**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