iSchool Assembly

February 7, 2020
Agenda

• Call to order
• Review and approval of minutes from December 6, 2019 meeting
• Review and approval of this agenda
• Dean's Update [Keith]
• College Review Update[Keith]
• Associate Dean of Faculty update [Doug]
• College Advisory Committee (CAC) Discussion [Carol & Beth]
• Plan of Organization [Ursula]
• Future Look Academic Programs [Kate, Caro, Joel]
• Giving Day [Dan]
• Morphic Launch [Gregg]
• Announcements
Dean's Update

Keith Marzullo
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Fall 2019 data from https://www.irpa.umd.edu/CampusCounts/Enrollments/enroll_by_coll.pdf
TOP 10 MOST POPULAR UNDERGRAD MAJORS:

- COMPUTER SCIENCE (3,188)
- BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (1,735)
- ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL (1,197)
- PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE (994)
- INFORMATION SCIENCE (959)
- ECONOMICS (940)
- PSYCHOLOGY (930)
- FINANCE (907)
- GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (864)
- CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (802)

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Target growth

For the next three years:

- TTK: 3-4 hires/year
  - mostly Assistant, strategically chosen Associate
- PTK: 6 hires/year
  - to meet programmatic needs and expand our scope
- Some will be strategic joint hires
  - 2 TTK, 2+ PTK
Strategic plan: Four focus areas

1. Information institutions and infrastructures in an increasingly diverse, interconnected, dynamic and information-rich world.

2. Trustworthy and high-quality information in an untrusted world.

3. Democratizing discovery.

4. The use of data and technologies for social good.
Strategic directions: 3 questions

1. Why important?
2. Why now?
3. Why us?
Empowering individuals with information and access

- **Why important** in the realm of market failure
- **Why now** increased focus on accessibility; continued issues with health care
- **Why us** location, existing researchers, aligns with *the use of data and technology for social good*
Resilient and thriving communities

- **Why important** State and community governments are continuing to increase in importance: it is the level that many societal problems are now being addressed.
- **Why now** Acceleration of states taking stands against Federal action/inaction; smaller cities are seeing disproportionate growth; incubators are springing up everywhere.
- **Why us** Developing relationships with Baltimore and with MAPP. Aligns with *information institutions and infrastructures in an increasingly diverse, interconnected, dynamic and information-rich world* and *democratizing discovery*.
Strategic directions (3)

Socio-technical cybersecurity

- **Why important** ICT is supporting us in increasingly critical ways, and the people involved are the targets (cybercrime, attacks on democratic society, violation of trust, privacy, …)
- **Why now** Is being more widely acknowledged in DoD, Congress, International, NGOs.
- **Why us** Our location in Maryland and in UMD, our values. Aligns with *trustworthy and high-quality information in an untrusted world*. 
Strategic directions: Educational opportunities

OMB Policy Memo M-19-21

- **Why now** this memo asks government agencies to change practice quickly
- **Why us** our location, our existing ties, and our ability to respond to need

CS education

- **Why now** the demand for K-12 teachers who can teach CS (and, growingly, data science) is still large and unmet
- **Why us** our undergraduate curriculum teaches a broad set of values as well as skills. We have College of Education as a partner.
Ways we can have impact

- With technology
- With policy/procedures/practice
- With partnering
Expanding areas of expertise

- Citizen science
- Information economics
- Physical device design and implementation
- Adding to existing strength:
  - Accessible design
  - Information, technology and society (information security and privacy; information ethics, and impact on societies, communities, and democratic government)
  - Visualization
NOTHING
College Review Update

Keith Marzullo
Reviewing the iSchool
Goals

The college is facing two deadlines:

1. ALA reaccreditation
2. College external review

So we’re:

• Documenting the things that we’ve been doing
• Identifying our strengths and areas for improvement
• Articulating directions for future growth and development
What has already been done

- Spring 2018: MLIS program internal reviews
- 2018-2019: College Strategic Planning exercise
Next up! 2/19-21: ALA reaccreditation visit

H. Frank Cervone, Executive Director of Information Technology, School of Public Health, UIC (External Review Panel chair)

Stephen T. Bajjaly, Professor, School of Information Sciences, Wayne State University

