

## UMCES Graduate Faculty Council

### Meeting Agenda

9 May 2016 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Saunders House Conference Room

- 1. GFC Membership.** Terminations and need for new appointments. Discussion and request for appointments.
- 2. Accreditation and Implications.** With accreditation comes new responsibilities, especially in the delivery and evaluation of education in UMCES. How can the GFC contribute to meeting new expectations<sup>1,2</sup>? Ed Houde
- 3. Presidential Fellowships.** Rethinking the application process and selection of fellows<sup>3,4</sup>. Dates (timing) for applications are important. What revisions to the application and selection process are needed? Rose Jagus.
- 4. Academic Data.** MEES and UMCES. Who bears the load, and what is the load? How does data flow? (Continuation of work initiated by the GFC Data Committee<sup>5</sup>). Next steps are now informed by recommendations of the Evaluation Team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Developing a plan and commitment. Revisiting and recommitting. Ed Houde
- 5. Student Orientation.** Will UMCES benefit from an UMCES-wide, New-Student Orientation? Progress report by the GFC/GSC committee that is addressing the question. Carys Mitchelmore (or designee).
- 6. Student Handbook.** The Handbook is being revised. Progress report by GFC/GSC committee. Amy Griffin.

#### Information Items

UMCES Website Redo. Education pages. Amy Griffin.

Diversity and Culture. Annual Reports requested by USM and Regents. Ed Houde

Graduate Faculty Appointments and Reappointments. Ed Houde

Vice President for Education in UMCES. Transition. Ed Houde

## **Documents to be Provided**

- <sup>1</sup> UMCES letter response to Middle States Commission, addressing the Evaluation Team Report. January 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> Middle States Commission on Higher Education recommendations and suggestions. Plans and progress. Internal document, VP Education Office, February 2016.
- <sup>3</sup> Presidential Fellowships. Call for applications.
- <sup>4</sup> Presidential Fellowships. Application form.
- <sup>5</sup> UMCES Graduate Faculty Council, Committee on Academic Data, Data Flow and Data Management. Report on Current Status and Future Recommendations, 24 April 2015.