**University of Baltimore**
 **Governance Steering Council Agenda**
**January 21, 2022**

* **Introductions and Updates from Senates**
	+ President Schmoke
		- No updates
	+ Interim Provost Andersen
		- No Updates

* + Student Government Association
		- Passed a spending bill to add open doors for the admissions office
		- Passed a new constitution
		- Passed a resolution to have the Ubalt Reps removed from the USMSC and leaving the group. (There are some concerns from the school administration that will be discussed with SGA later before the resolution is sent to the USMSC).
	+ Student Bar Association
		- No updates
	+ UBalt Staff Senate
		- Held the first meeting since returning from winter break
		- Spoke a little on the status of Covid (Sally/Nicole spoke)
		- Still working on a resolution and it will be bought back up in the February meeting.
	+ UBalt Faculty Senate
		- Held the first meeting since returning from winter break
		- Discussed the SGA resolution on renaming a building after an African American
		- Discussion on enrollment, Covid and the communication on campus.
* **New Business or Discussion**
	+ SGA Resolution on Renaming a Building
* Is supported in theory but have concerns in the matter of technical terms (Stated that 32% of students support the idea of naming a building after a person of color), (The University would have to go to the USM Regents to get approval before it can be done).
* There are several policy guidelines and strong conditions when it comes to naming a building after someone. (Monetary generally is the #1 condition, but there are honorific conditions as well).
* There would need to be a balanced approached on how it would impact the University.
* Is it possible to survey the students again to get more student feedback and support behind the resolution?
* Having a conversation with Theresa about the possibilities
* Have more of a timely conversation for fundraising and it’s a chance for Ubalt to be a Change leader with this action.
* SGA President made a motion to form an exploratory committee around the resolution and it was voted on and passed. The committee would comprise of 1 Student, 1 Staff Member and 1 Faculty member.
* Coffee talk with Administrators
* Should the format be an open meeting or should it alternate between the different groups (Student, Staff, Faculty)
* The option of having a more informal approach to talk about what’s on your mind (Office Hour Approach)
* A more in-person format or having a suggestion box for someone that doesn’t want to be seen.
* Starting with a Zoom approach then moving to a in-person meeting and have them separate between students and faculty/staff.
	+ Post Spring Break Social Event
* It was suggested that we have an informal in-person event after dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic for the past two years
* Event would take place after spring break sometime in late April or May
* A possible poetry day on Gordan Plaza near the Poe Statue
* A suggestion of a collaborative art project where everyone can participate in it.
* There could be multiple events that lead up to the art project that could possibly be included in the inclusion alley project.
* More suggestions can be emailed in before the next meeting
	+ Next Meeting
* We will be discussing how the campus wide committees, are they working or not working.