**University of Baltimore Governance**
**Steering Council Minutes**
**April 16, 2021**

* **Regular Updates**
	+ President Schmoke
		- The regents have voted to give the chancellor the authority to make a mandate in consultation with the Presidents. A final vote by the regents will occur, there will likely be a special meeting about this as residential campuses need a decision soon. There is an assumption that a lawsuit might result if there is a mandate.
	+ Interim Provost Andersen
		- Thanks to everyone for a thoughtful calm year generally. People feel more heard and calm than anticipated. As an update on the academic portfolio, we have 44 programs some of which are certificates… the group concludes that there are limited cost savings from elimination. Deans are working to see more retirements, and there has been more collaboration across schools.
	+ Student Government Association President Khoshkepazi
		- Elections are concluding on Sunday
		- Resolution #28 – Renaming or naming a building for a person of color
			* President Schmoke noted that this would be a long term effort as the power to name buildings is governed by system policy
	+ Student Bar Association President Sasse
		- N/A
	+ UBalt Faculty Senate President Kiel
		- Completed the UFS governance survey from CUSF, continued to discuss ramifications of returning to campus and the budgetary situation. The end of the year for UFS will involved a number of votes on bylaws changes, programs, and a few policies. We are also implementing new annual reports from our committees.
	+ UBalt Staff Senate Vice Chair O’Keefe
		- We feel that this year our structure has been effective, as we’ve talked less but received more information. Our elections are proceeding (mostly the senators themselves) we also have some bylaws changes better definitions and inclusionary language
	+ End of the Year Report Meeting Finalization
		- Shared Governance leaders should invite their executive teams.
		- Pavan will send a reminder message to University committee chairs, before the end of the month.
* Bylaw and Foundational Documents (Voting)
	+ One important comment from staff about positions within GSC was that it would probably be unwise for students to be BOTH officers
	+ UFS suggests adding a more affirmative duty to report
		- Perhaps there should be regular planned GSC updates/reports to the whole campus
		- A report out from the joint meetings would be one good first step in this direction
	+ GSC Bylaws
		- PASSED unanimously with agreement to add a clause to the bylaws about communication related to publicizing the minutes
	+ GSC Committee Communication Structure Model
		- PASSED unanimously
	+ GSC Plan of Organization
		- Will need to be passed by two governance bodies by final May meetings to take effect.
		- Updates from the senates about the vote
			* On the last meeting agenda for the other groups
			* Approved by UFS in April meeting
* **Oversight Committee Follow Up Discussion**
	+ Review and discussion of the March Reports
		- It would help Kurt to have final summaries, which Pavan can ask for as chair
		- Identity
			* Final Report
				+ Nothing major to report, beyond a plan to achieve status as anchor institution and Carnegie classification by 2024. Pathways affirmed as was identity in community engagement and service learning, but this needs to be marketed
		- Enrollment Management
			* + There is an advisory board to strengthen partnerships being created. We are staying at shady grove min. 3 years. The reorganization has been completed and there is a strategic plan for enrollment in collaboration with SSSS. Targets are included in the report, more promotion will occur externally
		- Academic Portfolio
			* This was covered by the Provost earlier in the meeting
		- Student Experience and Marketing and Branding
			* Will be covered at the next meeting on 4/30
		- Financial Responsibility
			* Final Report
				+ Report submitted in writing and reviewed
		- Physical Environment
			* 8.1 has a good list of things to be thinking about, the modality decisions are very important. We must have in person programs, and it will take longer to create a plan to use space better.
			* 8.3 is very lengthy and detailed, discussion continues about delivering online instruction or flexibly and our improved training and readiness to do more.
			* President Schmoke plans to tie some of his goals to the work of these teams and thinks we might be able to make one time infrastructure investments