

University Senate

November 2, 2016

Members Present

Members present at the meeting: 114

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Minutes

Chair Goodman asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 6, 2016, Senate meeting; hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

Report of the Chair

BOR Staff Awards

The Staff Affairs Committee is currently accepting nominations for the prestigious Board of Regents Staff Awards. These annual awards are the highest System-wide recognition of the exceptional work done by staff members across the University System of Maryland. Awardees receive a \$2,000 stipend and formal recognition by the Board of Regents and the University Senate.

Exempt and non-exempt staff who have been with the University for at least 5 years are eligible to be nominated in one of four categories. There are coaches available to help nominators gather the necessary materials, and any member of the university community, including students, can nominate an eligible staff member.

Nomination packages must be submitted to the Senate Office by **Friday, November 18th**. Detailed instructions can be found on the Senate website.

Current Senators

The current senators page on the Senate website now has pictures of the majority of our senators. It also has a search feature that allows multiple attributes like "CMNS undergraduate" or "2017" faculty in addition to searching for specific senators.

Non-Voting Ex Officios on Slack

We are now expanding Slack to include any non-voting ex officios that ask to be added. This includes any department chairs, vice presidents, and directors of centers and institutes, among others. Please send an email to the Senate Office if you would like to be included on the Senate Slack site.

Joint President/Senate Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force

Goodman noted that a Joint President/Senate Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force had been formed and was officially charged on October 10th. The task force will be working throughout the academic year and will solicit feedback from the campus community during the course of its review. The task force has scheduled an open forum on November 17, 2016, from 3:30-5 pm in the Prince George's Room of the Stamp Student Union to get preliminary input from the campus community. We will keep you informed of any additional opportunities to provide input.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. President Loh will be presenting his State of the Campus Address. This meeting will be held in the Colony Ballroom of the Union to accommodate the larger audience that is anticipated. *Please note that we will not have a Presidential Briefing at this meeting since he will already provide an entire presentation. We will reconvene the briefings in the spring.*

Restricted Research Town Hall

We had originally planned for President Loh's State of the Campus Address at today's meeting. Because we already had a large space and a limited agenda, we offered some of our time to the Restricted Research Subcommittee headed by Keith Marzullo. As you may have seen, they will be holding a campus-wide town hall regarding restricted research immediately after Senate meeting is adjourned today. While Senate procedures govern our meeting, the town hall will be open to all members of the campus community who wish to provide feedback on restricted research. I encourage you to stay and contribute to the discussion.

Special Order of the Day
David Allen
DOTS Executive Director
Parking Outlook

David Allen, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) provided a presentation regarding the changes in parking that are occurring due to campus construction.

Goodman opened the floor to questions.

Goodman asked about the impact on football parking with Lot 1 disappearing.

Allen responded that they are expecting more people to take the Metro, that there will be less parking taken up by students on the weekends, since freshman and sophomore resident students will not be able to park on campus starting in Fall 2017 and there are few classes on the weekends. He added that visitors will not be able to park in some of the spaces they used to park in.

Senator DiLutis, faculty, College of Arts and Humanities, asked if the number of scooter lots would increase or if there would be an increase in bicycle parking.

Allen responded that most scooters on campus are driven by students using them to get around campus and not commuting to and from campus. He noted that scooters can park in motorcycle spaces, which would allow for four to five scooters or motorcycles in the space of one car. He added that UMD is a top-tier institution when it comes to bikes on campus. He explained that there is a full-time bike coordinator and a special committee related to biking on campus that is looking at adding bike parking at McKeldin Library.

Senator Frank, faculty, University Libraries, asked if electric vehicle charging stations would be affected by the decrease in parking spaces.

Allen explained that the electric vehicle spaces in the Stamp Student Union garage would remain and they would be adding four more spaces in the near future when they put solar panels on the parking garages. He added that UMD has more charging stations on campus than any other campus.

Senator Pound, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, asked about partnering with Uber or Lyft to incentivize ridesharing and not bringing cars to campus.

Allen said that using UberPool or LyftLine would be a possibility for our campus and explained that DOTS has had meetings with Uber and Lyft to negotiate such an arrangement.

Senator Williams, undergraduate student, Philip Merrill College of Journalism, asked if the policy prohibiting freshman and sophomore students from parking on campus would be the same for in-state and out-of-state students.