Flor Cubero, Consultant, Costa Rica

Lesley Farmer, Professor, Librarianship Program, Dept. of ASEC, Long Beach State

Gabriel Gomez, Professor, Library, Information & Media Studies Program, College of Education, Chicago State University
ALA reaccreditation visit events

- **Opening Reception** Wed 2/19 4pm-6:30pm in iSchool Commons (HBK 0300). Main reception will be 4-5:30 with meetings for alumni and employers from 5:30-6:30pm  register now! https://go.umd.edu/ALAWelcome

- **Orientation Meeting** (for all faculty, staff, and those who will be meeting with ERP) Thursday 2/20 9am-10am HBK 0302J

- **One-on-one meetings with reaccreditation team** you know who you are and when you are needed

- **ERP Meeting with All Faculty Open Session** Friday 2/21 11:15-11:45am HBK 0302J (refreshments will be served)

- **ERP Meeting with All Staff Open Session** Friday 2/21 11:45-12:15 HBK 0302J (refreshments will be served)
What’s next?

- Feb-March: Information gathering for college self-study
  - Academic programs - in progress
  - Faculty information - in planning
  - Research agenda(s) - in planning
- March-April: Review and articulate future directions
  - Participate in discussions and provide feedback on summaries
- Early Fall 2020: External review panel visit
- Late Fall/Early Spring 2020: Dean's fifth year review
We’re doing amazing things, and there is more to come!
Associate Dean of Faculty Update
Doug Oard
College Advisory Committee Update

Beth St. Jean and Carol Boston
Committee Charge

The Committee shall consult, at least once a semester, with the Dean on matters of interest and concern to the College, including decisions regarding budgets and facility planning.

The Committee shall report at least once a semester to the College Assembly.

-- iSchool Plan of Organization (draft)
Committee Membership

• Elective representation from across the iSchool
  • Full professors – Jonathan Lazar
  • Associate professors – Beth St. Jean (co-chair)
  • Assistant professors – Hernisa Kacorri
  • Professional track faculty – Renee Hill
  • Research scientists – Bern Jordan
  • Staff – Carol Boston (co-chair)

• Ex-officio (nonvoting): Brian Butler, Doug Oard, Melekte Truneh, Susan Winter
How would you like to see this committee function going forward?

1. As a mechanism for committee members to get briefings on aspects of College operation (Communications, Facilities, IT, move) - to provide input and to share information with those we represent

2. To gather and bring concerns from our various represented groups to the Deans

3. To work together to consider pros and cons of opportunities the College may wish to pursue so we focus resources wisely and don’t get spread too thin

4. Other?
Are you interested in joining an expanded College Advisory Committee?

- We are accepting nominations from the floor – time commitment = 1 meeting per month:
  - Full professor
  - Associate professor
  - Assistant professor
  - PTK
  - Research scientist
  - Staff
Plan of Organization

Ursula Gorham
Plan of Organization: Voting Status of Parliamentarian

[(Article VII(C)]

C. Officers of the Assembly
The Chair of the College Assembly shall convene all regular and special meetings of the College Assembly; develop the agenda for each meeting in consultation with the Dean and members of the College Assembly; and distribute a written agenda and other documents as appropriate to each member of the College Assembly by electronic means at least two days prior to the meeting.

The Secretary of the College Assembly shall be responsible for the minutes of all College Assembly meetings; prepare drafts of the minutes from the previous meeting to be distributed with the agenda for the next College Assembly meeting; and, after review and approval by the Assembly, post minutes from each meeting so that they can be accessed by all members of the College Assembly. The Secretary also shall maintain a roster of the members of the College Assembly present at each regular and special meeting. In the absence of the Chair or the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly at any College Assembly meeting, the Secretary of the College Assembly shall assume the duties and responsibilities identified for this Officer.

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D. Election Process
Typically at the March meeting, the members of the Assembly shall elect a Nominating Committee, which shall present a slate of candidates as set forth in Article VIII.D.2(a). At the following meeting, the Nominating Committee shall then present to the Assembly, in writing, a

ERG Committee
The Parliamentarian should not be voting (or only participate in ballot votes).

