

University of Baltimore Governance Steering Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 14
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
LAP 105

Attendance: JC Weiss, Stephanie Gibson, Keiver Jordan, Mariame Dangnokho, Keanuu Smith-Brown, Darlene Smith, Beth Amyot, Barbara Aughenbaugh, Stefanie Shaffer, Sally Reed-Aro

1. Chair Report (5 minutes)

Hold until next meeting.

2. SGA Report (10 minutes)

Hold until next meeting.

3. Staff Senate Report (10 minutes)

Hold until next meeting.

4. Faculty Senate Report (10 minutes)

Hold until next meeting.

5. Work Life Committee Update (10 minutes)

Feedback from GSC – 4 charges

- Academic Year Calendar Request – post in advance (reference USM 5-year calendar)
- Information not always published and easily accessible
- We can post this online; good through spring 2022

Not clear for reporting, feedback, authority, etc; other charges are training for supervisors, ombudsman, and 1 more

- Issue is budgetary constraints

- Convener reports to E.T.

Committees should be reporting to GSC and ET; need to show USM that we are implementing an ombudsman

- Define ombudsman, what they do, and their responsibility

- Implementing in a variety of ways across USM schools

Results could have significant budgetary implications; not productive if nature and scope of recommendations are too high

- Chair or co-chairs should be affiliated with E.T. to ensure dialogue and so this doesn't occur
- GSC should write some processes

This is a good first step
Put on GSC agenda to write/clarify committee process
Subcommittee mapping out options but GSC expectations a little unrealistic
Committee research best practices of other universities, identify options, discuss with AAG, and
bring forth findings and possible recommendations
What is the timeline?
Expectations a little unrealistic; but this is a good first step
Can SGA appoint a student to committee?
Did you cover training update?
Not same problems with other topics as with ombudsman

6. Auxiliary Enterprises Services Update (15 minutes)

Four changes to discuss w/in Auxiliary Services

2 bookstore

1 shuttle

1 mail services

Bookstore: need senate support with communication

Bookstore is in Fitzgerald; close and move to SC

Student had concerns when it was in SC; taking these into consideration

It will close on June 30; relocate

Students want a relaxing space

Everyone wants different things from Student Center

Demand online is high; outsource textbook to Barnes & Nobles to MBM Direct (online arm of B&N)

Will price change as a result of it being online?

Yes, it's supposed to be cheaper; price match will go away

No textbooks, but it will be a campus store (UB items/apparel/supplies)

Concept is scaled down

Don't have design yet; they will visit with each senate with plans and documents

Feedback on how to contact students

Come to each senate; faculty will be concerned with ordering textbooks

Faculty process ordering should not change