# iSchool Assembly

# December 4, 2020, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

# Online (Zoom)

**Preliminaries**

* Call to order
* Review and approval of minutes from September:   
  <https://internal.ischool.umd.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Assembly_09042020_Minutes.docx>
  + Motion: Gregg Vanderheiden
  + Second: Katy Lawley
  + Approved unanimously
* Review and approval of this agenda
  + Motion: Gregg Vanderheiden
  + Second: Tammy Clegg
  + Approved unanimously

**Assembly Items**

1. *Dean’s Update [Keith]*

* Thank you to Dan Christopher & Jen Golbeck for running a wonderful set of virtual panels (ICT for elderly people) – Galina and Gregg were part of this. They were very successful – registration was over 100 people. We’re starting to think about the next kind of panel we might have. Any ideas? Please let Keith, Dan, or Jen know.
* The Provost has launched 4 study groups to look at ways forward. There may be money associated with it. Diversity & Inclusion (Renee Hill is our rep); New Education paradigms (Kate Izsak is our rep); Climate change sustainability (still working on finding an iSchool rep); Data Science Education (Keith is chairing). How would we have an undergraduate course that every new student would take?
* Just received results of the survey of undergrads, grad students, faculty, staff of how we’re doing. Two things: (1) The number of undergrads reporting childcare/family care is hampering them in terms of being able to perform this semester; (2) “I find my coursework to be more challenging than last semester”: 49% strongly agree; 26% somewhat agree. So about three-quarters are finding this semester harder than last Spring. We need to think about what we can do to make things easier until we can get back to face-to-face classes (probably Fall 2021).
* Yla will be leaving the iSchool – she is a wonderful colleague and we will miss her (Yla then spoke briefly)

1. *Vote to approve proposal for Data Journalism MPS degree [David L.]* [See David’s slides for more info.]

* Cross-disciplinary program
* We’re working with Journalism to put program together that appeals to both iSchool and journalism students
* Naeemul has a joint appointment with the iSchool and Journalism.
* New developments: We have a more comprehensive set of learning outcomes now – the ones shaded in blue are part of the Journalism School’s accreditation framework. The ones in green are based on the materials we’ll be providing in the iSchool. These are the learning outcomes in the proposal. We’re engineering diversity and inclusion into this program.
* We added another two courses into the curriculum.
* David is happy to share his slides with anyone who would like to take a look at them.
* Opportunities to work with Journalism’s network of partners to identify career opportunities.
* We have a full proposal that’s already put together
* MIM Committee and journalism have approved it; Will push back up to the grad school soon
* I’m happy to answer any questions
* Could this be a 30-credit program? Yes, it’s allowed to but some folks would not feel that it’s a complete program.
* We would like to launch the program in Fall of 2021, if possible.
* Maybe change INST 762 to INST 760? We’ll look at the difference and provide an update through PCC.
* Thank you to Michelle, Kate, and folks at the College of Journalism
* **Voting results:** 62 yes; 0 no; several abstains

1. *Expanding College Advisory Committee representation [Caro/Andy]*

* Our charge: The committee shall consult with the Dean and report to Assembly at least once each semester
* Have questions/concerns/ideas you want to share with the iSchool? Want to get feedback on work in progress? Want to make sure the iSchool knows what your Committee is working on? Email Caro and Andy, CAC Co-Chairs
* Composition of the committee: Three tenure-track and three professional-track faculty and a staff member
* We would like to take nominations from staff who would be willing to attend and participate in the Committee. The Plan of Organization currently only allows for one staff member to be on the Committee, but we’d like an additional staff member to attend and participate in our meetings.
* Jeff Waters: I don’t fully represent what’s going on outside academic programs, so we thought it makes sense to add an additional staff member.
* Rochelle Robinson, Michelle Simon, Liv Johnson, Sarah Grun, and Francisco Ruiz nominated themselves.
* Only full-time staff members can vote
* **Voting results:** Rochelle Robinson got over 50% of the vote; Sarah Grun is runner-up
* Thanks to Rochelle and to everyone for volunteering

1. *Discussion re: changing Assembly time for 2021 [Jessica]*

* Should we move Assembly to 10:00 AM EST? This would push APT later
* We’ll probably meet monthly in the Spring (February – May)
* Jessica will think on this more & let us know before the next Assembly – she might do an informal survey.

