



COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES

iSchool Assembly Minutes

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 – 9:30 to 11:00 am

Location: Jimenez Hall, Room 0220

AGENDA

Preliminaries

- Call to order

Quorum recognized.

- Review and approval of minutes from March

Minutes approved without correction.

- Review and approval of this agenda

Agenda approved without correction.

Assembly Items

- Dean's update [Wayne Lutters – in place of Keith Marzullo]

“April is the November of Spring.”

“The state of the college is good.”

Faculty recruitment season: Associate Dean Lutters thanks the search committees and all those who came to job talks.

[Kyran Richardson](#) is the new Director of Finance, Sponsored Projects, and Operations, effective May 5. Monique McIntyre is our new embedded counselor; she's in training all week with the Counseling Center. [Kevin Nesline](#) started this week as Assistant Dean for IT and Facilities, after fifteen years of service with the English Department, where he was Director of Administrative Operations and founding Director of the Instructional and Information Technology Group.

Assistant Dean Nesline

4th floor Hornbake renovations—427 and 411 for displaced LIS researchers and new space for Community & Equity lab—are in process: contractor bids are due on April 25. The *hope* is that the renovations will be completed by the start of classes in the Fall as construction should commence in June.

Dean Nesline wants to plan, especially given the limited space issues, and will go around to see how we are utilizing our space. He understands that there have been a lot of moves, and he wants to first make sure that our records are correct. If we see Facilities staff investigating, we can rest assured they are *not* searching for “illegal space heaters.” “Space is a matter of identity. It is a source of pride.” We will have to address this issue of space in a transparent and inclusive manner, and we’ll first have to figure out the mechanism for that. Kevin Nesline is always available in 0201 Hornbake for suggestions, as well as by email.

We are the external client for Stephanie Valencia’s UX research methods class, which is looking at space—a class project, so some Masters students may be pinging you for 20-30 minutes. Please respond.

- Election for PTK Representative to the University Senate [Fabian Faccio]

We need to replace our current PTK representative to the Senate and we need to elect a new one. See list of PTK faculty (displayed in meeting); Fabian Faccio is calling for nominations.

Polly O’Rourke volunteers.

- Nominating Committee [Fabian Faccio]

The Nominating Committee is comprised of four members, the majority of which shall be full-time faculty. One member of the Committee shall be a full-time staff member. Members are nominated from the floor of the Assembly. The Chair shall be elected by and from the members of the Committee.

We have a full slate of volunteers:

Renee Hill
Kari Kraus
Angela Rodgers-Koukoui
Kevin Nesline

- Special Election – Assembly Secretary [Fabian Faccio]

We need to replace the Secretary of the Assembly. Fabian Faccio is calling for nominations.

Jen McGovern agrees to be Assembly secretary.

- Maryland Day and Commencement [Sarah Grun]

We are looking for volunteers. Volunteers receive a Maryland Day T-shirt and swag, including a visor and track jacket. There may be up to 80,000 people at Maryland Day.

If you sign up for more than one shift during Maryland Day, you will get a lunch ticket.

We'll have a Prize Wheel and Little Free Library, as well as Coding Games ("Will the mouse get the cheese? Can you program a mini robot? Come test your basic coding skills with the College of Information Studies?").

Decoding Documents was last year's new event. Visitors can learn or brush up on their cursive by deciphering letters and words and help piece together a mystery text. Contributions have been made by the Robotics, Automation, and Dance (RAD) Lab, and the Center for Archival Futures (CAFé).

Finally, there will be an INFO Challenge Duck Pond. Visitors can select a duck from the College of Information Studies duck pond. They can win a prize by guessing which duck number visitors will draw most frequently. (This will involve rigorous data analysis.)

We also need pre-Maryland Day volunteers and clean-up volunteers.

Keep bringing in books. Donations can be left at the INFO Commons Service Desk, Hornbake South Suites 2117 and 4105, Patuxent Rooms 116 and 2102, and AV Williams 4143. We do *not* want textbooks, but cookbooks were popular last year and so are children's books.

Commencement is Tuesday, May 21 4-6, reception at 6 at the Xfinity Center

Staff arrival 2pm

Faculty arrive 3pm.

April 9—last day to RSVP

Student Speakers selection deadline

May 1—Speaker scripts, bus, headshots due to Sarah.

May 3—All Staff Meeting—staff will learn more about the roles for day of logistics.

May 17-Final walk through and tech check for staff and speakers, Platform party will also be encouraged to attend.

We will have the dual reading procedure that was done last year for speed. (Name readers are also encouraged to attend.) We are looking at possibly 700 graduating students. We *need* name reading volunteers.

Faculty should attend commencement; there will be a processional. RSVP to Keith Marzullo and Sarah if you are leaving town. Program Directors and Deans will be part of the platform party. PhD Advisors of Graduates will be part of the platform party and part of the hooding ceremony for their graduating student(s).

Sarah needs to know if faculty members require regalia up to next week.

Announcements

APT at 1:00 pm

All Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm

There will be a [sports informatics panel](#) on April 16—Tammy Clegg is moderating. An Info Sci student who's an intern with Athletics, Eli Logan Dross, will also be on the panel.

There will be an update on the PhD program and milestones at the May Assembly meeting.

The HCIL symposium will be on May 23.

On May 8, we are hosting student projects for the state. Let [Ido Sivan-Sevilla](#) know if you have ideas. He will send emails.

Caro Williams Pierce highly recommends [*The No-Club: Putting a Stop to Women's Dead-End Work*](#).

Ron Padron notes that we are honoring our inaugural cohort for INFO Design. Some students are graduating in May and others in August. The Stamp Gallery will be reserved for the first part of the summer. We have space for more work to be showcased. Director *Padrón* is drawing on Joseph Sherren's expertise for curation. This exhibition is not necessarily restricted to INFO Design majors but can include those in INFO Design courses.

<https://ischool.umd.edu/events/climbing-from-casual-to-champion-meet-umds-collegiate-esports-conference-champions/>

Sarah Grun reminds us of the student awards ceremony; please come to make this a successful event. Wednesday, May 8, 6pm: reception with food.

Vedat Diker—We have an instructors' forum on April 8 on Zoom that will focus on course evaluation participation. Pam Duffy and Ryan O'Grady will share their best practices and suggestions for improvement. 5:30pm.

Katie Ambacher—INFO Alumni Awards celebration—6-8pm, April 19, at the College Park Aviation Museum, celebrating Denise Davis, Wilda Logan, and Gabriel Cruz; there will be food, drinks. It's a "really cool venue." Registration link:

<https://ischool.umd.edu/events/distinguished-alumnus-celebration/>

Adjourned.