****University of Baltimore Student Government Association**

**University of Baltimore Student Senate**

**Learning Commons Town Hall**

**Composed by: Secretary King**

**September 25th, 2019**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Absent:

* David Guzman
* Ben Khan
* Sabelo Mthembu

**Approval of Agenda**

* Motion to amend to have Create a Constitutional Committee under New Business
* Motion to have a senate vote on the **change of duty** from Secretary to Vice President on sending out the **agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Executive Reports**

Treasurer Ali

* Is the Chair of Finance and Senator Norko is co-chair.

Secretary King

* Nothing to report

Chief of Staff Bah

* HSA Club event, “Domestic Violence Awareness Forum”, will take place on October 31, 2019 in the Wright Theater from 5pm-9pm.
* Requesting extra funding of $500 to purchase promotional items (purple awareness ribbons, buttons, pamphlets, & brochures)

President

* Being recorded through Panapto

**Guest Speakers**

Provost Smith & Nicole Marano

*Student Retention & Success Plan:*

* Focusing on increasing retention rate of Freshman
* Graduation rate for first-time full-time Freshman increased from 33% to 37%
* Academic Momentum Campaign:
* Different support services/initiatives to help students make progress throughout their time at UB.
* Soon students will see financial aid specialist listed on their UB Portal.
* Mandatory Milestone Advising:
* As an undergraduate student you will need to meet with your advisor at 45, 60, and 90 credit completions.
* Early Alert Program:
* A faculty member can submit an early alert on a student and academic advisor will help the student navigate any issue they have.
* Help students connect earlier to the resources they need
* Gateway Course Redesign:
* Improve the way courses are instructed and delivered to students
* Fifteen to Finish Campaign:
* Newly launched. Registering for 15 credits a semester would be doable.
* Financial impact.
* Essentially taking fifth course free.
* If a student is a full-time student with no other commitments could they save money by going from 12 to 15 credits.
* Graduate more quickly.
* Gen. Education Math:
* Adopted and developed a partnership with CCBC.
* Piloting to see if the success rate at CCBC translates to the UB students.
* Mentoring Initiative:
* Professional staff in Division of Student Success and Support Services are serving as mentors for lower division transfer students.
* Potentially expand it to Grad students

**Candace Caraco**

Academic Policies:

* Student Complaint Policy is still in the draft phase
* Within 45 days of an issue, contact a supervisor of an area with the issue
* 45 days to try and provide a resolution
* Executive Team should look to see what the issues students have issues with
* Administrative Policies are formally posted on Daily Digest
* Any questions email [candace.caraco@ubalt.edu](mailto:candace.caraco@ubalt.edu)
* Policy guide is located on UB homepage at the bottom of the page (Quick links).

**Old Business**

Senate Election Investigation:

* Committee created composed of the entire senate to gather relevant facts relating the Asha Malima & Chauntell Miller case.
* Offer recommendations for a more transparent process in the future
* President needs clarification
* Senator Norko motion to create a committee composed of the entire senate to gather relevant facts relating to the Asha Malima & Chauntell Miller case. Also, to offer recommendations for a more transparent process in the future.
* Motion passes

**New Business**

Vote for Speaker of the Senate:

* Motion to vote for Speaker of the Senator
* Motion passes
* Final vote: 9-1
* Senator Norko becomes Speaker
* Congrats!

**Open Forum**

* Certain areas on campus do have gender neutral bathrooms (Student Center, etc.)
* Leonard Robinson is the Editor in Chief of the UB Post
* Thanks Speaker Norko for reaching out and restarting the UB Post.
* Interested in getting involved with UB Post email [leonard.robinson@ubalt.edu](mailto:leonard.robinson@ubalt.edu)
* Any questions or concerns about the BPD coming on campus email [sga@ubalt.edu](mailto:sga@ubalt.edu)
* President Schmoke will be at the Oct. 9th meeting to discuss it

**Advisor Comments**

* Andrew Goodman Foundation Vote Everywhere Ambassadors

**Adjournment**