In Attendance: Dr. Janet C. Rutledge, Dr. Jeffrey Halverson, Dr. Lisa Portis Morgan, Dr. Kenneth Wong, Dr. Erin Golembewski, Dr. Lucy Wilson, Dr. Wendy Camelo Castillo, Dr. Bethany Lee, Dr. Michelle Starz-Gaiano, Dr. Jennifer Maher, Dr. John Basile, Dr. Adam Bargteil, Dr. Niya Werts, Dr. Yaakov Malinovsky, Dr. Patrick Wintrode, Dr. Andy Miller, Dr. Jane Lincove, Dr. Bill Jackson, Dr. Kelly Westlake, Dr. Abraham Schneider, Jamila Savage, Matthew Gottlieb, Katherin Schlegel, Dr. Eun-Shim Nahm, Dr. Sebastian Deffner

1. Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on May 4, 2023: minutes were approved as written.
2. Announcements/plans/issues UMB:
   ○ There have been several changes in leadership at UMB. Dr. Kenneth Wong is the new dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Yolanda Ogbolu was named as the new dean of the School of Nursing in June. A search was conducted for a new dean in the School of Social Work. Interviews have concluded and are in the negotiation phase. A new dean will also be selected very soon for the HSHSL Library.
   ○ UMB is in the beginning phase of Middle States re-accreditation.
3. Announcements/plans/issues UMBC:
   ○ There have been several changes in leadership at UMBC. Last year, UMBC conducted a search for a new provost. However, after not finding the right fit, an interim provost was chosen and will continue in this role until a new provost has been selected. UMBC has a new Vice President of Student Affairs. It was explicit in her mandate that she will be Vice President for all the students and is working with the Grad School to have joint programming for graduate students.
   ○ Enrollment is up. Due to an unplanned increase in enrollment last year, the Grad School had put into action a plan to reduce incoming students and focus on a strategic planning process across the colleges. The question being considered is should the Grad School grow to meet market demand or try to get the same kind of balance reflected at the PhD level.
4. GSA Reports
   ○ UMB
     ■ The GSA held a student led orientation. They provided information sessions for the on-campus students including social hour, big sibling lunch, as well as an intro to all relevant student services. They added a new aspect this year, which is a more comprehensive online orientation for online students.
     ■ Other events will be held this semester such as social hours, community service events, and planning for the research conference in the Spring.
   ○ UMBC
     ■ The new senate is in place with a new slate of officers. They started early this year and have already had two business meetings.
     ■ The Grad School is working to bring in a part-time staff member to provide additional professional support to the GSA.
5. Committee Reports
   ○ Program Review –
     ■ Information Systems - The YTR was reviewed, discussed, and approved by the full Graduate Council.
Mechanical Engineering - The YTR was reviewed, discussed, and approved by the full Graduate Council.

Long Range Planning and New Programs
- No new items

New Courses
- UMBC
  - No new items
- UMB
  - No new items

Graduate Faculty
UMBC
- Chen, Chengpeng – Chemistry and Biochemistry
  - Approved - Associate to Regular
- Purushotham, Sanjay – Information Systems
  - Approved - Associate to Regular

UMB
- Harvey, Brandon – School of Pharmacology
  - Approved - Associate to Special
- Clock, Christine – School of Medicine
  - Approved - None to Regular
- Shu, Rev. Christina – Palliative Care Program
  - Approved - None to Special
- Jhou, Thomas – Neurobiology
  - Approved - None to Special
- Luetkens, Tim – Microbiology and Immunology
  - Approved - Associate to Regular
- Carpenter, Joan – School of Nursing
  - Approved – Associate to Regular

6. Old Business
- Update on tabled motion to create a task force to examine the overall benefits of the joint Graduate Council as well as any tension points and possible solutions.
  - Dean Erin Golembewski: Now that a new Graduate School Dean has been appointed at UMB, it might be valuable for leadership to begin discussing what the task force might look like.

7. New Business
- Due to an increase of instances of academic dishonesty, Dean Janet C. Rutledge has motioned for there to be a discussion to consider strengthening the penalties for academic misconduct and what those penalties might be.
- A department within UMBC wishes to allow students to write their dissertations in a language other than English. Dean Janet C. Rutledge would like to make the council aware of this discussion as this will be a matter for the council to decide on should it pass.

Next Meeting:
October 5, 2023
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