its approved list of qualities desirable in a University President to the Chancellor.

4. GSC members untabled the tabled changes from the previous meeting and made additional changes to the bylaws, preparing a final working document that will be posted for review by the constituent bodies. The GSC plans to vote the bylaws into effect at its next meeting on Oct. 24.
5. A successful motion to adjourn was adopted by the GSC at 1:57 p.m.