News/Updates
Role of Director of Learning and Teaching Initiatives – Brian Butler

Changes to PCC @ the University – Lindsay Sarin
Of particular note: If you have a specialization, degree, or other proposal requiring University-level approval, you **MUST** submit it to the corresponding PCC Committee by:

Graduate: March 2, 2018
Undergraduate: March 9, 2018
Any proposal received after that date will NOT be reviewed until Fall 2018. That means any proposals must make it through the College-level approval process before that date. As a reminder you can find the approval workflow for specializations, courses, etc within the College here: https://ischool.umd.edu/intranet/academic-program-administration#Curriculum & Course Approvals

Action Items
Approval of April 2017 PCC
Minutes: https://umd.app.box.com/file/160763216021
Course Proposal Review Process - Revised

Discussion
Graduate Programs at Shady Grove
What should the iSchool "do" with regard to Shady Grove?
How and should we continue grad programs at SG?

Background:
Starting almost 3 years ago (roughly in Fall of 2014) the iSchool began cutting back on face-to-face course offering at Shady Grove. This decision was made because (at the time) we had not successfully attracted enough students to that campus to justify a full set of courses for either the MIM or the ML(I)S. This meant that we either had to run unreasonably small courses (ofter only 3-4 students) or force College Park students to commute to Shady Grove.

Since that time, Shady Grove has implemented several changes that have made it substantially more difficult for College Park students to take courses at Shady Grove (severely constrained shuttle service, additional fees, ID requirements). As a result, College Park students face significant costs when taking Shady Grove course. At the same time, there has been no indication (from either program application pools or current students) that there meaningful demand for Masters courses at Shady Grove.

The result of this is that we are now down to a single courses being offered at Shady Grove (the MIM Capstone) and most of the students in that course are full time College Park students.

At present there is an proposal being "negotiated" about offering the BSIS program at Shady Grove (based on the idea that Shady Grove is largely an undergraduate campus and having the BSIS there would provide some additional resources). Because of this we have been advised to not remove materials about

the Shady Grove program or cutback on office space. However, we are essentially in minimalist holding pattern with respect to Shady Grove offerings.