

Faculty Advisory Council

**Meeting of April 19, 2016
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Cade 219
Anne Arundel Community College
Arnold, MD 21012
Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:37 by Nicole Dombrowski, Chair
 - a. Announcement: Eugene Schaffer, FAC representative from UMBC, is ill and will not be able to continue this year. UMBC will send a replacement.
 - b. Attendees: William Taft, Nayna Philipsen, Chris Brittan-Powell, Joan Landon, Benjamin Arah, Nicole Dombrowski-Risser, Curt Raney, Angelique Cook-Hayes, Jolly Davis, Sharon Fechter, Teresa Bridger, Ken Kerr, Richard Siciliano, Angelita Yu, Dipa Sarkar-Dey, Katherine Corley Murray, Dan Cunningham, Linda Martinak, Kathryn Jones, Genny Segura
 - c. Guests: Ronda Brown, MHEC staff Administrative Officer, II
2. Approval of January 19, 2016 minutes: Approved
3. Lee Tower, Legislative Update
 - a. Dr. James Fielder, Jr. was approved as the Secretary of Higher Education
 - b. Student financial issues dominated the 2016 legislative session. An [“End of Session” report was distributed \(see below\)](#). A summary of all legislation was provided and is attached to these minutes.
4. Genny Segura, MHEC Update
 - a. Secretary Fielder has been meeting with MHEC divisions getting to know the divisions, their priorities, and the major issues.
 - b. There are new commissioners who are being briefed by MHEC staff to inform them of priorities and issues.
 - c. Genny announced she will retire May 1st, but will continue on as FAC liaison through June. She is looking for someone who can replace her. This person, in addition to an assistant secretary, would serve as FAC liaisons
 - d. Genny anticipates some reorganization at the collegiate level of the State Department of Education. Nothing major—but this is fairly standard with a new secretary.
 - e. Nicole suggested that the commission should include a faculty representative. Genny suggested that we approach Lee Tower and ask him to assist in presenting a proposal to change the law and allow for a faculty representative the MHEC.
5. Old Business
 - a. FAC endorses and recommends speedy adoption of the proposed changes to COMAR 13.B.06.01.03.C.4 regarding changes to the definition of general education mathematics. Ken made a motion consolidating points made by various members:
 - i. FAC endorses changes to the wording COMAR 13.B.06.01.03.C.4 defining general education mathematics from, “at or above the level of college algebra,” to “having performance expectations demonstrating a level of maturity beyond

Maryland College and Career Ready standards in mathematics (including problem solving skills, and mathematical concepts and techniques that can be applied in the student’s program of study.)” And we request the speedy adoption thereof to bring General Education regulations into agreement with college completion provisions of the College and Career Readiness Act of 2013. Seconded. Motion unanimously adopted.

- b. Jolly Davis presented a resolution related to “Timely Feedback” specifically addressing early semester feedback. His reasoning was that students cannot benefit from suggested changes as they make their concerns known at the end of the semester. It is also a concern that student evaluations are initially viewed by administrators for faculty performance assessment. Richard offered to open an area on the FAC website where evaluation practices from all institutions can be collected and reviewed. This matter will be reconsidered at the next meeting.
6. Nominations for 2016-17 officers remain open
 - a. Chair— Nayna Phillipsen
 - b. Vice Chair—Ken Kerr
 - c. Secretary— Angelique Cook-Hayes
7. Announcements: Secretary Fielder will be at the next meeting
8. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Submitted by Ken Kerr, Secretary

**END OF SESSION REPORT
2016 SESSION**

All legislation effective October 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted

HB 107 Higher Education - Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program - Scholarship Amount

This bill establishes that a scholarship award under the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program must be at least \$2,000 and no more than \$3,000, subject to the availability of funds. Under current law, a scholarship must be \$3,000, subject to the availability of funds.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

HB 360 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Foster Care Recipients

This bill establishes a Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients. The Office of Student Financial Assistance must assist in the repayment of higher education loans owed by an orphan or a foster care recipient who (1) is employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week by the State or a county or municipality of the State and (2) received an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution of higher education in the State. The Governor must appropriate \$100,000 annually in the State budget for MHEC to disburse the lesser of \$5,000 or 10% of an eligible individual's total loan debt under the program. The bill also includes reporting requirements for MHEC.

