

GSC Meeting – 9/26/14

Attendance:

Students: Sydney Comitz,

Faculty: Dan Gerlowski, Catherine Johnson

Staff: Kristen Tull, Bill Schnirel

Called to order: 12:36 p.m.

Agenda – Established at meeting

1. Approval of the minutes –Please give date of prior meeting.
2. Reports
 - UFS Report
 - SGA Report
 - UBSS Report
3. Recap from meeting with the President
4. Communications with Miriam King
5. Title IX Meeting Request
6. Committees
7. Data – SGA (Sydney) and UFS (Dan), then comments/questions

1. Minutes, were accepted with tracked changes. Sydney will send the final copy to the GSC.
2. Senate Reports
 - UFS –
 - Emergency meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9/24. This was the most well-attended meeting, with over 30 people in attendance in addition to Senators
 - The purpose of this meeting was to distribute the email from Dean Laura Bryan (which speaks for President Schmoke). This email makes some proposals and has a draft freshman admissions guidelines document. Please attach email and document to these minutes.
 - UFS responded with two actionable motions:
 - Call for admissions standards for freshman for the entering class of fall 2015 to be discussed/formatted on Wednesday October 1, 2014
 - Call for faculty inclusion in the “Strategic Enrollment Team” (SET) to answer the longer-term enrollment strategy issues. UFS demanded a sound faculty presence on SET.
 - Next meeting is on 10/1. UFS fully believes they will have some analysis of the data to begin the analytical work to support the SET effort.
 - SGA –

- Broken down the committees into platforms (for University and statewide initiatives). The committees have been meeting weekly.
- SGA is looking at the data that was provided by Miriam King.
- SGA has not released an official stance on the freshman. It may be helpful to seek the guidance of someone on GSC with assistance with an official stance.
- SGA asked for staffing and end-of-year reports. A concise answer was not given on what the open positions in EMSA are and what the statuses of these positions are.
- Miriam made a presentation on the enrollment study and the overall history of the freshman program (post-GSC meeting). Much of this information brought up more questions than answers. Annual reports were not provided. A long data conversation may be forthcoming or may be directed to a committee.
 - GSC acknowledges that SGA has asked for very specific data and has not been given this data. Motion made to move to agenda item number 4 and request that Bill leave room for that discussion. Motion approved. The record will reflect that Bill abstained and abided by the motion and left the room..
- Maryland Open Source Textbooks and Sexual Assault platforms. SGA is trying to get the “It’s on Us” campaign to UB.
- UBSS –
 - UBSS Executive Board met on 9/25.
 - A memo to HR will be sent out to request feedback on communication between HR staff and the chair of the ad hoc Staff Awards Committee, as well as on BOR awards and UB Staff Awards.
 - The next meeting will be on 10/13.

3. Recap from meeting with the President –

- Much has been discussed throughout other areas in the minutes.

4. Communications –

- Motion that the GSC makes a resolution to be sent to Kurt and Miriam (Bill abstained and was asked to leave the room).
 - Discussion: The resolution will call for a mediation process to work through the communication issues that have evolved between the Vice President of EMSA and the President of SGA.
 - The language stating this resolution will be distributed among the GSC members within the next few days for approval.
- There is no accountability for the higher administration to follow-through with requests from the shared governance groups and the GSC. This will be considered a separate issue from the proposed resolution.

- Following this discussion, Bill returned to the meeting.
5. Title IX Meeting Request –
- GSC members have been asked to meet separately with Anita on Title IX.
 - We would like to propose that we all meet together (all members GSC) to discuss this. The proposed date is Monday, October 20th at 11:00 a.m.
6. Committees –
- The Communication Process: Senates and Committees document will be amended to reflect the proposed changes. The proposal will state “Committees must achieve a quorum to act. A quorum will consist of four of the six total elected members.”
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Please send Bill the list of the elected committee members.
7. Data Discussion –
- Data discussion is ongoing and will be sorted through to be submitted to the SET. The committee has access to all data on campus and has been working on proposal for faculty admission standards for fall 2015. This information will be shared with the GSC.
 - Any request for data should be sent to the committee, as it pertains to strategic enrollment.
 - Some questions include: do freshman really go to UB for free and what finances are dedicated to freshman.
 - As far as student performance goes, someone comes up with a number (example, 8% graduation rate) and someone comes up with an objection to the number. We need to be careful to make sure that there are at least two data sources to talk about freshman and student behavior:
 - 1) data reported to Maryland – first-time, full-time freshman; this is different by the number of freshman on campus.
 - 2) the state definition of freshman differs from ours; we define freshman differently – we have part-time freshman and freshman who enter with less than 24 credit hours

Adjournment: 1:59 p.m.