

**Research Council Meeting
October 13, 2017**

Attendees: G. Koru, J. Schumacher, L. DiCuirci, B. Arnold, K. Pande Joshi, S. Bediako, T. Adali, B. Lowenthal, K. Steiner, D. Engel, C. Kowalewski, T. King-Meadows, M. Cather, K. Bowman

Chair Gunes Koru welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- I. Presentation from the Hilltop Institute (see group page)
- II. Undergraduate Research at UMBC – presentation from April Householder, Director of Undergraduate Research (see group page)
- III. Updates from OVPR

Announcements were made about GRITX talks taking place tomorrow from 10:00am to 2:00pm. These talks will take place every year near homecoming and President Hrabowski has deemed this the best opportunity for a great marketer for Research. Right now there are 110 registered to attend at through Black Box Theatre.

Two years ago there was an inventors' luncheon which Wendy Martin, Director of Technology Development, coordinated and they are planning to hold this every 2 years moving forward.

Maryland Charity Campaign – Karl Steiner is the Lead this year and a breakfast for the administrators will be held Tuesday to help kick off the campaign. We are very proud of our history of having a very high participation rate. Last year there were \$230,000 donated from UMB placing us at 8% of the Maryland total for this campaign.

- IV. Strategic Plan Implementation

There was a discussion about how to attract more students grow our graduate enrollments in the research field.

Suggestions included:

- Contracting consultants
- Better instruction on how to get into the Masters Program – the need to bring the students attention to this area.
- Reaching out to companies to find out what education they require for their employees. (it was noted that there are 30,000 open jobs in Cybersecurity in MD right now)
- Questions about how much research is being requested from students to stay in the field (concern about students just taking classes to fulfill their degree and then taking another career path)
- Grant writing support (very receptive to work shops and it would be very helpful to have an extra set of eyes to review grants)
- Feedback on internal awards that will in turn help on the development of external awards.
- Better incentives for grant writing
- Peer writing groups or committees that can provide feedback on grant writing.
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Respectfully submitted by Rose Drohan.