HB 400 Higher Education - Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth - Modifications

This bill expands eligibility for the tuition waiver for foster care recipients, to include individuals who were in foster care out-of-state who meet the same qualifications as eligible individuals who were in foster care in the State. In addition, the bill alters eligibility for the tuition waiver for foster care recipients, so that an individual is eligible if he or she resided in an out-of-home placement (including out-of-state) on the individual's eighteenth birthday, rather than at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency development examination (GED). The bill also repeals the requirement that to receive a tuition waiver, a foster care recipient or unaccompanied homeless youth must have filed for federal and State financial aid by a deadline of March 1. The bill also includes annual reporting requirements for MHEC.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

**HB 460 Housing and Community Development - Community Development
SB 381 Administration - Student and Residential Mortgage Loans**

This Administration bill authorizes the Community Development Administration (CDA) within the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to provide financial assistance to homeowners for purchasing a primary residence and making payments on the homeowner's student loan debt. The bill makes other conforming changes and establishes a reporting requirement for DHCD.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

HB1014/ SB0676 College Affordability Act of 2016

This bill establishes a matching State contribution for eligible college savings accounts. It creates a refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 for undergraduate student loan debt (administered by MHEC). It alters authorized uses of, and clarifies eligibility criteria for, specified student financial aid, and establishes conditions under which students with unpaid balances may continue to attend public institutions of higher education. It requires MHEC & MSDE to develop an app. It requires MHEC to develop an outreach and marketing plan re:tax credits by September 1, 2016. It also includes reporting requirements for MHEC. Additional language requires MHEC to retain a consultant to “conduct an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of OSFA” (funded in the FY17 budget).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016. Provisions related to tax credits apply beginning in tax year 2017. Most provisions related to student financial aid apply beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year.

HB1015 Study of Student Loan Refinancing in Maryland

This bill requires the MHEC and the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority (MHHEFA), in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) and any other appropriate agencies, to study the expansion or creation of an appropriate bonding authority for the refinancing of student loans in Maryland. By September 30, 2017, MHEC and MHHEFA must report their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2016, and terminates May 31, 2018.

HB1079 Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority MC 27-16

This bill authorizes Montgomery County to create the Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority (the Authority), a body corporate and politic, subject to specified conditions. The Authority is incorporated into the Local Government Tort Claims Act (LGTC), contingent on the Montgomery County Government creating the Authority through enactment of an ordinance and providing specified notice within three years.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

HB1087 Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County PG 438-16

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County (Secretary or designee is a member). The President of Prince George's Community College (PGCC) must chair the task force, and the President's Office must provide staff for the task force. By January 1, 2017, the task force must report its finding and recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive and the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2016, and terminates May 31, 2017.

HB1288 Higher Education - Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

This bill allows noncredit courses taken to earn a vocational certificate to qualify for the tuition waiver for foster care and unaccompanied homeless youth, by defining “vocational certificate” as a certificate awarded by a public institution of higher education on completion of a course of

study that prepares an individual to work in a career field by taking credit-bearing or noncredit courses. The bill also expands eligibility for the foster care recipient tuition waiver to an individual who resided in an out-of-care placement in the State for at least one year on or after the individual's thirteenth birthday and returned to live with the individual's parents after the out-of-home placement ended.
The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

HB1403 Next Generation Scholars of Maryland
/CH 33
SB1170

This bill reestablishes the College Readiness Outreach Program as the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program to (1) allow eligible students in grades 7 and 8 (and specified students in grade 9) to prequalify for a Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant; (2) require students to agree in writing to meet specified qualifications; and (3) require that specified services be provided to students participating in the program. For each year from fiscal 2018 through 2023, the Governor must include \$5.0 million in general funds for the program to be administered in school systems in which at least 50% of the students are eligible to receive a free lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in the 2015-2016 school year. The bill also establishes a Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program Fund. Report due December 1, 2022 with MSDE. The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