Dillon Osiolowski
Historically, the Parliamentarian of the College Assembly has been a full-time faculty member and we are concerned about disenfranchising someone who would otherwise be able to vote in Assembly. One alternative would be to select a Parliamentarian from a constituency that is represented in Assembly by a single member (i.e., part-time staff, part-time faculty, students)—would this be your recommendation?

ERG Committee
Robert’s Rules is clear on this topic—the parliamentarian should not make motions, debate, or vote (except in cases of a ballot vote). The ERG Committee considered this very issue when working on the recently approved University of Maryland Libraries Plan of Organization. The Libraries adopted the below language, which the committee recommends: “The Parliamentarian shall be the non-voting member of the Assembly except in the case of a ballot vote.”

Your proposed approach of selecting a parliamentarian who is not a full-time faculty member would be a good way of avoiding disenfranchising any member of the College.
Plan of Organization: Voting Status of Parliamentarian

Proposed Language:

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Plan of Organization: College Advisory Committee [Article VIII(B)]

B. College Advisory Committee

1. Purpose

The College Advisory Committee is intended to fulfill the requirements of the Faculty Advisory Council, as set forth in Article 11 of the University Plan of Organization.

2. Membership

The Committee shall be made up of full-time tenured/tenure-track and professional track faculty and staff. Associate and Assistant Deans serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect its own Chair. The Chair shall only vote to break a tie.
Plan of Organization: College Advisory Committee [Article VIII(B)]

Proposed Language:

The Committee shall be made up of six (6) full-time tenured/tenure-track and professional track faculty and staff.
Future Look at Academics Programs

Katy Lawley
MPS in Gaming, Entertainment, and Media Analytics

Caro Williams- Pierce
Master of Professional Studies
Game, Entertainment, & Media Analytics
(GEM Analytics)

a MIM derivative program proposal
Why This Program Now?

• The industries of Games, Entertainment, and Media are continuing to grow:
  • Entertainment and Media expenditures expected to grow from $2.1 trillion in 2018 to $2.6 trillion by 2023
  • Nielsen’s SuperData predicts games will grow 4% in 2020 to $124.8 billion
  • The Extended Reality (XR) Market is expected to have 65% CAGR by 2025
• The boundaries between different entertainment experiences continues to dissolve
• And there’s a need for analytics beyond industry (e.g., policy)
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Planned Next Steps

- Complete the Ideation phase and move to Planning the new courses
- Reach out to advisors in the industry communities
- Complete the MPS proposal
- Later this semester, we’ll bring it back to PCC and Assembly for detailed critique and feedback
How Can You Help?

- Provide feedback about:
  - Market demand
  - The proposed degree outline
  - Internships
  - Employment opportunities

- Actively participate:
  - Help us Network!
  - Provide opportunities for capstone projects
  - Recommend industry individuals for the advisory board
  - Help design courses
  - Teach a class!
Come and see one of us if you’re interested in contributing advice, energy, and connections!

David, Michelle, Alex, Kate, Niklas, & Caro

Plus Bryce, our MIM GA!
BS in Social Data Science

Katy Lawley
Updates on INFORMATION, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY ("InfoDesign")
• Thank you!
• Major changes
• Next steps / key dates
THANK YOU!
YOU ROCK!
We are Bachelor’s of **DESIGN** now!

- Emerging trend
- Good company, CMU, USC, PSU
- First in MD!
- Not a STEM degree
Sample Freshman Course Plan (starting at 0 credits):

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**Benchmark I**  **Benchmark II**  **Major checkpoint**
Key next steps / dates

• Curricular mapping
• Discussions with depts / programs
• UMD PCC → Senate → MHEC
• Soft launch (starting courses) in Spring 2021
• Full launch in Fall 2021 (if MHEC goes smoothly)
  • Current/incoming students can switch/start
  • HS seniors can apply to matriculate in Fall 2022
Keep the conversation going...

Wayne, Dan, Joel, Kate, Vedat, Caro
Vote

To approve the Bachelor of Design in Information, Design and Technology major as proposed and send it forward to the University for future review
Morphic Launch

Gregg Vanderheiden
Announcements

• APT Meeting in HBK 2119
• Lunch from Olive Garden in Hornbake 4th Floor Lounge @ 12:30 pm