iSchool Assembly

April 7th, 2023

Agenda

- Call to order
- Review and approval of minutes from March
- Review and approval of this agenda
- Dean's Update [Keith]
- Maryland Day [Sarah]
- Nominating Committee [Fabian]
- Announcements

Dean's Update
Dean Marzullo

Dean's Update

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Short Announcements

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Faculty hiring update

- Faculty hiring
  - Completed the accessibility hire
  - Completed the opportunity hire
  - Working on the GVPT paired hire
  - Hit a snag in the Viz hire
  - Launched PTK hire

External review

Two main points:
1. While there are sufficient resources, there remains a lack of certainty about availability
2. We lack contiguous space

External review: Uncertainty of resources

"[Faculty and staff] are concerned that, no matter how much individuals give of themselves, exertion will go unnoticed and things will disintegrate. Efforts "above and beyond" will be in vain. … The additional work generated by rapid growth exceeds the capacity of the existing systems to deliver."

"Transaction costs grow faster under the stressors of rapid growth. … more time is spent keeping track of transactions than on getting the work done."

External review: Uncertainty of resources

We have been operating like a startup since 2017:
- 2017-2019: Venture-funded
- 2020-2022: Growth
- 2023-?: Establishment

We have seen some stresses of having a startup culture

COVID and uncertainty about establishing "new normal" has contributed as well

Focus on processes and priorities

External review: Addressing uncertainty of resources

Continued conversations with the Provost

Focus on our own processes and initiatives: Deans Commissions
- Teaching modality
- Information Challenge Initiative
- iConsultancy
- Events
- AD-EDI
- Student experiences

External review: Lack of contiguous space

We have obtained space but it has not been sufficient and not been contiguous

- Corrosive to lab structure
- Hurts our "brand"
- Cheapens the experiences of our students

Working with the Provost

External review: Response

Being reviewed by senior leadership

Expect to have to Provost's Office by the end of April

Commencements

INFO commencement: May 22 (Monday) 4 - 6pm at XFinity Center. Check-in time 3pm

University commencement: May 22 (Monday) 6:30 - 8:30 pm at SECU Stadium..

… Would like 4-5 TTK and 4-5 PTK volunteers to attend University commencement (we have 2 PTK already)

Today in All-Staff and APT

All staff: getting to know the different units better

APT: TTK workload policy draft

… see you at lunch!

Maryland Day
Sarah

MARYLAND DAY 2023

iSchool @Maryland Day

When: Saturday, April 29th 10am-4pm
(volunteers 8am-5:30pm in shifts)

Where: Hornbake Plaza

Needs: Faculty, staff AND student volunteers!
https://go.umd.edu/INFOvolunteer23

- Activities: PRIZE wheel, simple coding games, info about our programs, Decoding Activity

- Leading up to Maryland Day

  - Book drive. DROP OFF to iSchool Commons in Hornbake 0300 OR Patuxent 2102. Sarah will also pick up from your office

  - Prep Volunteers Needed

  - Sign up: https://go.umd.edu/INFOvolunteer23

Spring 2023 Commencement

- When: Monday, May 22nd 4pm-6pm
  - Staff helper arrival 2pm
  - Faculty and graduate arrival 3pm

- Needs:
  - Staff helpers- especially Academic Programs team!
    - Staff volunteers and speakers will need to attend walk through at Xfinity on Friday 5/19 11:30am-1pm. Mic check time is firm 12pm
  - Faculty to participate in University Ceremony

- We are currently NOT ticketing guests. Students MUST complete the RSVP form indicating how many guests they plan to bring. Deadline was 3/31
- Questions from students and parents? Direct them to ischoolevents@umd.edu
- Questions?

Nominating Committee
Fabian

Announcements

- Lunch: 11:30am to 1:00pm Hornbake Room 0300, iSchool Commons

- The APT meeting will begin at 1:00pm, Charles Carroll Room 2203K, Stamp Student Union

- The INFO Staff Meeting will begin at 1:00pm, Hornbake Room 0300, Commons Area