Spring Meeting
March 17, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Amy H. Davis, Chuck Kaufman, JoAnn Roselli, Joel Lord, Lisa Silletti, Merce Meredith Ault, Michelle White, Melissa Goldman, Mimi Mumm, Patrick Hayes, Penny Nichols-Cordero

Members via Zoom: Alison Phelan, Brian Brady, Joe Kaplan

Members Absent: Amy Chisholm, Bronwyn Cooper, Gary Dougherty, George Sanchez, Jennifer Getchell, Kathleen Small, Mary Ellen Millett, Maureen Provost, Terry Budebo, Tushar Walhekar

Staff Present: Pallavi Bandalli, Rose Boulay

Welcome and Introductions
The meeting started at 12 noon with Melissa and Penny presiding. Melissa thanked everyone for being there. Also, she reminded members of the OPS Program Review Team’s interview with Council members to be held on campus April 4, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Penny and Melissa will attend along with Amy Davis.

Overview and Accomplishments
Penny gave an overview of the UMAPA Advisory Council and its accomplishments up to date.

Change in Bylaws
In the last conference call meeting, the Council discussed changing the frequency of on-campus meeting from four meetings to two. Council members decided to table this for the time being. Rose will review the wording, make the appropriate changes, and bring back changes to Council members for a vote at the next conference call. Brian also suggested that we add a disclaimer in the bylaws to allow the chair to make minor changes without having to seek Council’s approval if changes are deemed appropriate and necessary. Patrick made a motion to make changes as stated by Brian. Amy seconded the motion which was then passed.

Foster Care Student Success Fund – UMass Gives Donation Promotion, April 29-30
Patrick first reported on the Outreach Committee’s donation drive over the weekend to benefit the five Student Care Supply Closets on campus. In addition to dropping off items at all nine Residential Service Desks on campus, donors (mostly families on the Family to Family Facebook group) also had the option to purchase items online through Amazon and have it shipped directly to the Dean of Students Office. Melissa and Penny thanked all involved especially Patrick for all of the announcements he created to drive donors to the Amazon site.

Other questions members raised about the Supply Closets include: how do students are made aware of them? Where are they located? And are off-campus students included? Patrick confirmed that all of the necessary information is on the Dean of Students website. Rose seconded that and gave a list of the locations: CMASS, Veteran Student Resource Center, Off-Campus Student Center, Dean of Students Office, and Stonewall Center.
Mimi then reported on the Outreach Committee’s next endeavor which is to participate in UMass Gives to continue to raise funds for the Foster Care Student Success Fund. This donation drive will take place online, April 29-30. The Outreach goal is to match last year’s goal of $3,000. Everyone is invited to promote the drive on social media, at work, through family and friends, etc. Members also agreed to participate in a "Power Hour” to potentially receive an additional $2,000 or $500 based on unique donations. Members decided on the following Power Hour options: April 30, 8-9 p.m., April 29, 12-1 p.m., or 3-4 p.m. respectively. Rose will communicate this information to the Development Office and inform Council members once a Power Hour option is approved. We plan to use all avenues to promote UMass Gives: emails, phone, social media, the OPS e-newsletter, students, and more.

**Featured Speakers**

**Carolyn Bassett, Associate Provost for Student Success, Student Success Office:** She talked about her office mission, vision, and goals. She further talked about student success, how it is a shared goal at UMass, how different pathways lead to success, and how they craft information to meet students’ distinctive needs. The goal is to build bridges with other departments, schools and colleges to provide the best educational experience for students. Her office helps students set goals, connect with key people on campus, build their personal brand, and get involved. More information can be found on the Student Success website [www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/](http://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/)

**Lin Tang, Director, Learning Resource Center:** The Learning Resource Center (LRC) offers students a peer-supported environment. Lin talked about the four programs that she manages:

- **One-on-one or group tutoring**
- **ExSel**
- **Supplemental Instructions (SI)**
- **The Office of Undergrad Research & Studies (OURS)**

Students are notified about LRC at NSO, by tutors, through referrals from instructors and academic advisors, through weekly email, etc. For more information, visit LRC website [https://www.umass.edu/lrc/](http://https://www.umass.edu/lrc/)

**Election of Officers**

We held elections to fill two positions: Chair-elect and Secretary. Patrick Hayes was voted to be the next Chair-elect and Lisa Silletti will be the next secretary. Lisa also agreed to become a member of the Outreach Committee. The full leadership starting May 2019 will include the following members:

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**Outgoing members**

Members who will complete their two-year term this spring were acknowledged. They include:

- Chuck Kaufman whose student will graduate in May 2019 and will no longer serve on the Council.
- Mimi Mumm who plans to stay for one more year to train and provide support to the new Outreach Chair.
- Terry Budebo and Alison Phelan who also plan to leave the Council in May.
- Melissa Goldman who plans to stay in the council for one more semester.
They all received a certificate for their two years of service.

**Announcements**

*Council Engagement at Summer NSO Parent and Family Orientation*: Rose asked members to consider volunteering again at Summer NSO. She will send the SignUp Genius form in April. We can use members all day too if members choose to stay for the day & into the evening.

**Summer NSO dates:**

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8 - 9:30 a.m. Registration table - have a presence & distribute name tags, bags & mingle with families.
5:30 - 7 p.m. Family Dinner - meet and greet families over dinner and answer questions.

*Family Weekend*: Family Weekend will be held on October 18-20, book your hotel early on. The Council’s meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 10-12:30 p.m. Campus Center, Hadley Room.

*Spring Conference Calls:*

**Group**: April 1 and April 29 via Zoom conference call at 5:30 p.m.

**Co-Chairs**: March 25, and April 22 via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

*Alison Phelan, recording secretary*