**University of Baltimore – University Faculty Senate**

Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2013

Attendance:

**Senators:** Dan Gerlowski (MSB / UFS President); Stephanie Gibson (CAS); Christine Spencer (CPA ); John Callahan (CUSF); Julie Simon (CUSF); John Brenner (Adjunct Faculty); JC Weiss (MSB); Stanley Kemp (CAS); Catherine Johnson (Library/ UFS Vice President); Dennis Pitta (MSB); Jose Anderson (Law); Bob Bogomolny (University President); Jack Bates (CAS); Joseph Wood (Provost)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by UFS president Dan Gerlowski.

1. Approval of September Minutes  
 a. **Minutes approved unanimously**  
2. Approval of agenda  
 a. **Agenda approved unanimously**  
3. Provost Report  
 a. University will be participating in survey about perception of rank and tenure standards  
 b. Important to have conversation at the university level about appointment rank and tenure  
 c. Open session with Gene Rice at end of October  
 d. Sally- salary study initial data analysis by mid October, methodology by end of month, and will probably present in December meeting  
 e. There is a committee made up of faculty that assisted in Identification of comparable institutions, which they will return to  
4. President’s Report  
 a. Reasonably good budget numbers operating numbers of all units unchanged  
 b. Remains to see what the effects of the shutdown and the debt ceiling fight  
 c. But the models suggest a loss to the state university budget of 10 million dollars  
 d. Preliminary enrollment information shows that the school is relatively flat  
 e. Planned downsizing of law school, over university didn’t convert returning students as they had hoped, flat enrollment at business school  
 f. Bob Parson’s donation to start Veterans Center at UB  
 i. Event on Nov. 11  
 ii. Setting up support for veterans (groups)  
 iii. Temporary location is old Honors Suite  
 iv. Hiring a coordinator  
 v. Coordinator will be based in CAS and will be in applied behavioral sciences   
 vi. Law Clinic will expand to run a veterans law clinic  
 vii. 3 yr grant - Very consistent with the university mission and will try to arrange for sustainable funding into the future, lots of money available from veterans group  
 g. Presidential transition  
 i. Chancellor having a series of meeting with various campus groups  
 ii. As a general rule half of the search committee are faculty/staff  
 iii. Hoping to have a president in place by August 1st, meeting with the chancellor on October 8th  
5. John Callahan: Proposal— proposes a resolution to call for an immediate end to shutdown and a raise to the debt ceiling  
 a. **Resolution unanimously approved** and will be sent to congress and to our representatives   
 b. Provost: the impact on MD also extends to education in MD     
5. EMSA (Enrollment) report moved to November  
 a. Proposed to have meeting on Nov. 13  
6. Prior Learning Document  
 a. Referred to October meeting of Academic Policy Committee  
7. Sophomore Seminar  
 a. Mike Kiel presented about this and the details behind the sophomore seminar  
 b. should be part of the revised general education structure and should not affect major requirements or credits  
 c. Will be required for any student entering the university with 45 credits or less  
 d. This replaces the computer literacy requirement in general education because computer fluency is distributed throughout the curriculum and digital natives  
 e. Motion proposed to send to college faculty senates  
 f. **Motion passes—1 opposed**  
 g. To be reported back on November agenda  
8. Counseling Psychology Science Track  
 a. A preparatory track for students going on for a doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology b. Motion to accept the program  
 c. **Motion unanimously approved**  
9. Resolution to Establish a Retired Faculty Association  
 a. Serving to keep retired faculty engaged, in touch, and communicating

b. Sloan foundation money was received to support faculty reaching retirement and this is very important to the reputation of the university at the university level

c. **Motion unanimously approved**  
10. Research Council - Revision of recommendations of the research council of the research climate survey  
 a. Research climate survey  
 i. Brought up that we have not had a chance to bring back revision and documents to schools  
 ii. President said we need to change the operation of the committee   
 iii. Motion to Send to individual senates and report back at November member  
 iv. **Motion unanimously approved**  
 b. Promotion of Goal 6 of strategic plan  
 i. Strategic plan goal six about scholarship, research and creative activities   
 ii. Motion to endorse and send to strategic planning committee  
 iii. **Motion unanimously approved**  
11. Faculty Senate Briefings  
 a. MSB  
 i. MSB interim dean has arrived from Carroll university  
 ii. MBA redesign is underway, a reevaluation of what is being taught and delivered   
 iii. Mainly about obtaining new market share   
 iv. Improving economy has brought increases in applications at MBA programs country wide  
 v. Improving communications between Towson and UB and this is a good thing  
 b. College of Public Affairs  
 i. Next meeting in a few days  
12. Course Repeats  
 a. Motion to approve clarify the repeat replace policy  
 b. **Motion unanimously approved**

The president and provost were excused from the remainder of the meeting to give the senate an opportunity to discuss desirable characteristics in a new university president.

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 200 pm.**