Allen responded that there ultimately would not be space to accommodate freshman and sophomore resident students. He added that DOTS would conduct peer institution research to figure out what the policies and procedures are at other institutions. He mentioned alternatives such as software that allows students to match themselves with others in their area to share rides and the bus service that DOTS provides at Thanksgiving and the end of the year to common locations. He acknowledged that it would be important to let people know of the changes well in advance.

Senator Williams asked if freshman and sophomores would get parking in the new garage.

Allen responded that it is possible, but the garage is still several years away from being built.

Senator Grims, exempt staff, noted that patrons of The Clarice rely on Lot 1 for free parking and added that The Clarice holds big events that are not in the evening hours when daytime parkers have left campus.

Allen responded that there are other options for paid parking and noted that it might be beneficial to have daytime events in the late afternoon when people may have left for the day.

Senator Grims asked if there was any possibility of increased shuttle service.

Allen responded that it would be difficult because shuttle service is paid by student fees and they cannot increase shuttle service without increasing student fees, which is up to students to approve.

Senator Orel, faculty, College of Arts and Humanities, asked if there would be enough parking to accommodate evening classes. She noted that having to park farther away may lead to safety and accessibility issues.

Allen noted that parking at 5:00 p.m. would be easier than at 12:00 p.m. and stated that he does not anticipate problems at 5:00 p.m. He explained that Facilities Management would meet with people affected by construction projects to put a plan in place regarding loading docks and disabled parking accommodations.

Senator Williams, entry-level professional track faculty, asked if there is a possibility for satellite parking, such as at the Research Park, with a reduced fee and a shuttle to campus.

Allen stated that this solution would be easier than building a parking garage and noted that this would be a possibility for the future.

Senator Douek, undergraduate student, College of Arts and Humanities, asked what if people, faculty and staff specifically, cannot afford the parking fee after the increase.

Allen explained that the parking fee for employees is tiered based on salary, so there should not be any problem with employees affording the parking fee increase.

Senator Hurtt, faculty, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, asked how this fits into the environmental and housing situation. He noted that the increase in housing nearby may decrease the amount of people needing to park on campus. He acknowledged the need for more garages and a need for an increase in parking fees to pay for this.

Goodman thanked Allen for his presentation.

Special Order of the Day
Catherine Carroll
Director & Title IX Officer, Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct
Title IX Update

Catherine Carroll, Director & Title IX Officer, Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct (OCRSM), continued her presentation from the October 6, 2016, Senate meeting and explained the results of the 2016 UMD Sexual Assault Climate Survey.

Goodman opened the floor to questions.

Dr. Priest, faculty, Philip Merrill College of Journalism, asked if the numbers from the survey reflect the numbers of reports to school authorities.

Carroll said that the number of people who said they had experienced sexual assault in the survey is higher than the number of people that reported assaults, which is consistent with the national trends of sexual assault being one of the most underreported crimes. She also noted that the perpetrators of sexual assault many times are not members of the campus community and that her office is also involved in supporting students even when there is nothing they can do to charge the assailant. She added that in more than half the reports, the students do not want an investigation.

Senator Cleaveland, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, asked about the “percent responded correctly” statistic and what the number of incorrect responses says about the educational programs.

Carroll responded that the correct answers were provided by her and that they wanted to make the questions simple and easy to understand for survey takers. They also vetted these questions with campus stakeholders for efficacy in presentation. She noted that the responses identify the different lenses people have when looking at this issue. She added that the data was interpreted in many different forms, such as broken down by years in school, student group affiliation, gender, etc.

Goodman thanked Carroll for her presentation.

PCC Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-17) (Action)

Andrew Harris, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences and provided background information.

Goodman opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, Goodman called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 91 in favor, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Environmental Health Sciences (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-18) (Action)

Andrew Harris, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Environmental Health Sciences and provided background information.

Goodman opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, Goodman called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 91 in favor, 3 opposed, and 0 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Networking (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-16) (Action)

Andrew Harris, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Networking and provided background information.

Goodman opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, Goodman called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 90 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Quantitative Finance (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-19) (Action)

Andrew Harris, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Quantitative Finance and provided background information.

Goodman opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, Goodman called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 86 in favor, 7 opposed, and 3 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Chair Goodman adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m. and announced that the town hall on restricted research hosted by Dean Marzullo, College of Information Studies and Chair of the Restricted Research Subcommittee of the Research Council, would take place next.