Since he was hired twenty years ago, Dennis Cuddy’s contributions to the teaching and research mission of UMBC in both the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building have been invaluable. He works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that laboratories, classrooms, offices and business process of the ILSB are operating well.

In addition to his day-to-day tasks, Cuddy has also worked on several major projects in which his leadership, organization skills and technical expertise were a necessity. Dennis was the department’s manager for the $34-million renovation of the Meyerhoff Chemistry Building. His masterful coordination of the project required working with contractors and faculty to keep classrooms and laboratories running throughout the three-phased renovation. Largely due to his management, the project won a construction leadership award.

Mr. Cuddy has also contributed to the implementation of the Chemistry Discovery Center, a prototype of today’s guided learning classrooms which have been implemented by the University. He was appointed the Administrator for the new Interdisciplinary Life Science Building (ILSB), recommending equipment, lab casework and lab designs.

Cuddy had also taken on responsibility for coordinating the department’s and now the Deans office annual Undergraduate Research Symposium for the first 15 years. The symposium had grown from 60 to over 500 participants, who come from all over the east coast.

Characteristically, many of Mr. Cuddy’s efforts go on behind the scenes, making it possible for the work of students and faculty to shine. He is on the Classroom committee and both iterations, decades apart, of the Scheduling and Policy Guidelines Workgroup, defining scheduling blocks and better utilizing classrooms throughout the week. Mr. Cuddy is also a member of the Institutional Biosafety committee for the review and approval of all experiments and protocols using genetic engineering and or genetically modified organisms on the campus. He had also been elected as a Professional Staff Senator for the 2018-2019 academic year.

He has won both a University of Maryland System Regents Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution in 2009 and the UMBC Grad Student Association’s Outstanding Staff Award in 2018.

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