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INFO Assembly

May 2nd, 2025

# Agenda



## Preliminaries

Call to order

Review and approval of minutes from April

Review and approval of this agenda

## Assembly Items

Dean's Update [Keith Marzullo]

Faculty/Staff Awards & Years of Service Awards [Keith Marzullo]

OACES Presentation [Renee & Ron]

Instructional Support [Vedat Diker]

CAC Year-End Report [Polly O'Rourke]

CAC Elections

Assembly Elections

## Announcements

## Adjournment

# Dean's Update

Keith Marzullo



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# Faculty and Staff Awards

Keith Marzullo



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# Years of Service Awards

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# OACES Updates

INFO Assembly  
May 2025



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# AGENDA

- Strategic Plan Update
- KYR Training Highlights
- Culturally Responsive and Inclusive Teaching (CRIT)  
Summer Workshop Series
- Student Programming Recap and Updates
- Unit Realignment



## INFO DEI Strategic Commitments

- We empower students  
*Recruitment and retention, Community Building, Alumni Engagement*
- We center social justice, equity, and accessibility in research and teaching  
*Designing instruction that incorporates the principles of social justice, equity, and accessibility*
- We invest in personal and professional development  
*Faculty/Staff onboarding, Continuing Education and Professional Development*
- We partner with our neighbors to engage information and technology for good  
*Identifying where INFO can become a local/state/national/global leader in DEI-driven community collaborations*



# TIMELINE

## Update

- UMD Climate and Belonging Survey
  - Delay in launch of UMD dashboard
  - Delay in release of data to units
- Draft release by end of the Spring semester
  - Solicit feedback and make updates over the summer
- Finalized Strategic Plan presented at first Fall 2025 Assembly

# INFO CRIT

Summer 2025

- Four workshops
  - Inclusive Teaching (June)
  - Identity, Power, and Privilege (June)
  - Digital Accessibility for Teaching and Learning (July)
  - Intergroup Dialogue in the Classroom (August)
- Small cohort of 12 faculty
- Completion of the workshop series:
  - INFO CRIT Certification
  - TLTC Inclusive Pedagogy Badge

## Student Programming

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# Digital Activism

## Using Social Media for Social Justice



Join us Thursday, October 10th for a conversation with activists Dr. Angel Jones & Jolly Good Ginger about how they use social media to advocate for social justice.

Thurs. 10/10 @ 5PM | INFO Commons HBK 0300 | [infoDEI@umd.edu](mailto:infoDEI@umd.edu)

# Student Programming

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## Real Talk with INFO Students of Color

The DEI Team, along with the College Park Scholars Data Justice & Real Talk programs, is proud to host Real Talk with INFO Students of Color. This event will consist of a panel discussion where a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students share their experiences within the INFO College.

UMD Cambridge Community Center  
202 Farm Dr, Room 1205  
December 3, 2024  
6:30 PM

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 DATA JUSTICE

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## Black in Tech: Celebrating Contributions of the Black Community

 <b>Emily Hawkins</b> Founder & CEO The Black Tech Collective	 <b>Michaela Hillman</b> Analytics Manager Google	 <b>Jerome Johnson, II</b> Director of Solutions Architecture Amazon Web Services	 <b>Kimathi Williams</b> Senior Cyber Architect Self Employed Corp (C&S)
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The DEI Team, along with The Black Tech Collective, is proud to host "Black in Tech," a panel highlighting the contributions of Black professionals in the tech field. Panelists will consist of industry leaders in various areas including data analytics, cyber architecture, and marketing research.

Hornbake Library Commons  
Room 0300  
February 25, 2025  
5 PM

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Questions?  
Email Dr. Angel Jones - [DraJones@umd.edu](mailto:DraJones@umd.edu)

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## Women in Tech

 <b>Tamia Baker-Johnson</b> Sr Assoc - Tech & Transformation PwC	 <b>Preetha Vikram</b> Tech & Transformation Consultant Accenture	 <b>Kavya Redla</b> Manager, Advisory PwC
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The INFO DEI Team, along with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), is proud to host "Women in Tech," a panel highlighting the contributions of Women in the tech field. Panelists will consist of 3 industry leaders including Preetha Vikram who is a graduate of the INFO information science program.

