

## **University Senate**

September 21, 2011

### **Members Present**

Members present at the meeting: 117

### **Call to Order**

Senate Chair Kasischke called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Kasischke asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

### **Report of the Chair**

#### Committee Overview

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

#### UMCP/UMB Merger Study

Kasischke stated that the Maryland General Assembly mandated that the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents “study the advantages and disadvantages of merging University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) and University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) under a single university and make a determination whether such a merger is beneficial to the institutions involved in the USM as a whole.”

In response to this mandate UMCP and UMB have created several joint task groups. Kasischke is serving on two of these.

Kasischke announced that there would be two open forums where the campus community will be able to provide input on the potential merger. President Loh and Provost Wylie will host the first on October 5, 2011 from 2-4pm in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. The Board of Regents will host the second on October 28, 2011 from 1-3pm in the Prince George’s Room of the Stamp Student Union.

Kasischke encouraged senators to provide input at these forums.

#### President’s Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics

Kasischke announced that President Loh established a Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA) Co-Chaired by Linda Clement and Barry Gossett. This group has been tasked with reviewing the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA). They held an open forum to get input from the campus community on September 19, 2011. Those who could not attend the open forum can still submit their comments via email to [icacommission@umd.edu](mailto:icacommission@umd.edu).

### Senate Schedule

Kasischke reminded senators of the Senate schedule for the 2011-2012 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. Kasischke noted that President Loh would address the Senate at the November 9, 2011 meeting.

### Legislation Tracking System

Kasischke stated that the legislation tracking system 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

Kasischke 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

Kasischke informed senators that the Senate Office has established a new E-Newsletter this year. The inaugural issue has been posted on the Senate website. All future issues will follow each Senate meeting and will give a brief overview of the work that was completed and what is still to come. Kasischke encouraged senators to explore this new feature on our website or subscribe to the listserv to receive the newsletter via email.

### Senate Website

Kasischke stated that the senate website itself was redesigned this summer. It features the new newsletter, a calendar of Senate events, as well as information for senators and the campus community.

### Protocol/Clickers

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

## **2010-2011 Senate Legislation Log (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-01) (Information)**

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

## **Revised Recommendations Regarding Final Exam Scheduling Procedures (Senate Doc. No. 09-10-07) (Information)**

**Approval of the Standing Committee & Council Slates 2011-2012 (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-02) (Action)**

Martha Nell Smith, Chair of the Committee on Committees, made a motion to approve the standing committee and council slates as presented. She also noted that there was still a faculty vacancy on the PCC committee. Kasischke asked whether there were any objections. Hearing none, he called for a vote of the Senate. The result was 58 in favor, 3 against, and 4 abstentions. **The motion to approve the slates as presented passed.**

**Proposal for a Tobacco-Free Campus (Senate Doc. No. 08-09-15) (Action)**

Marcy Marinelli, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, presented the proposal to extend the smoking distance from 15 to 25 feet from each building and provided background information.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion.

Senator Ponchick, Undergraduate, Robert H. Smith School of Business, read a statement from Senator Miletich. He stated that Miletich was very happy with the committee's work on the proposal but would like to stress the enforcement aspect of the proposal. He suggested that the administration reach out to the students during implementation so that they are aware of the guidelines.

Senator Oliver, Non-Exempt Staff, asked whether the new guideline would also apply to garages and how it would be enforced.

Marinelli responded that the committee is happy to work with Administrative Affairs to address implementation concerns.

Dean Wei, College of Agricultural and Natural Sciences, suggested that the University make signs designating smoking areas in multiple languages in order to accommodate international visitors.

Senator Tits, Faculty, College of Engineering, stated that we should consider using the metric system in our official documents.

Hearing no further discussion, Kasischke called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 72 in favor, 21 opposed, and 4 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**Amendment to the UMCP Policy for A Student's Medically Necessitated Absence From Class (Senate Doc. No.11-12-07) (Action)**

Martha Nell Smith, Chair-Elect of the Senate, presented the proposal to amend the Policy for a Student's Medically Necessitated Absence From Class to remove redundancy and provided background information.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 85 in favor, 12 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

### **Facilities Master Plan Review (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-46) (Action)**

Frank Brewer, Interim Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs & Chair of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee presented the most recent draft of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) and gave an overview of the committee's work.

