**University of Baltimore**
 **Governance Steering Council - Minutes**
**November 17, 2023**

* In Attendance
	+ UBFS – Kris Eyssell
	+ UBSS –Kate Anderson
	+ SGA – Peter Stevenson & Abedamarajo Olateru-Olagbegi
	+ SBA – Erin Esterson
	+ Ex Oficio – Mike Kiel
* Not In Attendance
	+ Kurt Schmoke (President)
	+ Ralph Mueller (Provost)
	+ John Brenner
	+ Helen Egata
* Approval of the Agenda
	+ Yes
* Approval of October Meeting Minutes
	+ Yes
* Introductions and Updates
	+ Peter – SGA
		- Anticipated gym and academic center reopening
			* Event planning
			* On campus student engagement
		- Academic policy
			* Grade appeals
				+ Heard by department chair, then dean of school (undergraduate)
				+ Department chair = professor? Conflict of interest?
		- International student issues 🡪 heathcare, class registration, discrimination
		- Question from Kris 🡪 Gym use
			* Peter 🡪 yes, Monday-Thursday after 4pm
				+ Temporary schedule for spring

Police will stop using gym at 3:30pm

(May not use our facilities after the semester)

* + - * + Faculty and staff can use gym as well
	+ Erin – SBA
		- SAC vote happened yesterday
			* Students in stark disagreement with administrators on fee raises
				+ Information sharing with students prior to the vote did NOT occur timely
			* Request that memo sent to Kurt/Ralph include more detail than just the majority vote
				+ Specifically, ALL students voted No or Abstain on each of the fee increases
				+ State-mandated committee with student representation MUST consider student voices, if not, what’s the point?
		- Peter 🡪 meeting scheduling on holidays, no time to review
			* Addendum for student disagreement
		- Mike 🡪 specific flag to Ralph and Kurt
			* Process for implementation of decision unclear for shared governance committees
			* (Ralph joined at this time)
			* Few bad actors, but UB makes decision making and implementation difficult
		- Peter 🡪 SGA voted NO on technology fee based on OTS getting rid of technology on campus, and NO on SSSS for graduate student stipends, uniformity across schools
			* Ralph 🡪 raise these questions in SAC discussion
			* Peter, Erin 🡪 they were, and not answered
			* Mike 🡪 include dissent in the minutes
			* Ade 🡪 note ALL student disagreement
			* Kate 🡪 GSC can do no more
	+ Ralph 🡪 no update
	+ Kate – Staff Senate
		- New employee welcomes
		- City College using our campus
		- Facilities Master Plan
			* Town Halls
		- Retention update
	+ Kris – Faculty Senate
		- SAT/ACT optional for one more year
			* Follow up to consider effect on student success
		- Recurring attendance at counseling/psychology program
		- Out of State Work Policy
* Old Business
	+ Out of State Work Policy
		- Kris 🡪 feedback needed from staff
			* Kate 🡪 sent at last SS meeting
		- Mike 🡪 another not clearly defined process
			* Ralph 🡪 we pretend to operate under Robert’s Rules
			* Al 🡪 committee meeting discussions at general meetings
* New Business
	+ SBA Resolution re: All-Gender Restrooms
		- Erin 🡪 passed through SBA House of Representatives following student requests and support, unsure of next steps but will follow up
		- Kris 🡪 when something comes from a committee, it’s considered moved and seconded
		- Kate 🡪 are governance bodies committees?
		- Mike 🡪 No?
		- Kate 🡪 each GSC body can review, and write resolution in support
	+ DEI Committee - Unconcious Bias Recommendations
		- University standing committee = moved and seconded
			* Mike 🡪 very thoughtful
			* Kate 🡪 GSC communicates motion to governing bodies to seek concurrence with recommendation