Promoting and Supporting Academic Excellence at UMD

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela
We do not remember days, we remember moments.

~ Cesare Pavese
➢ We have broken down barriers of entry into online teaching
➢ We have tried new ways of teaching that cannot simply be ignored
➢ We have made an unprecedented investment in teaching innovation
We have faced challenges and succeeded in many different and extraordinary ways

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Zoom exhaustion is real
Some can’t wait to be back in the classroom
Some do not want to go back to the way things were
Some want to fully embrace the fact that students can learn at anytime and anywhere.
connecting the dots to re envision the future of teaching & learning
How can we quickly transform and become different?
What's next?
A True Transformation Takes More Than Ideas

While agility is a good thing for any organization, innovation is never a single event

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Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928, it didn’t arrive on the market until 1945 — nearly 20 years later — and that span was shortened because of massive help from the US government.
What do we need to do to create opportunities for the discovery of risky and useless things?
What do we need to do to strategically integrate course innovations at the program/curriculum level?
What can we do to build stronger synergies between student life and our academic programs?
What realignment is needed in our institutional vision, pace, and priorities?
We need to prepare for a new wave of learners that are unlike any of our previous cohorts.
Create a cross-campus data-informed culture

Implement a sophisticated, institution-wide infrastructure that integrates data systems and enables just-in-time analytics and reporting.
Promote higher levels of digital competencies and swiftly embrace the continually evolving nature of technology
We cannot be excellent unless we are accessible and inclusive

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Reimagine learning spaces and utilization

Cognitive Escapes

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Inspire, Innovate & Impact
The future is already here — it's just not very evenly distributed.

(William Gibson)
Thank you... and let’s connect

"It takes two flints to make a fire"
Louisa May Alcott

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