Hornbake Library Commons  
Room 0300  
April 2, 2025  
5 PM

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Questions?  
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## Student Programming

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# UPCOMING



## GRADUATE STUDENTS OF COLOR PANEL

The INFO OACES team is hosting a virtual panel that will provide graduate students of color an opportunity to share their experiences at INFO College and UMD as a whole. Panelists include:

- Etana Laing, she/they, Masters of Library Science & Info Science
- Shom Tiwari, they/them, Masters of Library Science & Info Science
- Daniela Torres, she/her, Masters of Library Science & Info Science
- Lydia Curliss, she/her, Ph.D. in Information Studies

Wednesday 5/7 at 4:30 PM via Zoom

RSVP:



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# INFO Instructional Support Update

Vedat Diker



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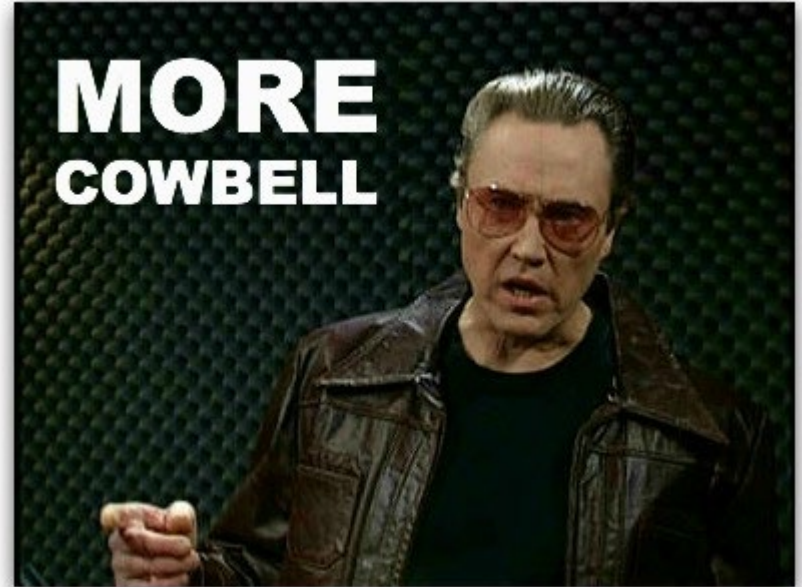


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# INFO Instructional Support Update

May 2, 2025

# Before We Begin... Operation Cowbell - Spring 2025



Thursday, May 1 --- Wednesday, May  
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## Priorities for Fall 2025 and Beyond

- Provide adequate and sustainable support to INFO instructors within our means
- Provide teaching and learning leadership opportunities to INFO students
- Contribute to alleviating the ongoing budget pressures
- Establish transparency around our instructional support efforts

# INFO Instructional Support Position Categories

- Graduate Student Instructors (GSI) [equivalent to GTA for HR purposes]
- Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA) [positions with full benefits]
- Graduate Course Aides (GCA) [hourly positions, previously titled “grader”]
- Undergraduate Course Aides (UCA) [hourly positions, previously titled UTA]

# INFO Instructional Support Application Process

- Interested students apply through a form, (grad on Jira, undergrad on Qualtrics)
- Know-how support is provided through a detailed FAQ document
- We are not able to respond to applications status update requests
- Students who are assigned positions are informed via email

# Instructor-related Aspects of the Process

- Instructors are advised to refer students with questions to the FAQ document
- Instructors are **not** required to contribute to the assignment process
- However, instructors are welcome to provide input regarding their preferences
- Instructors are informed via email about their instructional support team

# Instructional Support Assignment Priorities

- Guaranteed-funding students
- INFO PhD students who lost funding unexpectedly
- Students who held INFO instructional support positions, (limitations apply)
- Other INFO graduate and undergraduate students
- Other, non-INFO, graduate and undergraduate students



## Ideas for Fall 2025 Preparation

- Build a plan on how to employ instructional support assigned to your course
- Set clear expectation and outcome metrics for your team members
- Make use of instructor's tools we will release over the summer
- Consider engaging AMPs, GSS leads, and C3 tutors in your courses
- Collaborate with other colleagues around instructional support matters
- Seek know-how and help from the academic programs team

# College Advisory Committee Year- End Report

Polly O'Rourke



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# College Advisory Committee