HB1488/ Service, Stipends, and Scholarships - Maryland Corps Program - Established
SB 909

This bill establishes the Maryland Corps Program in the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives to provide at least 100 young people with meaningful service opportunities. It also establishes the Maryland Corps Program Fund to, among other things, provide participants with stipends of up to \$15,000 and scholarships of \$6,000 toward a vocational certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree at specified Maryland postsecondary institutions. Annual funding for the program is as provided for annually in the State budget.
The bill takes effect June 1, 2016.

SB 120 Higher Education – Senatorial Scholarships – Awards

This bill authorizes a recipient of a senatorial scholarship to request, and a senator to award, a scholarship for a fifth undergraduate academic year or for a semester subsequent to the end of a fourth undergraduate academic year if the recipient meets specified conditions.

SB 217 State Board of Physicians - Distribution of Fees by Comptroller - Loan Assistance Repayment for Physicians and Physician Assistants

This bill repeals the requirement that the Board of Physicians contribute a portion of its fees to the HPSIG and caps the board's required contribution to the MLARP at \$550,000 in fiscal 2017 and 2018 and at \$400,000 in each fiscal year thereafter. The State Board of Physicians (MBP) funds the Health Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program (HPSIG) and the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants (MLARP). The HPSIG provides grants, that are administered by MHEC, to eligible institutions of higher education that have programs leading to licensure, certification, or registration in health personnel shortage areas. The MLARP provides loan repayment assistance in exchange for certain service

commitments to help ensure underserved areas of the State have sufficient numbers of primary care physicians and physician assistants.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

SB 108 Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund - Revisions

MHEC's departmental bill removes the limitation of "bedside" nurses as the only type of nurse who is eligible to receive grants from the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund.

SB 272 Financial Aid - Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students - Out-of-State Institutions of Higher Education

This bill allows an applicant who is deaf or hearing impaired to use a Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award (EEA) at a degree-granting institution of higher education outside the State if the student is attending an institution of higher education that makes special provision for deaf and hearing impaired students and comparable special provisions are not available to the student at an institution of higher education in Maryland.

SB 218 Higher Education - University System of Maryland and Morgan State University - Prohibition Against Inclusion

This bill prohibits the inclusion of Morgan State University (MSU) within the University System of Maryland (USM), and likewise prohibits USM from including MSU.
The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

SB 376 Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016

This Administration bill establishes State-funded Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools, which provide a course of study leading to a high school degree and an associate's degree or approved certificate in six years. Beginning in fiscal 2017, for P-TECH schools that execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) meeting specified conditions by July 1, 2016, the State must provide \$260 per P-TECH student as grants to local boards of education. By December 1, 2016, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), in collaboration with specified stakeholders, must determine the optimal structure and funding strategy for P-TECH schools in Maryland. MSDE and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) must jointly report on whether certain students should be included in the public school enrollment count, a framework for funding dual enrollment costs, and recommendations for legislation in 2017, among other items.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2016.

SB 764 Education - Student Journalists - Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press

This bill allows a student journalist in a public elementary or secondary school or a public institution of higher education to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media, subject to restrictions in the bill. The bill establishes that a student journalist is responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of school-sponsored media, also subject to specified restrictions. Each county board of education and public institution of higher education must develop a written policy regarding the bill's requirements, which may include limits on language that may be defined as profane, harassing, threatening, or intimidating.

SB1052 University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016

CH 25 - Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution

This bill creates a strategic partnership between the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) to be called the University of Maryland (UM). To that end, the bill makes various changes and requires various planning activities to take place. The bill requires the University System of Maryland (USM) headquarters to move to Baltimore City by July 1, 2017. The bill mandates the appropriation of funds for various purposes beginning in fiscal 2018.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2016.