

Slides

Agenda (2/13)... Zoom from 10am-11am

- Welcome
 - Bummer about January event- Rachel has awesome options for next year
- Check-in: Voices from the College
 - Anyone to elevate concerns? Share?
- Announcements: Giving Day (Rachel), Book Drive (Meghan + Tiffany), COE Awards (Rachel)
 - Book Drive: only 30 books as of today... share widely... last year we hit 100-120
 - Dean Griffin... how steadfast is the 2/28 deadline? College Council Meeting (2/24) and share again at First Friday (3/6)
 - COE Awards... reminders via email... keep pushing. Merging of the staff awards. Celebrate the COOL, NEW GOOGLE SUBMISSION FORM
 - Can someone be nominated for more than one award, or even multiple nominations for the same award?
 - Yes... for multiple award nominations and multiple nominations for the same award
 - An individual could only win one award...
- Dean Griffin's Updates
 - Note about Icemageddon... canceling the retreat was a reminder of how important that time together is for our College
 - Why closures?: It wasn't about clearing campus... facilities did an outstanding job moving the ice (snow blowers don't work on ice)
 - Clarity around what closure looks like... union issues, faculty, students... levels of closure.
 - Commencement
 - CoE is now in Xfinity ... one ceremony. Stay for the big ceremony
 - More information coming
 - Digital Accessibility
 - Big umbrella... classes, courses... but also websites, etc
 - Who does the College want to hear from for Dean's Lecture series? Nominate someone
 - Giving Day- March 4
 - CoE has won POWER HOUR for the last four years... 11am-1pm
- New Awards Initiative w/ Dean's Office
 - Goal is to continue to elevate and support CoE people for awards not only in COE, but University, System and Beyond.
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- Updates from University Senate (for the purposes of sharing information only)
 - ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Updates (Division of IT): A major portion of the meeting focused on federal ADA Title II requirements mandating that university digital environments be fully accessible by **April 24, 2026**, in accordance with WCAG 2.1 AA standards. This applies to instructional content, multimedia, documents, software/apps, and social media.
 - Key actions/goals:
 - Establishment of a Digital Accessibility Advisory Committee (DAAC) and campus Digital Accessibility Liaisons
 - Development of instructor guidelines, implementation plans, and templates

- Required and optional training opportunities
- Accessibility dashboards for ELMS-Canvas and UMD websites
- Emphasis on documenting progress and prioritizing high-impact content
- Goal to develop internal solutions for bulk PDF remediation
 - Exceptions include archival content, older electronic files, certain third-party content, private documents, and pre-existing social media.
- Purple Line Light Rail Updates (Office of Administrative Services): The Purple Line project is transitioning from construction to testing and operations.
 - Highlights:
 - 16-mile light rail from New Carrollton to Silver Spring/Bethesda
 - Five stations on/adjacent to the UMD campus
 - Free rides for students, faculty, and staff between campus stations
 - 1.2 new miles of bike lanes to support micromobility
 - Vehicles seat 80 (431 capacity), low-floor boarding, bike storage
 - Service planned: weekdays 5 am–midnight; frequent headways
 - Operational testing begins this month, with 87% of the track complete (all PG County track finished)
 - Testing will be slow, controlled, and escorted
 - New traffic signals; minimal predicted pedestrian impact
 - Safety measures include a 15 mph campus speed limit and overhead wire precautions
 - The discussion included informal feedback on bike lanes and pedestrian flow during peak hours.
- Action Items Passed
 - Updates to the 2021 Plan of Organization Review Committee slate
 - Master of Public Health modification adding Health Literacy & Public Health Communication concentration
 - Interim Consulting Policy clarifying eligibility and compliance requirements

Last action item: Voting had not yet been counted because the Senate Admin computer had died, and the entire Zoom meeting ended abruptly. **Therefore, no vote was “decided” on the Policy Review Committee. Tbd.**