

## **Summary of Action Items following Fall 2008 UMC Meeting.**

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### **1. 2008 Gender Equity Workshop:**

Post report from Gender Equity Workshop on the UMC website. Ian Robertson has now posted the report on the Illinois website at <http://www.matse.illinois.edu/gender/index.htm>

\* Post a link on the UMC site with the following text: The University Materials Council held an NSF-sponsored Workshop on Gender Equity in Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Maryland Conference Center, May 18-20, 2008. The final report from the workshop can be accessed at <http://www.matse.illinois.edu/gender/index.htm>

### **2. Follow-up on the Gender Equity Workshop with another workshop on Diversity.**

\*Investigate possible funding/interest from NSF (David Clark) or DoE (Kevin Jones). If the agencies show interest we will need someone to champion the workshop. Update status at Spring 2009 meeting.

### **3. NMAB education study.**

Provide an update on NMAB commitment to conduct a study on materials education beyond the high school level. Following the Fall 2008 UMC resolution supporting an NMAB study, updates from Lyle Schwartz and Gary Fischman indicate that NMAB has agreed to attempt to raise funds for this study.

\*Invite Lyle Schwartz to attend spring 2009 UMC meeting to provide an update to UMC members.

### **4. Design of logo for UMC. Gary Messing agreed to produce a logo for UMC.**

\* Ask Gary to follow up and provide an update at the Spring 2009 meeting.

### **5. Development of a coherent vision for the MSE degree.**

In parallel with a potential broad-based NMAB study of materials education, UMC agreed it is important for MSE to develop a coherent vision for the uniqueness and relevance of our educational programs as distinguished from materials-related programs in other departments and fields. A first step would be to improve the coordination and dissemination of new curricula, educational tools, recruitment tools, and outreach tools in MSE. Several links to these activities are currently available on society web pages.

\*Action item: develop links on the UMC website to relevant educational resource and job listings on society websites.

### **6. Resources for support staff.**

Action item proposed by Gary Messing: the executive committee should investigate the feasibility of UMC committing to the fiscal support of staff tasked with gathering information for posting on the UMC website. If this is not feasible, can other mechanisms be identified to facilitate data collection and dissemination?

\* Needs discussion by executive committee

### **7. UK department heads.**

\* Invite chair of UK materials department heads to UMC spring meeting to provide an update on activities in the United Kingdom and Europe.

**8. Identification of site and dates for the spring 2009 meeting.**