iSchool Assembly

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023 – 9:30 to 11:00 am
Location: Charles Carroll Room 2203K, Stamp Student Union

AGENDA

Preliminaries
• Call to order
Quorum recognized.

• Review and approval of minutes from April
Minutes approved without correction.

• Review and approval of this agenda
Agenda approved without correction.

Assembly Items

Dean's Update

We are presently conducting interviews; many things are going on; Dean Marzullo thanks us all for supporting the iSchool mission. We have accomplished a lot.

Yesterday, the NSF granted $20 million for the creation of an Institute for Trustworthy AI in Law and Society (TRAILS) (see here). The Co-PI is Katie Shilton, and Cody Buntain, Hernisa Kacorri, Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia, and Naeemul Hassan are all involved. This is a multi-institutional grant that also makes use of iSchool relationships with a faculty member at GWU who interviewed here, and Morgan State, with Virginia Byrne, a UMD alum.

President Pines announced money for capital funds in Hornbake Library. That's for the iSchool. We got "many millions of dollars" to renovate the INFO commons. There are still the HVAC issues, but they will be fixed. This is very good news—thanks to the President and Provost for requesting the funds from the state legislature.

Niklas Elmqvis has accepted an offer from Aarhus (see here). He'll be with us until the end of the summer.

Faculty/Staff Awards

Wilson Staff Excellence Award—this recognizes a staff member who is "helpful, warm, and generous, and willing to help with any situation, often before any problem might even be apparent."
Naielia Allen

Instructional Innovation Award—for "instructional faculty who have made exceptional and innovative contributions to the college's programs, curricula, and/or course design during the current academic year."
Jason Aston

Student Choice Teaching Awards
Undergraduate Instruction
Pamela Duffy

Adjunct Instruction Award (New Award for this year)
Bill Farmer

Years of Service
5 years
Kibbi Henderson
Ron Padrón

10 years
Susan Winter

Congratulations to all.

CLOC Management Training Program

Excellence in supervision @UMD (by request of the provost)—Supervisor training and development

<u>Overview</u>

<u>Campuswide supervisor training and development</u>
This is related to the Strategic Plan, particularly its call for investment in people and community. It has been developed through data collection with staff last summer about work experiences. They have lots of findings, but at present they're working on new and expanded supervisor training.

Excellent supervisors have people skills; grasp of policies, procedures, and processes; and domain expertise and technical knowledge.

People skills—creating and sustaining an inclusive workplace, growing and developing others, fostering healthy relationships.

Policies, procedures, and processes—understanding the institutional context, supporting employees from entry through exit, facilitating excellent work, growing and developing your organization.

Domain expertise—succeeding in your division, college, or school; knowledge and skills relevant to the particular workplace.

We are focusing on people skills and policies/procedures/processes, because they can be deployed campus wide not just locally. (Domain expertise, inevitably localized, will be developed later.)

Excellence in supervision means continuous learning, development and application.
There are advanced, intermediate, and basic skills. We are starting at a basic level.

We will invest in our supervisors with microcredentials, a "new orientation," so that successful completers can show their completion. (Microcredentials results in a badge: "a badge is a digital representation of the completion of a microcredential, in much the same way that a diploma is a physical representation of the completion of a degree program.")

There are three pilot programs: the iSchool, University Relations, and Residential Facilities.

Timeline: analysis, design, development, implementation, evaluation, campus launch. The analysis is for designing the program, so that implementation can begin in the Spring of 2024. The program will be launched campus-wide by late September.

What's next?
Next week: They are hosting brainstorm sessions, both campuswide and at pilot sites. They will be 30-40 minutes and take place next week.

Nominating Committee

Assembly Officers
Fabian Faccio, Chair, Incumbent 1 year
Neil Dhingra, Secretary, Incumbent 1 year
Amanda Lazar, Parliamentarian, Incumbent, 2-3 years (revised from agenda)

Ballot 2 APT Officers
APT Co-Chair Jen Golbeck, Incumbent with 1 year served, no term limit
APT Co-Chair Kathy Weaver, Incumbent with 4 years served, no term limit

Ballot 3
Graduate Council Representative
Ryan O'Grady, has never served in this position.
This job involves salary levels, advisor relations, and similar issues. Eun Kyoung Choe (incumbent) is going on sabbatical; Ryan O'Grady is the MLIS program chair.

