



COLLEGE OF INFORMATION

Date: Friday, September 5th, 2025 – 9:30am to 11:30 am

Location: Atlantic Building, Room 2400

AGENDA

Preliminaries

- Call to order
- Review and approval of minutes from May
 - Minutes approved with comment regarding CAC election result update
- Review and approval of this agenda
 - Agenda approved without correction

Assembly Items

- Review of ballot results from May Assembly
- Dean's Update [Doug Oard]
 - Doug thanks us for everything we do for the college. He will be here for a year, through June 30. The search is starting for the new dean, with the intention that we'll have a new dean in place on July 1.
 - Welcome new folks!
 - Masha Krupenkin, Assistant Professor
 - Sarah Lee, Visiting Senior Lecturer
 - Sam McDonald, Lecturer
 - Julia Mendelsohn, Assistant Professor
 - Lee Tiedrich, Visiting Professor of the Practice
 - Danielle Worsham, SDSC Asst. Program Director
 - Keke Wu, Assistant Professor
 - Yiwei Xu, Assistant Professor
 - Promotions:
 - Bern Jordan, Associate Research Engineer
 - Ryan O'Grady, Senior Lecturer
 - Galina Reitz, Principal Lecturer
 - Away this semester:
 - Joel Chan
 - Jonathan Lazar
 - Megan Subramaniam
 - Victoria Van Hying
 - Back From Sabbatical:
 - Amanda Lazar

- Katie Shilton
 - David Weintrop
- o The Inaugural “Development Thanks” Award
 - Royalties from the book *Understanding Human Information Behavior* have been donated back to the college to use for scholarships
 - Doug encourages folks to think creatively about Development
- o The Dean Search
 - Doug explains the process for the search; hope to have candidates by early Spring
- o The Dean’s Team. There are 8 Deans - interim deans, associate deans, folks with “Dean” in their title in the college.
- o Ideas that Doug thinks we should implement:
 - 1) Activist program directors
 - 2) Building community in InfoSci
 - 3) A culture of mutual support
- o The way ahead - acknowledging that this is a difficult time, everyone is trying to deal with changes and pain, which is becoming chronic.
 - If you change what you do your research on, it should be because you agree, not to avoid consequences. No one at this University will tell you what to do - it’s your choice. It’s our job to speak truth to power
 - Memo from DOJ isn’t law, isn’t regulation
 - Don’t change what you’re doing, and read the DOJ memo. The campus policy is: do the thing you want to do and don’t make it any harder than it needs to be.
- o State of the College will happen at the end of the month
- Academic Programs [Vedat Diker]
 - o Review: Teaching and academic program priorities
 - o **Question:** is there guidance for new instructors regarding the formulas used to calculate how much instructional support people get? **Answer:** Yes, we are coming to a place where things are more stable and we are planning to share something for spring for transparency for planning purposes
 - o **Question:** Is the default stance that instructors are assigned instructional support or that they need to request it? **Answer:** There is a formula, instructional support is assigned via the formula taking into account a number of factors. You can provide input on students you’d like assigned to those roles though
- Review summer teaching basics - summer is a great time for GSIs and full-time faculty who want to teach more
- Review difference between “On-load” vs. “Overload” vs. “Non-overload”

See slides for more information
- Program support faculty structures
- Operation “More Course-Evals”
 - o Congratulations & presentation of Mini-bell & Cowbell awards to qualifying faculty
- iConsultancy [TJ Rainsford & Justin Zielke]
 - o Overview of the iConsultancy Experiential Learning program
 - o 2024-2025 AY - completed approx. 200 projects, serving approx. 900 students (grad & UG)
 - o The average project takes approx. 3 months to develop. For-profit projects take about 6 months to develop.

- o 25-26 AY - expect an increase in students and thus an increase in projects. Expecting 8-10 projects that'll be done outside of courses. Non-Capstone/Course Projects (3-4 starting Fall 2025). Internship opportunities continue to go down for students, this is how we address that.
- o Getting people to pay for this work is difficult but we don't want students to work for free
- o Please invite us in to talk to people, ideas for projects are always needed.
- ADA Title 11 [Kevin Remmell]
 - o ADA Title II Changes - all content should be accessible by default to people with disabilities rather than through an accommodation request. Deadline for compliance is **April 24, 2026**.
 - o Paul Jaeger is chairing the Digital Accessibility Advisory Committee (DAAC).
 - o What is affected?
 - All public and private content development by INFO Faculty, staff, and graduate students:
 - Websites
 - Instructional content
 - Video & audio
 - Documents (PDFs)
 - Social media posts prior to April 24, 2026 - archived content that's still referenced but not actively used (ex - 2017 handbook)
 - Third-party content
 - o INFO Digital Accessibility Working Group will start working in the fall.
 - **Comments:** TLTC has resources that can help with this; TJ also mentions that "website accessibility checks" can be done by his students
- ADVANCE [Jessica Vitak]
 - o advance.umd.edu
 - o Goal is to facilitate faculty professional growth & success to help you succeed in your career path
 - o Questions? Email jvitak@umd.edu
- COI/COC Brief [Beth Brittan-Powell]
 - o Director of Disclosure Office; email: inTERP@umd.edu
 - o InTERP (InTegrated External Relationship Portal)
 - Reporting outside activities can be a burden, so they've simplified it
 - Moving from "ask forgiveness" to "getting permission"
 - o Goes into effect October 1, 2025, no exceptions
 - o Disclosure is required to ensure you're in compliance. Must be done annually, at least
 - o **Question:** Do you have to put in every international conference? **Answer:** Yes. Fed agencies are scraping the web for that information - you need to disclose that to the University. Feds are scraping for this and they're shutting down grants that don't comply.
 - o Things to put in inTERP: International Presentations, International Collaboration (where you have no MOUs w/ the University), editing for Journals, etc.
 - o Things to not report: stocks (if unrelated to your work), being a Boy Scout troop leader, starting an Etsy business

Announcements

- There are many open Assembly rep positions - we need them to be filled to be compliant with the plan of organization by **Oct. 1**.

- OTTRS overview [Susannah Paletz]
- IRB transition overview [Luis Cortes]
 - Transitioning to Kuali-IRB which will be replacing IRB-net. Dec. 20 will be the final deadline
- don't submit anything after that. Blackout between Dec.21-Jan 4, 2026.
- Open Announcements
 - OACES - thanks to everyone who submitted responses for the 1st monthly update
 - For folks who have instructional support - OACES developed a contained & comprehensive onboarding system for instructional support
 - All have to complete a Statement of Mutual Expectations
 - United Academics at Maryland update

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Accepted.