

# Staff Senate Meeting November 2, 2017 President's Boardroom Saratoga 14th Floor

#### Call to Order

Brought by President Hillary Anne Edwards

#### **Attendees**

<u>Voting Members:</u> Amanda Azuma, Colette Beaulieu, Steven Boggs, Kent Buckingham, Mikki Coleman, Hillary Anne Edwards, Sharese Essien, Susan Holt, Malinda Hughes, Carl Jackson, Riham Keryakos, Nicole Miskimon, Janet Nance-Richardson, Jessica Rowe, Kaya Smith, Yan Sun, Lois Warner, Kevin Watson <u>Alternate Members:</u> Mary Beth Gallico, Monica Martinez

<u>Absent Members:</u> Kiscia Cannon, Danielle Ward, Angela Hall, Bill Crockett

### **Welcome Guests**

- Captain Martinez Davenport, Interim Chief of UMB Police
- Captain Dameon Carter, Department of Public Safety
- Laurelyn Irving, Ombudsperson

#### **Guests Remarks**

Captain Martinez Davenport, Interim Chief of UMB Police

- Crime has occurred during October.
- Starting to patrol campus borders more visibly
- Question (Sharese) Observing officers on HSF 3 are no longer posted.
  - o (Chief Davenport)They are now patrolling/walking instead of being in one location.
  - (Captain Carter) Being proactive and expanding the investigation unit to help fight crime.
- Question (Riham) Pedestrian traffic and issues with motor vehicles
  - (Chief Davenport) They will speak with Baltimore City police concerning traffic lights and timing that may create traffic.
- Kudos (Yan) Thank you for keeping our campus safe
- (Chief Davenport) Introduction of Captain Carter who has retired from Baltimore city to UMB Campus Police. More info found in the <u>ELM</u>.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Bruce Jarrell name correction
- Motion to approve by Steven Boggs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Holt

# **Guest Speaker**

Laurelyn Irving, Ombudsperson

- Provides demographic numbers on who comes to see her based on the following categories:
  - Schools worked
  - o Race/Ethnicity
  - o Gender
  - o Categories of concerns
  - o 68% are staff
  - Major concerns are peer and managerial relationships, along career development.

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- Finds promotion of her position and office benefits is better through speaking with schools and departments directly.
- Encourages Staff Senate to help get the word out.
- Question (Riham) How far down do you specify the demographic information?
  - Top level as to keep confidentiality
- Question (Riham) Do you help solve problems or give recommendations?
  - Yes, but not all things can be solved by me (Ombudsperson).
- Question (Mary-Beth) Do you provide referrals?
  - Does referrals, but helps people feel safe in their issues by being a liaison of communication if needed without identifying the person in need.
- Question (Mary-Beth) Do you work with HR?
  - Yes but is not a part of HR or EAP. Independent resource, "if you don't know where to go I am a good place to start."
- Question (Yun) Do you keep documentation?
  - o All notes are hand written. If there is only one visit it is shredded within a month
  - o If there is a continuing file then it is locked. Nothing is stored on electronically.
- Question (Monica) What if you are subpoenaed
  - o Is under a law of protection, therefore can still keep confidentiality.
- Question (guest) what sparked the need
  - o They have been around for years and is considered a best practice.
  - o Provides a safe place for people to come and discuss issues
- Question (Hillary) Do you provide workshops (i.e. conflict management)
  - o Yes, has been done with research groups and can be done other places when asked.
  - o (Mary-Beth) Is it in relation to integrity and ethics?
    - Yes

#### **New Business**

- Craft Fair (Monica)
  - Please sign up for promoting at the Staff Senate table
  - o Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at SMC Campus Center
- We got swag (Riham)
  - o Bags and pens are available with Staff Senate logo
- Idea (Lois)
  - Promote Staff Senate meetings along with their attendance
  - Provide buttons for those who are running for Staff Senate during elections
- Suggestion Future Agenda Speakers (Hillary)
  - Community Engagement Center (CEC)
  - o Robin Saunders, CURE
  - Jeff Ash, Nursing Diversity Inclusion
  - o MJ Tooey, Library
  - Flav Lilly, Associate Dean of Graduate School
  - o Email other suggestions
- Suggestion (Kaya) Shared Governance Top level meeting
  - o (Colette) Meeting/retreat was 2 years ago, another should occur
- Town Halls (Sharese)
  - o Open Staff Forum with Pharmacy Nov 15th
    - Dean Eddington



- HR Representative
- Campus Police Representative
- Anonymous Q and A form to supply
- Encourage other schools and department to have town halls

## **Executive Committee (Hillary)**

- Nothing to report
- Working with Policy to make sure By-Laws are followed properly

## University Life (Kaya)

- Anonymous survey
  - Survey has been looked over by Greg Spengler. Approves edited format.
  - Suggested edits have been completed.
  - Will send preview to members before distribution.

## **Community Outreach (Lois)**

- Thanksgiving Totes are being distributed to different location
- Ideas on how to keep the toes in a visible place without it being moved or considered trash
- (guest) There is a process to let campus center know that totes and boxes are in place along with HOPE

# Policy (Nicole)

- By-Laws will be reviewed to ensure if they need to be changed or enhanced.
- MPowering, the College Park and UMB collaboration program, will have a presentation in December meeting.
  - o Procurement, HR and IT are affected by joint efforts.

### **Communication (Riham)**

- We have swag
- Communication for various drives and events will be posted to the ELM, E-Boards, and Staff Senate distribution list.

## **BOR (Hillary)**

- All University Presidents video will not happen in time, due to scheduling conflicts
- Nominees for the BOR are recognized differently on different campuses
  - UMB recognized during staff luncheon
- However, nominators should also be recognized for working on nominee's application. It is a lot of work.

## **CUSS**

- There will be a shared governance survey. More details TBD

## Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting by Lois Warner, seconded by Nicole Miskimon

Minutes submitted by: Kaya Smith, Secretary