Ballot 4
College Advisory Council
TTK-Assistant Professor, Katrina Fenlon, Incumbent 1 year
TTK Associate Professor, Jessica Vitak, Incumbent 1 year
TTK Full Professor, Jonathan Lazar, Incumbent 2 years
PTK Instructional—vacant
PTK Faculty specialist, Andy Fellows, Incumbent 3 years
PTK Research, Beth Bonsigore 2 years
Staff Non-Voting—vacant
Staff Voting, Rochelle Robinson, Incumbent, 2 years

These are incumbents, but everyone is eligible, and there is an opt-out, not in.

Keith Marzullo
The senior leadership wants to charge the CAC with a more specific mission, to help us identify what are the "pain points" within the college in terms of processes, procedures, or "what's going on," as well as in terms of what's working well. Some of this has been done with Dean's commissions, but those are all being driven by the Dean's office, so this would open up the discussion.

The CAC does *not* have representation from student groups or adjuncts at the moment. A graduate student suggests representation for identification of "pain points."

Nisa Asgarali-Hoffman, the grad student rep for iAssembly, notes that graduate students are in a "liminal position," because they also work for the college. They should have a say in the stakes of identifying "pain points."

Daniel Greene notes that this would require changing the plan of organization. Grad students, it's argued, not just iSchool assembly participants, should be able to vote for their representative. Further, doctoral students are here longer than MS students and even some PTK faculty.

Jeff Waters suggests the CAC should look at this in September.

Caro Williams-Pierce notes it had been decided to increase staff representation, but this requires changing the plan of organization, which could also allow for student representation.

Katy Lawley notes, in the previous century, when she was a Masters student, the provost had a student advisory committee. Perhaps there could be one for the Dean here? Keith Marzullo notes that they are launching an undergraduate advisory committee from all three programs; they should be doing something similar at the graduate level.

Some people opt-in for votes; some names would need to be removed for reasons of sabbatical or being an ex-officio member, or personal option. Anyone in a Dean's role, for instance, must be removed.

Results

Ballot 1: Assembly Officers - 74 votes
Assembly Chair: Fabian Faccio (74 votes); no other votes
Assembly Secretary: Neil Dhingra (74 votes); no other votes
Assembly Parliamentarian: Amanda Lazar (74 votes); no other votes

Ballot 2: APT Officers - 74 votes
APT Co-Chair (TTK): Jen Golbeck (74 votes); no other votes
APT Co-Chair (PTK) Kathy Weaver (71 votes); Jason Aston (1 vote); 2 abstentions

Ballot 3: Graduate Council - 72 votes
Graduate Council Representative: Ryan O'Grady (70 votes); Caro Williams-Pierce (1 vote); 1 abstention

Ballot 4: College Advisory Council - 81 votes
TTK - Assistant Professor
Caro Williams-Pierce (45 votes)
Victoria Van Hyning (26 votes)
Joel Chan, Amanda Lazar (2 votes each)
Cody Buntain, Naeemul Hassan, Zubin Jelveh, M.R. Sauter, Ido Sivan-Sevilla (1 vote each)
1 abstention

TTK - Associate Professor
Jessica Vitak (53 votes)
Amelia Gibson (7 votes)
Tammy Clegg and Sheena Erete (6 votes each)
Susannah Paletz (4 votes)
Beth St. Jean (3 votes)
Kari Kraus (1 vote)
1 abstention

TTK - Full Professor
Jonathan Lazar (67 votes)
Paul Jaeger (9 votes)
Richard Marciano (2 votes)
3 abstentions

PTK - Instructional
Bill Kules (45 votes)
Pam Duffy and Katy Lawley (8 votes each)
Dennis Frezzo (4 votes)

Travis Wagner (3 votes)
Vedat Diker, Jesse Klein, Heera Lee, Galina Madjaroff (2 votes each)
Donal Heidenblad, David Loshin, Ryan O'Grady (1 vote each)
2 abstentions

