

Present: Sydney Comitz, Dan Gerlowski, Giordana Segneri

Not Present: Margarita Cardona, Michael Carrington, Catherine Johnson

Pre-meeting Announcements

All meetings are to be held in BC431

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from Wednesday, June 19, 2013 are approved.

Approval of Agenda:

The Agenda for Wednesday, July 3, 2013 was approved with the addition of campus wide committee discussion as #10.

Final Review of GSC By-laws:

Changes to be made by category:

“Meetings”

1. Change dates to meetings held from August through June
2. Separate the first and second sentence from “B”
3. Under “a” change 4 to 3
4. Add little “f” – The agenda must be approved and voted on prior to each meeting

“Operating Policies”

1. “a” hand off meeting shall take place in May
2. Switch the order of “b” and “c”
3. “c” new officers will be elected at the June meeting

“Bylaws Provisions”

1. “B” change “member” to “meeting” and “two –thirds of GSC members’ approval”

Updates from constituent bodies:

- a. Students: The students are currently working on setting the agenda for the coming year as well as planning their welcome back week event. A meeting with the University System of Maryland Student Council, USMSC, introducing UB to the statewide objectives for the year has been held.
- b. Staff: The UBSS held its annual retreat June 21 to include all outgoing and incoming senators. The staff representatives from the university committees attended the first half of the retreat or, if they were unable to attend, submitted reports before the retreat. At the retreat, the UBSS developed three documents that outlined their accomplishments/challenges, finalized meeting procedures, and provided a plan of action for the coming year. A survey is being composed based on the plan of action to determine the priority and primary initiatives of the upcoming year for the staff senate.

c. Faculty: The secretary has resigned from the secretary position. The focus has been on defining “student success.” An assessment of senior leadership is being discussed with the intention of involving the president and provost and possibly inviting student and staff groups if they would like to participate. The goal is to provide long-term feedback on the direction leadership is moving. Project “bull pen” – a system for better sharing academic and policy proposals across campus – has been discussed with Provost and OTS representatives. If completed it should remove some of the confusing twists and turns documents make along the approval process. They are also reviewing budget allocations.

Enrollment Study Group: The following are discussion points the group made based on the research of the enrollment study group.

- The study appears to define student success as persistence rather than prosperity
- Executive committee has already implemented 12 recommendations
- It is recommended to pull out the most relevant information and share it with the respective constituent groups
- Put together a list of detailed questions to send to the authoring group
- The metrics regarding developmental coursework indicate that credit hour completion is taking place for all students; however, other studies have shown that developmental coursework is, in many cases, being postponed by students as they progress through their programs of study

Strategic Plan:

The draft strategic plan has been updated per feedback from the Executive Committee; it is recommended that we wait for the new draft to be shared before the GSC gives feedback. The strategic plan goal #5 proposed by the Diversity and Culture Committee can be tied into the enrollment growth/student success and preferred work place goals (#1 & 4). Dan will contact Karla Shepherd.

Discussion of University Budget Information:

Charge the budget committee to answer the question “which of these budget items promote student success on campus?” The budget committee’s response will be required by August 2.

University Committee Membership:

September 5 deadline is set for each senate to submit its list of committee representatives. The committees will meet with GSC for their committee reports on the following dates:

- September 12 Budget committee
- September 26 Diversity and culture committee
- October 10 Facilities committee
- October 24 Work life committee

Further Specification of Committee Charges:

UBSS has brought forth a recommendation that GSC clarify the roles and responsibilities of ex-officio members to the University committees. It was agreed that this clarification does not fit

into the GSC bylaws; instead, GSC should develop a “clarification” document that can serve as an addendum to the Plan of Organization.

The budget committee may need to focus more efforts on recommending the direction of spending in a bigger picture sense.

New Business:

- Commencement meeting with Dean Anderson will be conducted over lunch (July 12) and invitation is open to student input.