**University of Baltimore**
 **Governance Steering Council - Minutes**
**October 20, 2023**

* In attendance
	+ UBFS – Kris Eyssell
	+ UBSS – John Brenner& Kate Anderson
	+ SGA – Peter Stevenson & Abedamarajo Olateru-Olagbegi
	+ SBA – Erin Esterson & Helen Egata
	+ Ex Oficio – Mike Kiel
	+ Ralph Mueller (Provost)
	+ Kurt Schmoke (President)
* Approval of the Agenda
	+ Yes
* Approval of September Meeting Minutes
	+ Yes
* Question from Peter 🡪 does GSC Finance Committee still exist?
	+ Mike/Kris 🡪 Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee
		- Has not been revived post-pandemic
		- Kurt 🡪 what role does it serve? Structure? How different from other committee functions?
		- Ralph 🡪 CFO open line of communication for participation
			* No reason to institute committee if GSC individuals would be involved anyway
		- Kate 🡪 remind constitutents of CFA meeting Monday mornings
			* Mike 🡪 share links to recordings in Faculty Senate
	+ Peter 🡪 Middle States involvement?
		- Ralph 🡪 Mike as shared governance leader, statement from Seante or GSC
* Introductions and Updates
	+ Kurt Schmoke
		- Campus climate on Israeli Palestinian conflict
			* Reactions to weekly President email
			* Nicole Murano’s sending Student Assistance resources
		- *Discussion*
			* Kate 🡪 appreciated that statement was made
	+ Ralph Mueller
		- Student Success Council active
			* Peter as council member
			* Draft proposal from deans for methods of supporting non-traditional students
			* Hope to propose action items for retention increase
	+ Peter – SGA
		- Work with Student Advisory Committee on gym
			* Proposed fee-per-credit contract to make existing gym in Academic Center functional
			* Working with Facilities Master Plan to produce new gym in Student Center
			* Not engaged with student population
				+ Events/Town Halls planned
		- Student feedback
			* professor office hours, grade appeal decisions
			* Must be unified across schools and colleges
		- Pitch of Fitzgerald facilities for student use
			* Kurt 🡪 will look into this
		- Survey regarding facilities
		- *Discussion*
			* Abedamarajo 🡪 health care for international students
			* Ralph 🡪 has meet with each governance body except SGA
	+ Erin – SBA
		- Bar Bowl
		- Student Advisroy Committee
		- Gender inclusive bathroom
	+ John – Staff Senate
		- He’s off today but he came because he loves us!
		- Updates after census in the Spring
			* Retention
		- Facilities Master Plan
			* We have a member
		- Vaccine clinic
			* At capacity 🡪 50 student vaccinated
			* Another event considered
			* Will keep GSC posted on SSSS
		- Halloween costume contest
			* Not only for staff
		- Middle States Accredidation
			* Needs students on standards
	+ Kris – Faculty Senate
		- Enrollment update, next month retention update
		- Remote work policy/work from out-of-state policy
			* Meeting on November 1
		- Over the summer, resolution passed without oversight
			* Problematic 🡪 work group to create procedures on academic policy/curriculum?
				+ Ralph 🡪 Jeff is determing what our policies are to collect them in one place, produce manual/flowchart
* Old Business
	+ GSC Bylaws and Governance Documents
* New Business
	+ Remote Work Policy
		- Staff Senate
		- John 🡪 no staff representatives, administrative NOT academic policy
			* Why weren’t staff asked to take part in this?
		- Kris 🡪 disband faculty work-life committee in favor of university work-life committee?
			* Mike 🡪 wanted to get rid of faculty work-life committee, but alas
			* Kris 🡪 in agreement that staff is affected as well
				+ Not just under purview of faculty
		- John 🡪 can staff be on faculty senate committee?
			* Mike 🡪 can’t be member without bylaws change
			* Committee could ask what they think?
			* Kate 🡪 a joint ad-hoc committee?
				+ Ralph 🡪 yes, of both Senates
		- Kris 🡪 get in touch with Mariglynn Edlins in College of Public Affairs, because committee is moving quickly
			* Kate 🡪 John and Kris should be able to establish joint ad-hoc committee?
			* Mike 🡪 not sure committee creation
			* Kris 🡪 Faculty work-life committee could work with staff
			* John 🡪 will check with Mariglynn Edlins
		- Peter 🡪 student work-life committee?
			* Is there a need for student on these work-life committees?
				+ Kris 🡪 same issue, only faculty on faculty work-life; must reach out to Mariglynn Edlins
		- Kurt 🡪 cannot implement policy without meaningful input from constitutents
			* Must be recommendation to administration, then implementation only after consultation
			* Kate 🡪 unity in interest in representation on interest
			* Kurt 🡪 SBA via ABA has individual standards for remote work
	+ Campus Safety and Security
		- Staff Senate
			* Kate 🡪 following incidents at Morgan and Bowie
		- Kurt 🡪 briefed by Chief Leone after merge of UB and UMD police departments, receives frequent updates
			* Kate 🡪 less general safety concerns, more response to active shooter events
		- John 🡪 spoke with Bobart, receives messages regularly
			* Active shooter planning and discussion of trainings
		- Peter 🡪 Stefanie Shaffer of UB Shuttle
			* App can track bus routes, numbers of students on board, etc
			* Authentication through UB account to ensure security?
			* Kurt 🡪 a card was produced for bus app
				+ Ralph 🡪 could use Bee Card to sign in/authenticate
		- Erin 🡪 it is campus safety concern, MV CEO murder
			* Kurt 🡪 Baltimore City police outside of reporting boundaries
			* If no information, cannot report
			* Mike 🡪 need to make more concrete suggestions
				+ People own guns
			* Ralph 🡪 street smarts, politically charged
			* Kate 🡪 Staff Senate: implement safety traning annually with Title IX training
			* Erin 🡪 will follow up with Bobart about lighting and security camera dead spots between walk from Fitzgerald garage and Law School
	+ Campus Climate Survey
		- Overdue, could be done through Middle States?
			* Fits with Ralph’s initiatves
		- Needs plan for frequency and information sharing
			* Ralph 🡪 will mention to Executive Team next week
			* Kurt 🡪 Shaffer center did survey with very low engagement
			* Ralph 🡪 people don’t want to be over-surveyed
			* Kurt 🡪 will provide update by the next GSC meeting 11/17
* Non-Agenda Items
	+ Abedamarajo 🡪 SGA not a part of any financial committees?
		- How can students get involved without student-facing financial committee
		- Kurt 🡪 should attend CFO meetings for updates
			* Student, faculty, and staff input
			* Implementing this approach rather than committee, can revisit after some time
		- Studends do not receive these updates in Daily Digests
			* Kris/Peter will follow up
			* Mike 🡪 could also be placed in university-wide calendar