

University Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
 Friday, April 15, 2022
 1:30 p.m. | President's Conference Room

Attendance:

Name	Attended	Name	Attended	Name	Attended
Skott Brill	absent	Brianna Mercer*	absent	Cynthia Smith	✓
Albert Delia	✓	Amy Nightengale	absent	Artie Travis	✓
Troy Donoway	✓	Bradford Nixon	✓	Donnell VanSkiver	✓
Johnston Hegeman	✓	Ronald Nowaczyk	✓	Ariyana Ward*	absent
John Lombardi**	absent	Ismerai Reyes Zuniga*	absent	Robin Wynder	absent
Michael Mathias	✓	Kristian Robinette	✓		
Suzanne McCoskey	✓	John Short	✓		

*SGA Representatives: Julie Southard, Rachael Michalski

**Faculty Senate Vice Chair: Justin Dunmeyer

- I. Call to Order at 1:32 p.m.
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2022
- IV. Idea Center Presentation (Dr. Hegeman and Mr. Pelesky)
 - A. In agreement to move forward with idea. Will work to roll it out over the summer as a pilot program.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. UCDEI (Dr. Travis for Ms. Wynder)
 1. Working on several programs
 2. Bobcats against Bias week successfully completed.
 3. Faculty, staff, and students recently participated in a 3-day NCBI workshop.
 - B. BAC (Dr. Mathias & Mr. Donoway)
 1. Open Forum will be held on 4/20 at 3:00 p.m. in Compton 224. A virtual attendance option will be made available. Survey results will be shared and FY22/FY23 budget will be discussed.
 2. Next steps will be to determine the future need of BAC will be and if it will still be needed. Potential to streamline in with other committees as much of the reported information is the same.
- VI. Governance Unit Updates
 - A. Faculty Senate (Dr. Dunmeyer)
 1. Passed to make permanent the Hate Bias syllabus statement.
 2. Passed modification to make permanent a new office hours policy. This update will include the ability to have hybrid office hours for those teaching online, even if only part-time.
 3. Supported CUSF resolution surrounding student mental health.
 - B. SGA (Ms. Michalski/Ms. Southard)
 1. Campus location for Muslim students to pray. SGA office has been made available until a more permanent space can be found. Muslim student population is growing and spaces for them to be able to pray and practice their religion are needed on campus. Student Affairs is working with SGA to scout locations.

2. Performing arts students (extracurricular groups) are concerned about their practice and event space. They are asking for alternative performance spaces. Dr. Travis and Dr. Mathias are working with SGA and the performing arts students on a solution. Dr. Nowaczyk would like to review the usage schedule of the dance studio. Dr. Travis will provide that next week. SGA will bring forward to the upcoming event space meeting.
 3. Mid-term warnings: students would like those to be extended to the higher level courses and not limited to the GEP, 100, and 200 level courses. SGA will bring forward to the Academic Standards Committee.
- C. Staff Senate (Dr. Hegeman)
1. Hate Bias policy was discussed at the last meeting. Was extended to the constituency for feedback. Dr. Graham and Mr. Nixon have been invited to the next Staff Senate Workgroup meeting to provide insight and guidance.
- VII. Division Updates
- A. Vice Presidents
1. Dr. Mathias
 - i. USM is working on revising 2 system policies surrounding standardized testing for admissions.
 - ii. USM is working on a professional conduct policy for faculty.
 - iii. USM will be convening faculty and healthcare leaders in the region to discuss concerns in health disparities and equity. (May 9th)
 - iv. Continuing to enhance contracts with partner schools.
 - v. Meeting often with ACPS to discuss dual enrollment options. Also discussing programs surrounding the Chinese Immersion Programs in ACPS.
 - vi. Working with admissions to improve enrollment for Latinx students.
 - vii. Very successful Admitted Student Day.
 - viii. Monday will be the rescheduled campus visit day from last month that was canceled due to inclement weather.
 - ix. Site visits for accreditation are underway.
 2. Mr. Donoway
 - i. Lincoln Center is making progress to transition to the multicultural center. The hope is to open the building in Fall 2022.
 - ii. Close to taking over ownership of City Hall to transition to the Challenger Center. This will be on the consent agenda at the next Board of Regents meeting in 2 weeks. Once this is done, renovations can begin.
 - iii. Having some difficulty backfilling positions. Working with the VPs to determine what positions are needed.
 - iv. \$10M was received for facilities renewals.
 3. Dr. Travis
 - i. Student Affairs has recently gone through a reorganization. Currently working to fill one vacancy in CAPS.
 - ii. Julie Southard's name has been forwarded to MHEC.
 - iii. PLC for next academic year is beginning its selection process.
 - iv. May 7th is Beautify the Burg.
 - v. Book Giveaway is currently underway.
 - vi. Bobcat Fee Advisory Committee will meet next week to discuss 3 new potential fees.
 4. Mr. Short
 - i. Raised over \$145K through Annual Giving Day.

- ii. Campaign reaching \$25M.
 - iii. Work with Ologie is coming to a close.
 - iv. Have awarded over \$10M in CARES Act funding over the past 2 years. The funds are now exhausted so there will be no further awards.
5. Mr. Delia
- i. Legislative session is now concluded for the year. We received \$5M for our regional recreational complex. (The total project will likely cost about \$70M.)
 - ii. Legislator also created the George C. Edwards fund. It is a pilot program providing \$60M for economic development in Western MD.
 - iii. Western MD will also receive an additional \$50M for economic development from the state government.
 - iv. Brookings Institution partnership in the works that would provide funding
 - v. Will be touring the newest Challenger Center in Pottstown, PA next week. Work continues toward our Challenger Center development in the old Frostburg City Hall building.
 - vi. Received the Power Grant. Working through approvals to be able to spend the grand funds. This will be retroactive to 4/6/2022.
 - vii. Chancellor Perman will be visiting campus next Friday. This will include a roundtable discussion with area business leaders.
 - viii. Preparing to submit a grant for the renewable microgrid. Now moving into the implementation phase. Hopeful to receive a new grant to fund part of the project and potentially obtain funds from private donors.
- B. President Nowaczyk
- 1. Chancellor will be visiting on 4/22. Will have opportunities to meet with faculty, staff, and students in varying capacities as well as other planned activities.
 - 2. Faculty and Staff Senates have been asked to provide feedback on employee well-being. Ideas on how help can be provided are encouraged.
- VIII. Discussion Items
- A. Hate/Bias Policy Input from Governance Groups
 - 1. Governance units are currently still reviewing the policy and obtaining feedback.
 - B. Strategic Planning Initiatives and Summer Meeting Date
 - 1. 7/25, 7/28, or 8/4. Mrs. VanSkiver will reach out to the governance units leaders to get feedback on what date works best.
- IX. Adjournment at 2:56 p.m.

Next meeting: September 2022

Submitted by: Donnell H. VanSkiver, CAP, MEP, OM
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