

Minutes for iSchool Assembly Friday, April 11, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. McKeldin
Library Room 6137

Preliminaries

- Call to order - Move Gregg, Second Keith
 - 9:34am Start
- Review and approval of minutes from March 1:
 - https://ischool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/2019.03.01minutes.pdf
- Review and approval of this agenda
 - Gregg Moved
 - Andy Seconds movement

Assembly Items

- Special Guest: University President Dr. Wallace Loh
 - Remarks
 - Congratulations of being in the top 10 and hosting the iConference
 - Recognises the iSchool's bold vision for the strategic plan and understands the need for resources, the iSchool has demonstrated amazing growth
 - Cannot ignore groups of people or leave people behind, we need to figure out services.
 - State funding comments
 - Call for share on concerns and suggestions
 - Question:
 - How is the University responding to the Amazon HQ2 as a state institution?
 - Has met with Amazon senior leadership and is talking with them about how to work with the University of Maryland and not compete. Working on an outreach story in a public way to make sure people know about the University and open space across from HQ2. Thinking about what content to provide there.
 - Baltimore Sun article covered decreased enrollment of African American students
 - Stats show freshmen have decreased.
 - 1\4 th of new students are transfers. The transfer enrollment of these groups are at an all-time high.
 - Specific outreach is being targeted to the decreased groups. Calls to help ensure recommendation letters are received and applications nare completed.

- The longer trend shows a repeated dip and recovery, but why this occurs is not known for the drop in freshman and increase in transfers. Some theories, but we need to look at the broad picture and trends.
 - We now have the highest graduation rate for all students and African Americans ever. 7% among the highest in the nation.
 - What is the University doing in strategy for work on Endowment or other Funding sources to address risk of source?
 - Capital Campaigns - good progress
 - Could raise tuition, but not intended. Differential tuition for specific areas a few years ago.
 - Efficiencies, use the campus in the summer. Such as require one summer semester enrollment in the multiple years here.
 - Partnerships with other institutions like collaborative contracts.
 - Accreditation Committee - review of activities. Glowing review two years ago, then news about board overreach in the University operations. Report and conclusion is going in front of board in June. Accreditation status could be on remain accredited, warning, probation, or remove accreditation.
- Dean's Update [Keith]
 - iConference largest iconference ever (600 attendees)
 - Token of appreciation presented to iConference organizers at the iSchool
 - HCIL Symposium 225
 - Cyber Executive Summit
 - IMLS-funded working on Developing Computational Frameworks for Library and Archival Education (50+ attendees)
 - Social Justice Day coming soon
 - Spread across multiple spaces and multiple colleges (5 colleges join higher, talking about criminology joint hire)
 - We are now Fall 2019
 - 32-33 tenure track
 - 33 Professional Track
 - 34 Staff
 - 50 Adjuncts
 - Grew from 75 to 96 excluding adjuncts
 - Enrolled now at number of enrolled students
 - 980 BISI
 - 300-350 MLIS
 - 50-65 MIM
 - HCIM 80-100
 - 50 PHD
 - Communications growth from 5670 to 35,883 contacts
 - Has CRM for the contacts
 - Publications being sent

- iStar (monthly)
 - Bulletin (weekly)
 - Alumni Quarterly Newsletter
 - Information Insider Quarterly
- New developments
 - Strategic Plan - coming soon if you have not seen it yet
 - iConsultancy
 - Developing via Bill Kules
 - New Undergrad program
 - Certificate Programs
 - Still being discussed how to do them well and strategically.
 - Crystal City Location 5-10,000 sqft - capstones, UX, others
 - iSchool gaining a presence along with Business, CMNS, ??? to join in this space by President Loh
 - Still exploring in next few weeks.
 - Space
 - Negotiating for more space, TBD location. Know more in less than a month. Move estimated Jan 2020.
- Questions?
 - How does Virginia feel about offering classes in Virginia?
 - They are aware and discussions are going on.
 - What would be the timeframe for re-opening the Crystal City location?
 - Estimated by Summer 2019, unsure when programs would start.
- Update on ALA Accreditation [Paul] 10:45am
 - Accredited specifically in the Master of Library in Information Science Specifically (MLIS / MLS)
 - Due to college structure all people/programs will have asks as ALA views entire college as related to the MLIS.
 - Please fill out at earliest convenience.
 - Ranking is for the MLIS program for iSchools ranking
 - Accreditation lasts for 7 years, always been accredited since 1965
- Announcements 10:55am
 - Keith - Fill out the Thriving Workspaces Initiative survey! Search for Gallup.
 - Jeff Waters - Reminder Graduation is Next Month, will send email with logistics info. Additional reminder is August 21st for Grad orientation.
 - Dan Christopher - 2019 Alumnus of the Year Event on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at The Whittemore House in DuPont Circle. Keith will be presenting the Distinguished Terrapin Award. Open to all, RSVP.
 - Kibbi -
 - [Francisco Ruiz](#)
 - Advisor at Shady Grove
 - [Abner Montfleury](#)
 - Academic program specialist at Shady Grove

- Gregg Vanderheiden - Is campus interested in MacArthur Trust Grant around inclusion? \$100 Million in funding First deadline is coming up.
 - Dan Christopher will check with University Relations if there is activity
- Katy Lawley - Faculty Intro
 - [Susanna Paletz](#)
 - [Sergii Skakun](#)
- Emily Dacquist - Maryland Day Reminder - April 27th, 2019 10AM-4PM
- Gregg - Attention back to iConference Awards with Clocks
- Paul Jaeger - Maryland Day has been a **big recruiting day for the programs**
 - Call to Faculty to come to help explain the BSIS program
- Katy - APT is in HBK 2119
- Keith -
 - We have two new Associate Professors
 - [Jessica Vitak](#)
 - [Ricky Punzalan](#)
 - We have one new Full Professor
 - [Nicklas Elmqvist](#)

Adjourn - APT to follow immediately after
Vedat Diker Motions to Adjourn
Gregg Vanderheiden seconds motion

12:00 pm - Lunch in Hornbake North from Krazi Kabob