

University Senate

September 18, 2013

Members Present

Members present at the meeting: 95

Call to Order

Senate Chair Novara called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Navy Yard shootings on September 16, 2013.

Approval of the Minutes

Chair Novara asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

Report of the Chair

Chair Novara welcomed all of the senators and asked all new senators to stand to be recognized. He thanked them for their service to the Senate and the University.

BOR Faculty & Staff Awards

Novara announced that the Board of Regents' Faculty and Staff Awards were developed by the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) and the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) in order to recognize exceptional performance on the part of faculty and staff members at all USM institutions. Each year, faculty and staff are nominated by their colleagues in a number of areas and are sent forward to CUSF and CUSS by the institutions' presidents for consideration. Final recipients receive \$1,000 awards, and their achievements are announced to the USM community.

Last year, four University of Maryland faculty members were selected as award recipients in the areas of 'Mentoring', 'Public Service', and 'Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activity'. These faculty members include Past-Senate Chair Linda Mabbs, William Falk, Paul Herrnson, and Don DeVoe.

Novara announced that the Senate Staff Affairs Committee had conducted its annual nomination collection and review process for exempt and non-exempt staff members, and sent six President-endorsed nominations to CUSS for consideration. One non-exempt staff member from the University, Elsa Kerry-Grant, was selected by the Board of Regents to win the award for 'Extraordinary Public Service to the University or the Greater Community.'

Novara asked the awardees to stand and be recognized

Faculty/Staff Convocation

Novara recognized Doron Levy, Senator from the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences and Senate Executive Committee member for being selected a 2013-2014 Distinguished-Scholar Teacher. He noted that Levy would be honored at the Faculty/Staff Convocation on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 3pm in the Memorial Chapel. Novara encouraged senators to attend to honor the faculty and staff awardees.

Committee Overview

Novara gave a brief overview of the current activities of the Senate committees.

Senate Schedule

Novara reminded senators of the Senate schedule for the 2013-2014 academic year. We balance the schedule so that half of the meetings each semester are on the MWF class schedule and the other half are on the TUTH class schedule so that no one misses all of the meetings because of a class conflict. Senate meetings will primarily be held in the Atrium of the Stamp Student Union from 3:15-5pm, unless otherwise noted. Novara noted that President Loh would address the Senate at the November 13, 2013 meeting.

Legislation Tracking System

Novara stated that the legislation tracking system - <http://www.senate.umd.edu/senateBills/index.cfm> on the senate website is a great tool to view the status of all current/active legislation, the current status of each, related documents, and approvals. This is a useful way for Senators and the University community to stay informed of the Senate's work.

Facebook/Twitter

Novara stated that the Senate Office has also setup a Facebook page and Twitter account. You can find us by searching for "University of Maryland Senate" on Facebook and follow us at "umdsenate" on Twitter.

Senate E-Newsletter

Novara informed senators that the Senate Office has established an E-Newsletter - <http://www.senate.umd.edu/enewsletter/>. New issues will follow each Senate meeting and will give a brief overview of the work that was completed and what is still to come. Novara encouraged senators to explore this feature on our website or subscribe to the listserv to receive the newsletter via email.

Protocol/Clickers

Novara reviewed senate protocol for speaking at meetings and gave a brief overview on how to use the clickers to vote on action items.

2012-2013 Senate Legislation Log (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-01) (Information)

Novara explained that the log had been provided to the Senate as an informational item. It gives an overview of all of the work completed last year and the pending legislation that will continue this year.

A Proposal for the University of Maryland to Join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) Senate Doc. No. 12-13-14) (Information)

Novara explained that the proposal had been submitted to the Senate and subsequently charged to the Campus Affairs Committee. The committee conducted a thorough review and has recommended that the University NOT join the Coalition because of existing oversight bodies such as the Athletic Council that already serve a similar role. The committee's report has been included in the materials for the Senate as an informational item because no further action is necessary.

CTAC Replacement Election [Faculty Senators Only] (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-04) (Action)

Novara noted that one of the elected faculty senate representatives on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) has left the University. We are holding a special election to fill that vacancy. He asked all faculty senators to complete his/her ballot and stated that the results of the election would be announced via email following the meeting.

IT Council Structure (Senate Doc. No. 12-13-45) (Action)

Devin Ellis, Chair of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the IT Council Structure and provided background information about the proposed structure of the council.

Novara opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none he called for a vote of the Senate. Novara noted that revisions to the Senate Bylaws require a 2/3 majority vote. The result was 86 in favor, 0 against, and 5 abstentions. **The motion to approve the revised IT Council as presented passed.**

Approval of the Standing Committee & Council Slates 2013-2014 (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-02) (Action)

Donald Webster, Chair of the Committee on Committees, provided background on the selection process and made a motion to approve the standing committee and council slates as presented. He also noted that there was still a Non-Exempt Skilled Crafts staff vacancy on the Staff Affairs Committee and a graduate student vacancy on the Student Conduct Committee. Novara asked whether there were any objections to the slates; hearing none, he called for a vote of the Senate. The result was 90 in favor, 1 against, and 3 abstentions. **The motion to approve the slates as presented passed.**

Revisions to the School of Public Policy Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 12-13-10) (Action)

Devin Ellis, Chair of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the Revisions to the School of Public Policy (PUAF) Plan of Organization and provided background information on the committee's review process.

Novara opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote of the Senate. The result was 86 in favor, 0 against, and 4 abstentions. **The motion to approve the revised plan of organization as presented passed.**

Revisions to the University of Maryland Libraries Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 12-13-38) (Action)

Devin Ellis, Chair of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the Revisions to the University of Maryland Libraries Plan of Organization and provided background information on the committee's review process. He also noted that the Faculty Affairs and ERG Committee agreed to postpone review of the Libraries' Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status (APPS) policy because of upcoming university-level changes to the process. The revised policy would be reviewed in December 2013.

Novara opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote of the Senate. The result was 82 in favor, 2 against, and 8 abstentions. **The motion to approve the revised plan of organization as presented passed.**

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Senate Chair Novara adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.