PTK - Faculty Specialist
Polly O'Rourke (47 votes)
Andy Fellows (22 votes)
Carol Boston (7 votes)
Emily Dacquisto (4 votes)
1 abstention

PTK - Research
Beth Bonsignore (67 votes)
Charlie Harry (4 votes)
Bern Jordan (3 votes)
Chris Antoun (2 votes)
5 absentions

Staff (voting for two people, so 162 votes cast)
Rochelle Robinson (54 votes)
Sareil Brookins (49 votes)
Jacob Davidson (28 votes)
Tetana Bezbabna (4 votes)
Carol Boston, Yen Lin, Sara Brookins (3 votes each)
Kibbi Henderson, Craig Taylor, Dustin Smith (2 votes each)
James Battle, Bridget Faherty, Sarah Grun, Jo Anne Mealo-Wentz, Joan Cole, Fabian Faccio, Maura Matvey, Charlene Ploetz, Camille Rogers (1 vote each)
3 abstentions

Commencement

There will be a luncheon next Friday with keynote speaker Dan Ennis. We are asking for RSVPs by today. We have also invited student leaders to attend to celebrate. They are excited.

Commencement is May 22, 4-6 at the Xfinity Center. We are positioned between the College of Engineering ceremony and the main ceremony so are on a tight timetable. Traffic will be heavy; Sarah Grun will have some passes for the UU Lot. You are encouraged *not* to drive on campus if at all possible. Student check-in will be at Pavilion Gym at 3pm.

The staff helper arrival time is 2pm. Duties may include checking-in students, placing programs on chairs, greeting students and guests. The format is different from last year, as we are cutting the student procession for time.

Faculty: The dean has reached out to a few of you for participation in the main ceremony; this will be on rotation. The rest of the faculty should be at the INFO ceremony.

For faculty, the robing room will be the media room again. Sarah will send out an email with directions, but the best door to go through is *not* the one most convenient to the UU lot. She will explain the bowels of the Xfinity Center. Students should have received a logistics email that is lengthy. Please encourage students to check their emails.

Roles
Platform Party—deans, program directors, advisors, and name readers. You should have received a hooding video in you are in this group.
Faculty—processional and pomp, be in regalia.

Staff—logistics, greet, cheer.

This is a true team effort: If you do not plan to attend Commencement, please let Sarah and Keith know as soon as possible.

We are not ticketing guests.
Students who completed the RSVP will know the logistics. Questions? ischoolevents@umd.edu

Keith Marzullo: please come to lunch with Dan Ennis, Dan was Charlie Harris' boss at the NSA; he's a Terp, an ARHU graduate who went to the NSA when the Russia operation was a mess, and he set the structure up well to enable successful anti-terrorism. He has helped cybersecurity on campus and is a serial entrepreneur aiming to help small businesses improve their cybersecurity. He has an impressive and inspiring backstory.

There were 850 students eligible to walk; Sarah heard from 694. We will do a dual name-reading model for speed, which has been done at other universities.

APIDA Heritage Month

Informative emails will be sent to commemorate APIDA heritage.

Announcements
Newest advisor!—Cholly Estes—Community outreach advisor with Breakthrough Tech.

APT begins at 1pm
INFO staff meeting also begins at 1pm in Hornbake

Rachael Bennett
Save the Date for next year for events for which participation in encouraged:

August 23 New Grad Student Orientation
August 24 New Faculty Orientation
August 24 Faculty & Staff Ice Cream Social
August 31 Welcome Back Carnival
September 29-October 1 Family Weekend
October 14 Homecoming
October 16-19 Career Week
October 31 Halloween Event
December 12 Winter Celebration
April 27 Maryland Day

Diana Marsh
We have an end of the year celebration on community research (CAFÉ) on the coming Monday at 3:30 in Hornbake 2119,

Bill Kules
iConsultancy has openings for the Fall for productization, not necessarily for commercial reasons; HCIM Capstone final presentations are coming up and everyone in the iSchool is invited; tonight he'll be performing a dance duet at Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center as part of cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Jessica Vitak
40th annual HCIL symposium is on May 25th.

The Annual MIM Capstone showcase is Monday evening. An email has been sent out.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Accepted.