1. *Announcements*

* Katrina: WAYWO (What are you working on?): We’ve had substantial regular attendance and have generated some new ideas for collaboration. Stay tuned for the Spring!
  + Katie Shilton: It was very helpful to participate!
  + Renee Hill: What came out of my sharing was a renewed interest in my own work. I made connections I wasn’t expecting to make. I didn’t realize there were others interested in prison librarianship – this gave me an opportunity to form collaborations with others.
  + Hope to see you all there!
* Craig: I’m back – hello!
* Eun Kyoung: PhD applications are coming in – priority deadline is 12/11. The number of applications received has gone up significantly. We’ll be assigning reviewers soon based on applicants’ expressed topical/mentor interests. The review will start the week of 12/24. We’ll allow 4 weeks for reviews. There will be a meeting the week of 1/22. We’ll be circulating detailed instructions about the review process.
* Sarah: Commencement: Thank you to everybody who has sent pictures. Faculty & staff – please send your pictures – it’s not too late. Please send in a selfie of congratulations – it’s a key piece of our virtual commencement. We’ll probably do something similar in the Spring. Please send something by the end of today (absolute latest = Sunday). I have to get them to the vendor on Monday. Also – please send in a holiday recipe.
* Jessica: How can I share holiday cookies with all of you? (without having to mail them out)
* Jeff: We hired an Academic Program Specialist for HCIM and MIM. Her name is Emilia Azar.
* Emilia: I work directly with Michelle and Carol – looking forward to meeting and working with all of you!

