Agenda for iSchool Assembly

Friday, March 4, 2022 - 9:30 am ET

Location: ESJ 2204 and Online (Zoom)

**Preliminaries**

● Call to order

● Review and approval of minutes from March [[link](http://internal.ischool.umd.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/March-2022-Assembly-Minutes.docx)]

● Review and approval of this agenda

**Assembly Items**

*1. Dean’s Update [Keith]*

* iSchool commons are becoming an educational space – different labs, areas to serve whole university. HVAC will be updated, but unsure when. When it starts it will majorly disrupt us for 6-9 months.
* Work also being done on 2nd floor and 4th floor
* We will see progress and also disruption!
* Keith’s number one conversation with the Provost is space, and she says that this is her priority. It is possible we will get [undisclosed location]!!
* Wave of anti-LGBTQIA legislation is sweeping the issue. This is a human rights issue. We all have the responsibility to uphold human rights. Renee will be holding a “Let’s talk about this” session on this topic.

*2. Maryland Day and Commencement updates [Sarah G]*

* Exciting things are coming at Maryland Day!!
  + Activities like story time, PRIZE WHEEL, info about our programs
  + You can fill out cards about what you love at the iSchool and there is also a book drive [Drop off at iSchool Commons at Hornbake 0300 OR Patuxent 2106A], or Sarah can pick up from your office
  + Need helpers for Maryland Day! Contact Sarah to help.
* Commencement is coming ­– and there will be coffee to support us at this early hour
  + Make sure to rent regalia in time.
  + Staff help needed for commencement.
  + No tickets but students must fill out RSVP forms about how many guests they will bring by 4/8
  + Direct students and parents to ischoolevents@umd.edu

*3. Nominating Committee Presentation of Candidates [Katy L]*

* The nominating committee has been hard at work selecting nominees. Katy presented the slate so far. Notes that there is room on all tenure track positions for College advisory council
  + Discussion: Jonathan Lazar: happy to serve again, but this is a fun role so others deserve a chance
  + Victoria Van Hyning: Can you elaborate on fun?
  + JL: It is a congenial group, we get to hear about the budget and meet people, as well as an overall view of what is going on in the college, it is a way to get out of the silos.
* Katy asks College advisory committee to talk about this position
  + Caro Williams-Pierce: The group meets monthly but does not need to. Not a heavy lift unless you are a chair or co-chair. You get to see interesting complications and issues from the dean, and this is useful for when you are new to the iSchool in particular.
  + Beth St. Jean: Are meetings in person or Zoom?
    - Caro: Have been meeting fully virtually, may be blended, depends on the composition of the group
  + Dan Greene: It is purely an advisory committee, is that correct?
    - It is. Anyone can put items on the agenda.

*4. MPS in Sociotechnical Cyber Risk Governance [Susan C]*

* This is not intended to be a technical cybersecurity program—we already have that. Rather, this involves human contexts in additional to technical contexts.
* Why us? Many reasons, such as that we have strengths in areas such ethical contexts
* Program will mesh information security, information management, technical communications, and systems thinking
* Question from Carol B: Audience for this degree are federal workers in the area, or coming from far away to study this?
  + SC: The idea is to have this online so people can take it that are not local. Some of these classes are already being offered in person in the MIM program. We have an expectation to have this program entirely online, but people *can* take the classes in person if they are nearby.
* Jessica Vitak: Won’t it be challenging for people to take 10 classes in one year?
  + SC: This includes winters and summers. But may be more feasible as a 1.5 year course. And could be a 2 or 3 year course if people are part time (probably the predominant mode)
* Note: this will be a master’s of professional studies, not a master’s of science
* Involves four new courses and six existing courses
* We will vote at the next assembly
* Question from Katy L: Is there any way to 4+1 this from the cybersecurity specialization
  + SC: Eventually this may be an option
* KL: Who will teach?
  + SC: Protocol says you are not supposed to hire full time faculty to teach a professional master’s program. At first, this will be taught by adjuncts
* Pamela Duffy: Will online program disadvantage international students?
  + Jeff water: If you are here, there is a limit (one online class). If abroad, you can take it fully online.
* Andy Fellows: Is there an option to work with clients (like government)
  + SC: This would be nice to do, though no current elective planned
* Doug Oard: What could an acronym be? M(i)PS SCR(a)G?
  + SC: Welcomes suggestions for acronyms