May 2025

# Who are we?

## Committee Members

- Jacqueline Armstrong (Staff)
- Beth Bonsignore (PTK-Research)
- Jonathan Lazar (TTK-Full)
- Polly O'Rourke (PTK-FS; Committee Chair)
- Galina Reitz (PTK-Instructional)
- Anat Szendro Sevilla (PTK-Instructional)
- Beth St. Jean (TTK Associate)
- Craig Taylor (Staff)
- Caro Williams-Pierce (TTK-Assistant)

## Ex-officio Members (Deans)

- Bridget O Faherty
- Renee Hill
- Kate Izsak
- Wayne Lutters
- Kevin Nesline
- Keith Marzullo
- Mega Subramaniam
- Susan Winter

## Support

- Sarah Grun

# What do we do?

## INFO's Plan of Organization says...

### 4. Duties and Responsibilities

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. The College Advisory Committee shall serve as the Committee on Committees and shall propose a slate of candidates from which the Dean may appoint members to Administrative Committees, and shall provide a slate of candidates from within the College from which administrators above the College level may appoint representatives to participate in the search, nomination, and review of the Dean of the College.

# What have we worked on this year?

## CAC Meetings 2024/2025

- 9/10/24 – State of the college (Feedback to Keith on Town Hall presentation)
- 10/8/24 – Transition to Workday (Feedback to Bridget and Keith)
- 12/10/24 – Departmentalization (Discussion requested by Keith)
- 4/28/25 – New Dean and role of CAC (Discussion requested by Keith)

# #1 Departmentalization (Fall 2024/Spring 2025)

- Prior to discussing departmentalization with the College Assembly, the Keith sought advice from CAC.
- CAC discussed a variety of issues:
  - Impacts of InfoSci and InfoDesign as the two departments.
  - Impact to demands on staff
  - Impacts on our INFO culture
  - General impacts of departmentalization
- Risks to INFO's culture, interdisciplinarity, collaboration, and college identity were top concerns.

## #2 Changing of the Dean (Spring 2025)

- Keith asked CAC to consider the challenges that the new dean (starting in 2026 ) will face.
- Here are the main themes that emerged:
  - Getting to know the College and what everyone does.
  - Fostering success amid the ongoing changes and challenges to higher education.
  - Addressing workplace climate issues.
  - Helping the college adapt to its massive growth.
  - Maintaining INFO culture.



# #3 Role of CAC (Spring 2025)

- Keith asked CAC to consider what can CAC be doing in its role of advising the new Dean?
- In addition to responding to requests from the Dean, CAC can:
  - Be a sounding board for the Dean.
  - Provide feedback on the College's Budget (as it did in years past)
  - Meet with INFO's Senate reps.
  - Exercise its "Committee on Committee" function.
- What can CAC do better?
  - More firmly establish CAC's purpose and scope of activities.
  - Do more messaging at Assembly regarding CAC's purpose and scope of activities.

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# Nominating Committee

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Pamela Duffy, Jess Grimmer,  
Polly O'Rourke, Kevin Nesline



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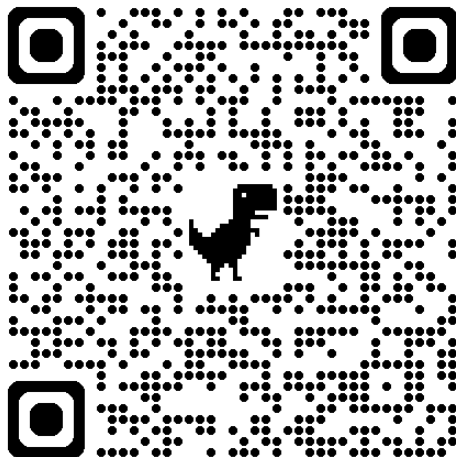
# Ballot 1: Assembly Officers

- 1-year term
- 2-year term limit
- All of Assembly votes

Position	Nominee	Term Details
Assembly Chair	Jacob Davidson	Incumbent, 1 year served
Assembly Secretary	Jen McGovern	Incumbent, 1 year served
Assembly Parliamentarian	Chris Hawley	Incumbent, 1 year served

