1. **Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on October 5, 2023**: minutes were approved as written.

2. **Announcements/plans/issues UMB**:
   - **Erin Golembewski**:
     - Dr. Sarah Michel, who previously served as interim dean and has been a part of the Pharmaceutical Science Department for many years, has now been named the new Dean of The School of Pharmacy.
     - Dr. Emily Hurst has been named as the new Dean of the HSHSL Library and will be starting on February 1, 2024.
     - UMB is in the process of the Middle States review. The Graduate School has been involved in the Middle States Town Hall meetings and they have been going very well.
     - There are several listening sessions and holding spaces reserved for students to discuss the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The Graduate School is looking into options for Mental Health First Aide Training. This would be a facilitated training that they hope to open in Spring 2024 to graduate school leadership, GPDs, GPCs, and anyone that works directly with the student body.

3. **Announcements/plans/issues UMBC**:
   - **Janet Rutledge**:
     - One of the elevators in the Administration Building has passed inspection and is now operational. All customer-facing activities within the Administration Building will resume on Monday, Nov. 6.
     - UMBC held its first MORE (Mentoring Others Results in Excellence) Workshop. The workshop was a success with 16 faculty-student pairs participating in the event.
     - The American Council on Education has taken over the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Possible changes in R1 classification criteria may have more universities reaching R1 status. Future workshops will be held to discuss in more detail.
     - The Graduate School will hold the Candidacy Ceremony Friday, November 3, 2023 from 12-2 PM.

4. **GSA Reports**
   - **UMB**
     - Updates presented by Erin Golembewski on behalf of Nikita Aggarwal:
       - The Graduate Research Conference will be held Friday, April 12, 2024. Space has been reserved in the SMC Campus Center for oral and poster presentations. UMBC Graduate Students are invited to participate in the
conference. Faculty are welcome to participate as judges or come as attendees.

- UMB will be hosting the Advancement to Candidacy Ceremony along with the GRC Awards Ceremony, a pairing that has worked very well for the institution and has proven to provide a good turnout in the past.
- Dr. Kenneth Wong, newly appointed Dean of the Graduate School, has arranged for a meet and greet with students on November 17, 2023. There will be refreshments and a chance to meet the new dean for those who have not yet had the chance.

- UMBC
  - Updates presented by Aminah Amjad on behalf of Grace De Oro:
    - On October 11, 2023, the Graduate Student Success Committee (GSSC), a standing committee within the GSA, successfully planned and executed the Graduate Student Fest. Over 400 graduate students attended as well as roughly 22 student organizations and UMBC offices/departments.
    - GSA will have regular, monthly meetings with Dr. Renique Kersh, the Vice President of Student Affairs, to address any campus wide issues.
    - GSA and SGA will be providing updates and giving presentations to the Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) in December 2023.
    - Graduate Student Writing Assistance conversations will begin November 6, 2023, and will include people from the Graduate School, Library, GSA, Division of Professional Studies and the English Department.
    - The GSAs new, part-time accountant has begun working with the treasurer on issues relating to the grants department. The new accountant has previous experience working within UMBC and has helped to quickly move this process along.

5. Committee Reports
   - Program Review
     - No items
   - Long Range Planning and New Programs
     - No items
   - New Courses
     - UMBC
       - New Courses
         - CMSC 663 – Data Privacy
           - Approved
         - SENG 696 – Internship in Software Engineering
           - Recommended approval after revision (administrative)
     - UMB
       - New Courses
         - GPLS 726 – Special Topics: Neuroscience Nano I
           - Recommended approval after revision (administrative)
         - GPLS 727 – Special Topics: Neuroscience Nano II
           - Recommended approval after revision (administrative)
         - PALC 620 – Disease State Evaluation and Management in Pediatric Palliative Care
           - Approved
         - PALC 621 – Pain and Symptom Management in Pediatric Palliative Care
           - Approved
6. Old Business
   • Janet Rutledge: The council of deans voted that dissertations must be written in English. Students are required to write their dissertations in English, with the option to include content in another language, provided that an English version is also included.

7. New Business
   • S/U Grading Policy: After thorough review and discussion, the Graduate Council moved to approve the proposal and forward to the Faculty Senate for further review.
   • EDHS New Course Acronym Request: After thorough review and discussion, the Graduate Council moved to approve the proposal.

Next Meeting:
December 7, 2023
Hosted by UMBC
Zoom