

# University of Baltimore Governance Steering Council

## MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24  
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
LAP 105

Attendance: JC Weiss, Stephanie Gibson, Keiver Jordan, Mariame Dangnokho, Keanuu Smith-Brown

### 1. Chair Report (5 minutes)

Please share resolutions with the GSC so we can review and support each other's initiatives  
Chair will request reports from the University committees

### 2. SGA Report (10 minutes)

No report given.

### 3. Staff Senate Report (10 minutes)

Discussed sick leave policy, and the budget discussion (elimination of CAS & Counseling Center).  
Office of Human Resources will present staff turnover at our next meeting.

### 4. Faculty Senate Report

The elimination of CAS is devastating news and a bad decision.  
There still seems like there is no plan to increase enrollment.

### 5. Old Shared Folders (5 minutes)

The Budget Committee folder should remain active.  
Eventually we should move everything to SharePoint.

### 6. Ombudsman (10 minutes)

Ombudsman documents appeals for staff, faculty, and students. A policy already exists for faculty for some scenarios.

Faculty Senate would like to send this to the Work-Life Committee. Stephanie Gibson will draft a charge for the Committee.

There's no budget to hire someone internally.

### 7. Budget Reduction (10 minutes)

How should Shared Governance respond to the closing of CAS? There are a lot of consequences to closing a school (processed rewritten, programs reworked, etc.).

There doesn't seem to be new marketing.

Some areas still have high budgets despite declining enrollments.

Data needs to be provided to validate decisions.

We should offer more winter/summer courses.

Should we prepare a list of questions?

Next GSC meeting is February 14; UFS is Feb 7, UBSS is Feb 12, SGA is Feb 7

Compile constituent concerns for Feb 14 GSC Meeting

SGA concerned about counseling center closing.

Alumni and Students need to address concerns. Administration will listen.

The EAP will replace counseling center to some degree. Might not be adequate but there is a temporary solution in place.

#### 8. Commencement Speakers

SGA don't feel involved.

Update sent to students for feedback.

The theme should be philanthropy.

Three speakers:

Executive Director of France Merrick Foundation (Amy Gross)

Carlyle Group David Rubenstein

Goldseker Foundation Matthew Gallagher

#### 9. Invite CFO

Invite Beth Amyot for introduction to GSC

#### 10. Minutes

Please review so we can vote