Brewer introduced Lisa Delplace, Lead Consultant, Oehme von Sweden & Associates Inc. Delplace stated that this has been an 18-month visionary effort that focuses on open space and transportation. They uncovered partnership opportunities, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the wealth of expertise on the campus. The challenge moving forward is to develop the campus without affecting the open space. Development must be looked at holistically. She commended the University for their thoughtful approach in developing the master plan.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion.

Senator Blagadorskiy, Undergraduate, College of Letters & Sciences, expressed concerns about the availability of bike paths.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that the intent is to create a rich network of bicycle pathways on the campus. We have to work with the conflicting needs among pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. The goal is to remove bikes from major pedestrian pathways, create safer walkways on roads, and connect them to the local pathways. The intent is to provide through pathways to the residential areas and academic corridor.

Dean Townshend, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, stated that the University System of Maryland (USM) has asked the University to double research activity. He asked whether the FMP accounts for this increase in research activity.

Brewer stated that they did take that into account but in a raw form. We are anticipating roughly 4000 more students, some at the Shady Grove campus and others here. We anticipate 300-400 new faculty and a need for 4.5M sq. ft. of space. We have not anticipated new buildings that have not made it into our capital program. The likelihood of building 4.5M sq. ft. in 10 years is low, but we built 3M sq. ft. in the last 10 years. It is hard to say how long the current economic situation will continue and so predict what might be possible or not.

Senator Loeb, Faculty, Robert H. Smith School of Business, stated that he was concerned about the reduction in parking. There is a rapidly aging faculty on our campus so it can be difficult for them to use public transportation. He also asked whether the committee had considered disability parking.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, responded that large numbers of faculty would have to park so it is necessary. The idea is to encourage people to use public transportation and consolidate parking more on the periphery of campus. We want to give people the opportunity to use alternate modes of transportation.

Senator Levy, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, stated that being a world-class university is not just about great facilities but is also about having a decent hotel for visitors, restaurants where they can dine, and maintaining safety around campus for residents and visitors alike. He inquired how much of the FMP was reviewed with College Park officials regarding non-academic issues.

Brewer responded that there had been a great deal of interaction with College Park officials. The steering committee presented to the College Park City Council three times. The surrounding community is a high priority for President Loh. We are trying to work with the City and Prince Georges County to envision a new university district. We will work in public safety, K-12 education, transportation, housing and economic development, and sustainability. There is a concerted effort underway to increase the quality of the surrounding environment. This will not be done overnight, but we are moving in that direction. We are also working on creating a mixed-use project, East Campus. This will include a hotel, retail, restaurants, and graduate housing. We are working on financing the project right now.

Senator Parsons, Exempt Staff, stated that she had been biking to campus for the last 13 years. She is a proponent of bike paths. She suggested that there be increased education for drivers and cyclists to use helmets and lights.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that the committee would work on that in the implementation phase.

Senator Celi, Faculty, College of Engineering, asked how much the review process cost the University. He also asked what mechanisms were in place to amend the plan in the future.

Brewer stated that the review process cost \$600,000. The Implementation Committee will balance the vision of the FMP with reality. He also stated that the FMP is a guideline and is formally changed after five years.

Senator Naharro-Calderon, Faculty, College of Arts & Humanities, stated that bicycling is dangerous. We have been talking about pathways within campus, but we need to integrate with pathways around the campus. Is there a possibility of integrating the public transportation system and the campus system with the use of bikes? When conditions are not appropriate for a bike, this would be useful. We should also implement a bike-borrowing program on campus similar to the systems used in Europe.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that they are working with College Park to integrate bike and bus routes. We are also placing bike-parking locations so that it is easier to transition to public transportation. College Park has a bike share program and we are looking at collaborating with them. We also have a detailed bike study.

Senator Farr, Undergraduate, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, asked what was being done to determine how effective the current bus routes are at meeting students' needs.

David Allen, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated in response to the question about bike-sharing, that, through a grant, they are working to bring the Washington DC bike-borrowing system to the area. We would have approximately 45 bikes at three stations. In response to the question about effectiveness of bus routes, we are currently working with the consultants who have geocoded users to understand the most effective use of our transportation. We already have identified an on-campus route that would be useful. We also use geocoding, meet with Student Government Association (SGA), Graduate Student Government (GSG), and Residence Hall Association (RHA) for input on where they want routes. We are constantly seeking the advice of students to tell us where they want the shuttles to go. Ridership has increased 200% in the last 10 years. The more people we can get on buses the better.

