

College of Education Senate Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2022, 930-1100 am

Hybrid Meeting Location: Benjamin 3237 and <https://umd.zoom.us/j/6086471517>

1. Welcome
2. Alumni Awards (Sudbrink & Norris)
 - a. Based on recommendations from the COE Alumni Network Board, Assistant Dean Kurt Sudbrink is requesting that the two Alumni Awards be transferred out of the Senate award process (Sudbrink will provide details at the meeting)
 - b. The Senate Steering Committee was generally favorable to this request but wanted to make sure that faculty/staff nominations for these awards would still be solicited
 - c. Kurt: College of Education Alumni network reorganized a few years ago; act as an independent organization within UMD; serve as a board to support the COE, alumni, and students.
 - i. Sponsor events for COE & alumni, have a professional development committee
 - ii. Used to (before disbanding) give a series of alumni awards- Alumni of the Year, teachers, academics, administrator, etc
 - iii. Want to restart awards process
 - iv. How we might move forward this year:
 1. It makes sense for Alumni Org to be involved in 2 awards (outstanding alumni + outstanding volunteer alumni) instead of giving different set of adjacent awards
 - a. Keep criteria the same; maybe shift deliverables for nomination so as not to veer too far from what exists
 2. Want to grow the awards & ceremony over time
 - d. Motion: transfer 2 alumni awards to COE alumni board to administer
 - i. Discussion:
 1. Want to make sure faculty/staff nominations would still be solicited. They would.
 2. Criteria? They could stay the same.
 3. Want to make sure that the awards continue to reflect the values of the COE as they shift. Want them to still represent the views of the college.
 - a. Dean being involved in process is key to this
 - b. Also have a wide nomination process
 - c. Rachel Hess (advancement office) is now playing a role of liaison between COE & alumni board and can also help with this
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous approval to transfer

3. Dean's Remarks (Stapleton)
 - a. Dean's Lecture canceled for this year; rescheduling for next year
 - b. Commencement: 2-part due to space: in Richie Coliseum
 - i. Includes winter 2021 & spring 2022 grads
 - ii. Undergraduate: 4:30, Thursday May 19
 - iii. Graduate 7:30, Thursday May 19
 - iv. Ticketed- up to 4 guests
 - v. Reception in between the two at The Hall CP
 - vi. As plans move forward, student services will alert us to needs
 - c. Maryland Day: April 30
 - i. COE Tent on the mall
 - ii. Also highlights in Tawes Plaza, maybe in Benjamin lobbies
 - iii. Watch out for a call for participation
 - d. Giving Day: March 9!
 - e. Dean's Search:
 - i. Committee presented with over 20 descriptions of people who showed interest in the position; gave feedback to narrow list to 14
 - ii. Search firm still pull more people from other nominations based on developing portfolio
 - iii. March: full days blocked off for interviews
 - iv. Jennifer asked for 4-5 finalists coming to campus in April-May
 - f. Masking policy update?
 - i. Going to follow whatever Prince George's does
 - ii. Still a question whether this will apply in classrooms
 - iii. If mask mandate is dropped, there will be a clear policy on when instructor can ask all students to mask (e.g., if instructor wants to speak without a mask but is compromised in some way)
 - iv. Large uptick in covid cases over the last 2 weeks; due to sorority rush
4. MLK Week Call to Service Debrief (Zakharia, Rivera, Bill, & Steiner)
 - a. Thank you for spearheading! Set a nice foundation for the Senate to continue in years to come
 - b. Some hiccups in coordination with other entities in COE
 - c. Don't want to dilute MLK's larger mission for justice; how can we stay truer to that while still getting people involved in the event?
 - d. Need a template for how to plan, when to start (MUCH earlier- perhaps in October), steps to take
5. Emerging & Continuing Discussion Points (Lombardi)
 - a. New College of Education Dean Search
6. 2021-2022 Schedule (Lombardi)
 - a. Awards/End of Year Celebration, May 13, 2022
 - i. Over lunchtime, informal, hopefully outside
 - ii. Be prepared to read a few packets after spring break
 - b. Senate Meetings, monthly on Fridays, 930-1100 am, hybrid (in-person/virtual)
 - i. AERA conflict-- Meeting on April 22 will be all virtual

7. Committee Work (starting at about 1015 am)
 - a. Awards (Norris is coordinating) <https://umd.zoom.us/my/anorrisumd>
 - i. All hands needed to review
 - b. Diversity and Inclusion (Bill & Steiner are coordinating)
<https://umd.zoom.us/my/zakharia>
 - c. Faculty Affairs (McGrew is coordinating): <https://umd.zoom.us/j/9960446298>
 - d. Sustainability (Walker is coordinating): <https://umd.zoom.us/j/9960446298>