# Adjourn:

* Motion: Beth St. Jean
* Second: Gregg Vanderheiden

**In attendance:**

| **#** | **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Present?** |
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| 1 | Adle | Morgan | Yes |
| 2 | Ai | Wei | Yes |
| 3 | Allen | Naielia | Yes |
| 4 | Amamcherla | Sravya |  |
| 5 | Antoun | Chris | Yes |
| 6 | Aragon | Claudia | Yes |
| 7 | Armstrong | Jackie | Yes |
| 8 | Azar | Emilia | Yes |
| 9 | Baron | Jason | Yes |
| 10 | Baugh | Dave | Yes |
| 11 | Bezbabna | Tetyana | Yes |
| 12 | Bonsignore | Beth | Yes |
| 13 | Boston | Carol | Yes |
| 14 | Botlero | Lucinda |  |
| 15 | Boyd-Graber | Jordan |  |
| 16 | Brown | Corie |  |
| 17 | Butler | Brian | Yes |
| 18 | Campbell | Susan | Yes |
| 19 | Chan | Joel | Yes |
| 20 | Choe | Eun Kyoung | Yes |
| 21 | Christian-Lamb | Caitlin |  |
| 22 | Christopher | Dan |  |
| 23 | Clegg | Tammy | Yes |
| 24 | Cole | Joan | Yes |
| 25 | Cortes | Luis | Yes |
| 26 | Dacquisto | Emily | Yes |
| 27 | Dibert | Noah | Yes |
| 28 | Diker | Vedat | Yes |
| 29 | Domingo | Beth | Yes |
| 30 | Duffy | Pam | Yes |
| 31 | Elmqvist | Niklas | Yes |
| 32 | Faccio | Fabian |  |
| 33 | Fellows | Andy | Yes |
| 34 | Fenlon | Katrina | Yes |
| 35 | Fotouhi | Babak | Yes |
| 36 | Frias-Martinez | Vanessa | Yes |
| 37 | Gao | Ge | Yes |
| 38 | Geraghty | Lisa |  |
| 39 | Gilbert | Sarah | Yes |
| 40 | Gill | Marybeth |  |
| 41 | Golbeck | Jen | Yes |
| 42 | Gorham | Ursula | Yes |
| 43 | Greenberg | Steve |  |
| 44 | Greene | Dan |  |
| 45 | Grun | Sarah | Yes |
| 46 | Harry | Charlie |  |
| 47 | Hassan | Naeemul |  |
| 48 | Heidenblad | Donal | Yes |
| 49 | Henderson | Kibbi | Yes |
| 50 | Hill | Renee | Yes |
| 51 | Hinckle | Mia | Yes |
| 52 | Hung | Eric | Yes |
| 53 | Izsak | Kate | Yes |
| 54 | Jaeger | Paul |  |
| 55 | Janzen | Shawn |  |
| 56 | Johnson | Liv (Celeste) | Yes |
| 57 | Jordan | J. Bern | Yes |
| 58 | Kacorri | Hernisa | Yes |
| 59 | Kraus | Kari | Yes |
| 60 | Kules | Bill | Yes |
| 61 | Kumar | Priya |  |
| 62 | Lawley | Katy | Yes |
| 63 | Lazar | Amanda | Yes |
| 64 | Lazar | Jonathan | Yes |
| 65 | Le | Eric |  |
| 66 | Leitch | Alex | Yes |
| 67 | Lin | Yen | Yes |
| 68 | Loshin | David | Yes |
| 69 | Lutters | Wayne | Yes |
| 70 | Marciano | Fernando | Yes |
| 71 | Marciano | Richard |  |
| 72 | Marsh | Diana | Yes |
| 73 | Marzullo | Keith | Yes |
| 74 | Mason | Daisy | Yes |
| 75 | McGuire | Kevin |  |
| 76 | Mealo-Wentz | Jo Anne | Yes |
| 77 | Mohamed | Abdirisak | Yes |
| 78 | Muppalla | Naga |  |
| 79 | Napier | David |  |
| 80 | Ndumu | Ana | Yes |
| 81 | Njihia | Jane |  |
| 82 | Nnamdi | Ezeigwe |  |
| 83 | O’Grady | Ryan | Yes |
| 84 | Oard | Doug | Yes |
| 85 | Oliveros | Allan | Yes |
| 86 | Padron | Ron |  |
| 87 | Paletz | Susannah | Yes |
| 88 | Patrick | David |  |
| 89 | Penn-Diallo | Cecelia | Yes |
| 90 | Pietrucha | Nicole | Yes |
| 91 | Piety | Phil | Yes |
| 92 | Ramsey | Joe |  |
| 93 | Reitz | Galina | Yes |
| 94 | Robinson | Rochelle | Yes |
| 95 | Roderer | Nancy |  |
| 96 | Ruiz | Francisco | Yes |
| 97 | Sahasrabudhe | Vikas | Yes |
| 98 | Sanchez | Claudia | Yes |
| 99 | Sauter | Mols | Yes |
| 100 | Scarson | Jillian | Yes |
| 101 | Sherren | Joseph |  |
| 102 | Shilton | Katie | Yes |
| 103 | Simon | Michelle | Yes |
| 104 | Skakun | Sergii |  |
| 105 | Smith | Dustin | Yes |
| 106 | St. Jean | Beth | Yes |
| 107 | Stilwell | Joana | Yes |
| 108 | Subramaniam | Mega | Yes |
| 109 | Surla | Stacy |  |
| 110 | Tang | Christopher |  |
| 111 | Tausczik | Yla | Yes |
| 112 | Taylor | Craig | Yes |
| 113 | Truneh | Melekte | Yes |
| 114 | Van Hyning | Victoria | Yes |
| 115 | Vanderheiden | Gregg | Yes |
| 116 | Vitak | Jessica | Yes |
| 117 | Wang | Ping | Yes |
| 118 | Waters | Jeff | Yes |
| 119 | Weaver | Kathy | Yes |
| 120 | Weintrop | David | Yes |
| 121 | Williams-Pierce | Caro | Yes |
| 122 | Winter | Susan | Yes |