The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation

Conference for Institutional Partners in the *Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students* Program

Friday, October 17, 2014
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
7th floor, Albin Kuhn Library
1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

Conference Agenda

9:20-9:50 am **Meet and greet** – Includes continental breakfast. Find a seat.

9:50-9:55 am **Welcome**
Thomas N. Wilfrid, Executive Director, The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation

9:55-10:05 am **Welcome to UMBC**
Diane Lee, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

10:05-10:45 am **Keynote presentation: *"Mature Women Students and the UMBC Story"***
Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President, UMBC

10:45-11:45 am **UMBC Newcombe Scholars panel**
Moderator: Jess Myers, Director, Women's Center, UMBC
A brief overview of the Women's Center at UMBC will be followed by a panel of current students and alumnae who will share their experiences of being mature students at UMBC. What are their successes? What are the challenges? As higher education professionals, what are the ways we relate these stories to our own campuses and student experiences to better support and address the needs of mature students?

11:45 am-12:45 pm **Buffet lunch** and informal discussion with colleagues from other institutions

12:45-1:45 pm **Discussion with Ben Miller**, *Senior Policy Analyst, New America Foundation*
"Breaking with Tradition: Making Federal Grant Aid Work for Today's Students"
From Mr. Miller's most recent policy brief: *"There is, in short, a mismatch between the students who are increasingly enrolling in higher education and the formulas, structures, systems, and incentives set up to welcome them. The result is a system that all too often sets students up for failure. While approximately 60 percent of students who enroll full-time straight out of high school earn some kind of credential within six years of starting college, for students who are older, attend part-time, or don't have a typical high school diploma, the attainment rate plummets to between 30 and 35 percent."* For the full report, see http://www.edcentral.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/BreakingWithTradition_7_8_2014_2.pdf.

1:45-2:30 pm **Newcombe Foundation update** *and* **Headlines from the campuses**
Tom Wilfrid, Executive Director *Institutional representatives*
How are the Newcombe Foundation and its priorities evolving?
What's happening on your campus that's worth sharing with colleagues who work with mature students on other campuses?
What questions or challenges are you facing that others might help with?

2:30 pm **Wrap-up**
The following will be available after the wrap-up:

- ***Campus tours***
  - Led by UMBC Admissions staff and a UMBC Newcombe scholar
- ***Networking and snacks in the Women's Center***
  - If attendees are interested in still connecting and working with each other, the Women's Center will provide space and snacks.