*5. Request for Standing Committees [Jessica]*

* Standing committees need to be uploading minutes from their meetings
* Joan will be reaching out to all the standing committee and whoever is doing the minutes will upload them to a form, and Joan will put them on the website

*6. Special Election – Assembly Secretary [Jessica]*

* Secretary selected will start serving in May and next year
* Jessica (on Keith’s behalf) solicits nominations from the floor
* Neil Dhingra offers to serve!
  + 37 yes in person, 20 yes online = 57
  + 1 no
  + 2 abstain
  + 1 vote for Caro’s dog (disqualified)

*Announcements:*

* Melekte Truneh- staff, please fill out survey, key for forming telework policy!
* Jeff Waters: Regular announcement about students in distress. If you have a grad student, let Jeff know. If an undergrad, let Ron know.
* New staff member: Elaine Rudder
* Fabian Faccio has got a new role!
* Bill Kules will be in a sculpture garden. Also needs more summer capstones.
* APT is at 1:00pm next door

**Adjournment**

**In attendance:**

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| **First Name** | **Last Name** |
| Wei | Ai |
| Naielia | Allen |
| Chris | Antoun |
| Claudia | Aragon |
| Jackie | Armstrong |
| Jason | Aston |
| Max | Balagtas-Badoy |
| Jason | Baron |
| Nathan | Beard |
| Tetyana | Bezbabna |
| Beth | Bonsignore |
| Carol | Boston |
| Lucinda | Botlero |
| Hayleigh | Brianne Moore |
| Sareil | Brookins |
| Cody | Buntain |
| Brian | Butler |
| Susan | Campbell |
| Susan | Campbell |
| Joel | Chan |
| Eun Kyoung | Choe |
| Tamara | Clegg |
| Joan | Cole |
| Luis | Cortes |
| Emily | Dacquisto |
| Jacob | Davidson |
| Neil | Dhingra |
| Vedat | Diker |
| Pamela | Duffy |
| Niklas | Elmqvist |
| Fabian | Faccio |
| Andrew | Fellows |
| Jess | Feltner |
| Jinjuan (Heidi) | Feng |
| Katrina | Fenlon |
| Babak | Fotouhi |
| Diego | Fregolent Mendes de Oliveira |
| Dennis | Frezzo |
| Vanessa | Frias-Martinez |
| Ge | Gao |
| Madeline | Georgevich |
| Ursula | Gorham-Oscilowski |
| Daniel | Greene |
| Sarah | Grun |
| Donal | Heidenblad |
| Kibbi | Henderson |
| Renee | Hill |
| Mia | Hinckle |
| Eric | Hung |
| Bryan | Hwang |
| Kate | Izsak |
| Zubin | Jelveh |
| Philip | John Piety |
| Bern | Jordan |
| Hernisa | Kacorri |
| Matt | Krishnan |
| Bill | Kules |
| Katy | Lawley |
| Amanda | Lazar |
| Jonathan | Lazar |
| Alex | Leitch |
| Yen | Lin |
| Wayne | Lutters |
| Diana | Marsh |
| David S. | Mason |
| Abdirisak | Mohamed |
| Nancy | Murray |
| Ryan | O'Grady |
| Polly | O’Rourke |
| Doug | Oard |
| Joan | Olive Cole |
| Ron | Padron |
| Susannah | Paletz |
| Galina | Reitz |
| Camille | Rogers |
| Elaine | Rudder |
| Mols | Sauter |
| Charlene | Savoy |
| Katie | Shilton |
| Sergii | Skakun |
| Dustin | Smith |
| Beth | St. Jean |
| Chris | Stark |
| Mega | Subramaniam |
| Craig | Taylor |
| Melekte | Truneh |
| Victoria | Van Hyning |
| Gregg | Vanderheiden |
| Travis | Wagner |
| Ping | Wang |
| Ping | Wang |
| Jeff | Waters |
| Kathy | Weaver |
| David | Weintrop |
| Caro | Williams-Pierce |
| Susan | Winter |
| Liz | Zogby |