University of Baltimore
Governance Steering Council

MINUTES

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

Present: James Hale, Keiver Jordan, Keanuu Smith-Brown, Mariame Dangnokho, JC Weiss, Stephanie Gibson, Darlene Smith.

Chair: Agenda Approved. Past meeting minutes will be distributed. Minutes are supposed to be rotated. No decision on Vice Chair.

Mariame will send Stephanie the names of students on committees.

SGA: Has passed 5-6 pieces of legislation so far this year. Met with career center regarding business cards for students. Looking into asking for free transcripts for all graduating students. Declare one day a year as Indigenous people’s day.

UBSS: CUSS glad there were no layoffs, glad furloughs not for those below 55K. Coppin is offering early retirement. We’re at 74%, Coppin at 120% per student. Invited Victoria Reid to 11/13 meeting. BOR awards will be announced soon. New category for Inclusion, Multiculturalism and Social Justice. John Brenner will probably be chair-elect and was invited to GSC meetings. Encouraged GSC members to attend other senate meetings to promote unity. The President asked us to lead the Maryland Charity campaign. We will be forming an ad hoc committee.

Faculty: What is the administrative fee for the charity campaign? Is better if you give directly to UB Foundation?

Staff: I will look into the fee. It is better if you give directly to the foundation because they will receive 100% of the money. We hope to get someone from Institutional Advancement on the ad-hoc committee to assist.

UFS: Passed spirit week resolution (students will pass bill highlighting spirit week, will have UB homecoming). September meeting included updates regarding the Facilities Master Plan and the Strategic Plan. We also discussed Strategic Program Analysis at length. Victoria Reid asked to focus on what’s going on now. Still need more detail on that. Made call for University Committees. Plan is to disseminate names to all chairs, will use names they have by this Friday.
Committee Membership: We agreed to get people who are interested. Non-exempt employees need permission from their supervisor. (They are not represented at Staff Senate.) Mary Maher is probably chairing Work-Life. Legislators have admitted they don’t read diversity report, goes directly to archives. System does read it.

New Business: Provost asking for enhancement over $1M funding from state. (Not supposed to ask for over $470K). Last year request was rejected, thinks this year is about 50-50. Usually related to programming. State has shortage of qualified professionals in certain careers, we can submit proposals showing how we will help reduce the gap. Is all related to workforce.