**Nominees from the floor?**

# Ballot 1: Vote for Assembly Officers



<https://go.umd.edu/ab2025>

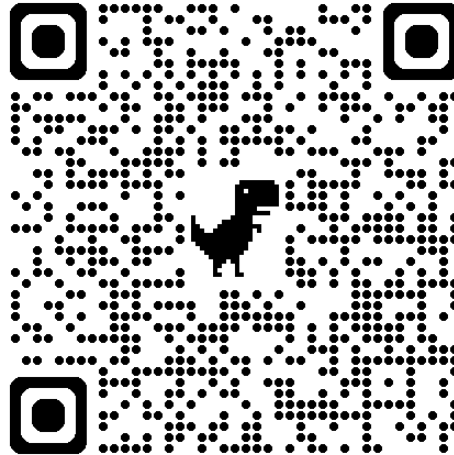
# Ballot 2: APT Co - Chairs

- 1-year term
- No limit on consecutive terms
- All of Assembly votes

Position	Nominee	Term Details
APT Co-Chair (TTK)	Jen Golbeck	Incumbent, 3 years served
APT Co-Chair (PTK)	Kathy Weaver	Incumbent, 6 years served

Nominees from the floor?

# Ballot 2: Vote for APT Co - Chairs



<https://go.umd.edu/aptchair2025>

# Ballot 3: College Advisory Committee

## - Faculty

- 1-year term
- No limit on consecutive terms
- All of Assembly votes

Position	Nominee	Term Details
TTK Assistant	Katrina Fenlon	Not currently serving
TTK Associate	Susannah Paletz Beth St. Jean	Not currently serving Currently serving
TTK Full	Jessica Vitak Katie Shilton	Not currently serving Not currently serving
PTK Faculty Specialist	<b>NEED NOMINEE</b>	
PTK Research	Bern Jordan	Not currently serving
PTK Instructional	Scott Jackson TJ Rainsford Galina Reitz	Not currently serving Not currently serving Currently serving

**Nominees from the floor?**



# Ballot 3: College Advisory Committee

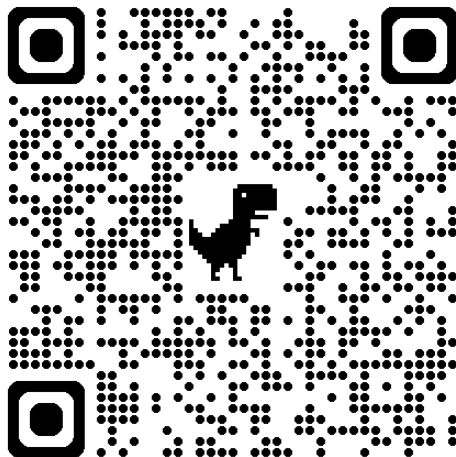
## - Staff

- 1-year term
- No limit on consecutive terms
- All of Assembly votes

Position	Nominee	Term Details
Staff, voting	Jacqueline Armstong Tetyana Bezbabna Mia Hinckle Ron Padron Myriam Paul Craig Taylor	Incumbent, 1 year served Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving
Staff, non-voting	Jacqueline Armstong Tetyana Bezbabna Mia Hinckle Ron Padron Myriam Paul Craig Taylor	Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving Not currently serving Incumbent, 2 years served

Nominees from the floor?

# Ballot 3: College Advisory Committee



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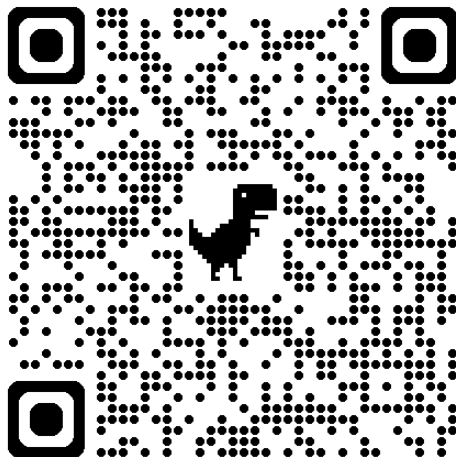
# Ballot 4: Graduate Council

- 3-year term
- No consecutive terms
- All of Assembly votes

Position	Nominee	Term Details
Graduate Council Representative	Susannah Paletz	Not currently serving
	Katrina Fenlon	Not currently serving
	Galina Reitz	Not currently serving

Nominees from the floor?

# Ballot 4: Graduate Council



<https://go.umd.edu/gc2025>

## Announcements

### **Commencement Speaker Luncheon Reception**

Speaker: Maureen Sullivan

May 22 at Noon

[RSVP](#) by May 5th

### **Dean Marzullo's Farewell Luncheon**

May 23 at 11:00 am

[RSVP](#) by May 5th

**You can also check your email to learn  
more *about both events*.**

# Open Announcements



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