

Agenda (11/14)

- Welcome (Mentimeter)...
 - The week happened...
- Check-in: Voices from the College
 - GA-ship (creating consistent expectations... lots of GAs in TLPL, is SME form helpful?)
 - RR: a lot of GAs teaching, some are doing other things... SME form filled out with advisor and SME form filled out 'supervisor'
 - Difference between mentoring and advising
 - MC: how to balance simply compliance task and useful process
 - [Loren Jones](#) ... in conversation with DL... bring this issue up the college level... what is quality mentoring? How does this differ from advising? How do I grow as a scholar/educator? Move the SMEs and culture away from simple compliance.
 - RH: we can get a list of staff (E vs NE) in order to help ensure we maximize award nominations
 - AS: lots of +s... along with some issues (preparation... courses repetition... not being taught how to teach; disconnect with seniors...peer-to-peer; secondary ed... feel disconnected from CoE; find opportunities to build resume; financial concerns (transportation)
 - More coordinated effort across secondary... updated list from student services
 - RH: review/investigate listservs to make sure all students are getting stuff
- Dean Griffin's Thoughts/Share Out
 - Digital Accessibility
 - April 2026
 - Potential First Friday PD in the Spring, but take advantage of the resources that have been released from campus
 - Enrollment Data (Fall 2025)
 - Chairs will receive details for their specific programs ([slides 6-12](#))
 - BD: workshops/support of transfer students... onboarding orientation...
 - RS:equity piece... bring into CoE,
 - [Loren Jones](#) ... connect with Christie... build-on and support what is happening
 - *FORWARD* Campaign
 - Campus goal of \$2.5billion
 - COE goal \$40million
 - \$21million raised to date
 - Teach FORWARD Initiative - \$10million
 - Last dollars in... perhaps roll out in phases
 - Benjamin Building - \$10million
 - AI Readiness in Education (AIRE) Hub - \$2million
 - MILE - \$1.5million
 - Maryland Democracy Institute (MDI) - \$1.5million
- Review of Winter Assembly Survey Data ([Slides 13-14](#))
 - RR: we aren't joiners...bwhahahaha!
 - Plans for 2-4 sessions (45 minutes each)
 - Guest speakers, panel members, etc.
 - BD: like the format (panel... interactive)... useful...
 - MP: wondering if there is a space for bringing in some of the GA conversations (mentoring, inclusion, etc); include prompt engineering

- RH/MC: Tell them we loved last year... we don't want a repeat... do what you think is needed... natural extension... taking something useful
 - RR-research AI; SK/LJ-teaching; need staff
 - Community-building activities before breakout sessions: subcommittee?
 - Maggie, Marie, [Loren Jones](#), Shannon
- Book Drive - Meghan + Tiffany (Announce at Winter Assembly)
- Awards Sub-Committee
 - Brooke, Maggie, Brianna, Younger
 - Get people to nominate people
- Reminders - COE Pantry Drive in November
- Updates (for the purposes of sharing information only)
 - President Pines addressed the Senate in their 10/15 meeting.
 - Acknowledged the govt shutdown, noting his and UMD's recognition of impacted families. Admin Response: Engage, Challenge, Adapt, Plan, Listen to Community → see the image below. Also keep an eye on the updated website: go.umd.edu/federalupdates
 - Celebrated UMD's highest ranking ever, 16th as a public university; #42 in the Nation; U.S. News and World Report 25-26. UMD has moved up 22 spots overall and eight spots as a public institution over the past 6 years.
 - Major Initiatives:
 - **Infrastructure Improvements:** 22 classroom renovations, roof repairs, painting; McKeldin Mall lighting upgrades, bike lane installation, Gossett basketball performance center, SECU stadium repairs and upgrades (handrails!).
 - **COMING Next year!! Grand Challenges Grad Communities (GC) squared:** Living learning community initiative for graduate students; will include: interdisciplinary research collaborations, academic career and professional development opportunities;
 - ***Discover House graduate housing complex:** Old Leonardtown, 750 students, 2026-27; double capacity to house graduate students—more graduate housing than any other Big 10 school.
 - **Grand Challenges Grants:** 30M to 50 projects: MILE (Helped increase state reading scores in 2024 through policy, collaboration, and tutoring); Global FEWture Alliance; Climate Resilience Network.
 - **20M Terrapin Commitment:** 21% PELL; committed over 53M to students.

Moving forward, Campaign: Launching this campaign in the next two weeks.