Senator Yuravlivker, Graduate Student, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, suggested that if we plan to use a bike-sharing system, we should place the bike racks close to the parking areas on the periphery of campus. He also inquired whether underground parking had been discussed.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that underground parking is very expensive.

Senator Walters, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, asked whether the committee considered tearing down old buildings like Preinkert, Turner, and Cole to make way for new buildings.

Brewer stated that we are coming to that. As we grow, it will be difficult to sustain the low and flat building model. We will have to build up. Replacing old buildings is difficult because we need to have a supporting building into which current occupants can be temporarily moved. Although replacing old buildings is the right thing to do, there are some practical issues.

Walters responded that when you open a new building, you could move people in the old buildings out. To work efficiently, this requires considerable advance planning.

Dean Preece, College of Information Studies, stated that we should have an open and transparent process on how space is being used and allocated. Faculty within

her college are split between the second and fourth floors. This impedes good collaboration among our faculty.

Brewer agreed. There are a whole set of processes for space allocation that do not deal with the FMP process. The current process is a collaboration between the administration and academic affairs. We must work harder to be more transparent in the process.

Senator Bedford, Ex-Officio, President of the Graduate Student Government, asked whether the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) includes an alternative model to fund the Department of Transportation Services (DOTS), which is currently self-supported.

Brewer stated that that problem has not yet been solved, and that it is not necessarily a FMP issue.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that the problem is real. We have limited abilities to fund DOTS. We have not considered an alternative model but have considered ways to be more creative about revenue streams such as partnerships or grants. Fundamentally, the problem is an operational one.

Senator Davis, Undergraduate, College of Letters and Sciences, asked whether the committee had thought of doing work on the golf course as an option for space, possibly limiting the number of holes.

Brewer stated that they have thought of that, but they are not yet planning to convert the eighteen holes into nine. It is not part of the FMP at this time.

Senator Alt, Faculty, Robert H. Smith School of Business, inquired about funding for the recommendations in the FMP and asked whether the committee considered the effect of the merger in their review process.

Brewer stated that they did not take the merger into consideration. He stated that the FMP is visionary and practical, however, it is not clear where the money will come from. We will have to continue to be opportunistic.

Senator Coyle, Graduate Student, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, inquired whether we could increase retention ponds for irrigation to 100%. Could we use permeable asphalt to reduce storm water runoff? To what extent does the FMP include paving with permeable asphalt?

Brewer stated that paving with permeable asphalt is done on a case-by-case basis because of funding. Most of the time when there is new hardscape, we try to use permeable paving.

Bill Mallari, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that the campus is systematically using alternative paving materials. We are arriving at general standards that have good performance and aesthetics. We are looking at

concepts that systematically remove redundant walkways and get the most out of desired lines. We are looking at ways to reduce the permeable surfaces on campus. We have looked at concept designs for wholesale replacements of some areas, but we need donations to do that. The consultants have also looked at the notion of complete streets, which incorporates artful storm water management, multi-use systems for transportation and land-use. The FMP is underpinned by detailed reports of the various areas. There are new regulations at the state-level for storm water management. We have done a broad-based study on the watershed systems. We are also looking at storm water and pipe water systems. We have introduced new technologies like the rain guards. We have a strategy to address storm water management.

Senator Block, Undergraduate, College of Letters and Sciences, stated that everyone has different priorities. How are we going to fund the plan? Will this impact tuition?

Brewer stated, absolutely not. The people that work on the FMP are not the ones involved with funding projects. We do not fund projects with tuition but rather with capital dollars. It is not likely that we will turn in the direction of tuition for funding.

Senator Milton, Faculty, School of Public Health, stated that 1/3 of homes in University Park are owned by people who are affiliated with the campus. He asked whether University Park officials were involved in the planning process. How would you finance a shuttle that supports faculty and staff in this area?

Brewer stated that University Park was not included in the planning process.

Warren Kelley, Member of the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, stated that they should consider ridership in University Park. We invite 10% of faculty and staff to use the shuttle system because parking rates subsidizes the shuttle service.

Kasischke called for a vote to “endorse in general the vision and direction provided by the Facilities Master Plan”. The result was 47 in favor, 7 opposed, and 8 abstentions. **The motion to endorse the draft plan passed.**

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjournment**

Senate Chair Kasischke adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.