

Meet & Confer – October 21st, 2021 8AM

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Notes from the meeting

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Old Business
 - A. Parking, educational costs and costs of attendance
 - B. Stipends and the stipend review committee (
 1. Stipend review committee has been populated with faculty, staff and students from across programs. Plans to meet this semester?
 2. Program disparities still remain and we want to reaffirm that we still believe these programs need stipend increases
 3. Dr. Lilly meeting today re:GERO stipends!
 4. Dr. Golembewski says stipend review committee will meet late November and then again in the Spring
- III. New Business
 - A. COVID-19 boosters
 1. There is confusion on who is eligible for booster shots. While the official COVID-19 Recovery Recap states that doses will only be administered to “qualifying individuals” based on CDC guidelines, many students have received emails from their program coordinators or directors stating that all students are eligible to receive a booster shot at any time. Request for clarification of these policies.
 - a) They think FPI went rogue by offering boosters to students? They are going to follow up with them
 2. Are there plans to require boosters for on-campus faculty/staff/students in the foreseeable future?
 - a) No
 - B. UMB’s approved Strategic Plan, DEI and course curricula (Hadley?)
 1. How does UMB plan to execute the new Strategic Plan? Is there a curriculum review process to ensure that all programs are providing

content that aligns with these values, themes and outcomes and will advance DEI initiatives?

- a) "Faculty are the keepers of the curriculum"; expectation is that faculty will take up the charge to incorporate these initiatives
- b) They say it's on the students to work with the Deans and faculty governance to make sure faculty really are doing this
- c) Dr. Ward suggested we talk with SSW students because they made a lot of progress in "pushing the faculty" to change their curriculum
- d) CDEIO Diane Forbes-Berthound is working on this; just presented to the faculty senate on this topic yesterday
 - (1) Dr. Ward suggested we also work with the faculty senate
- e) Dr. Rhodes is leading a Core Values working group to develop ways to hold the University leadership accountable; will have student representation
 - (1) Want to identify "behaviors that align with the core values" and "toolkits" for addressing/implementing
- f) Graduate School also has a Steering Committee to implement the strategic plan; Dr. Golembewski will reach out soon regarding student representation

2. Is there a plan for any oversight or guidance in implementing the Strategic Plan goals in student training outside of the classroom (ie individual research labs, clinical sites, etc.)?

C. "UMB Believes Black Lives Matter" banners on campus

1. Students have been disappointed to see that these banners have been moved without notice, explanation or information on where they're going. Why was this decision made and were student voices included in that process?
2. Dr. Jarrell not aware they had moved; said they're just on a rotation just like any other banner on campus though
3. They wanted a "broad display" of the banners so moved them around; didn't think to include student representation in that group
4. Drs. Ward and Rhodes asked us to "please assume benign intent when we miss on communication"

IV. Updates (to be read ahead of time by all)

A. GSA Events & Announcements

1. The USGA is holding a Listening Tour across campus to gather perspectives on DEI at UMB. The Graduate School's session is this coming Monday, 10/25
2. We plan to include a new column in our monthly Grad Gazette newsletter that will detail various announcements, news and updates from the GSA so that we may more transparently update all students on our activities each month

B. UMB Shuttle

1. The GSA and USGA are discussing the pros and cons of expanding shuttle service during the midday period through the shuttle committee.

USGA is planning a panel discussion with Parking & Transportation in the coming weeks for students to ask questions and discuss ideas and concerns