

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

March 8, 2017

- Special Order: Presidential Briefing
 - President Loh spoke about budget cuts to the University for FY18 and stated that these cuts have more than a monetary impact. He added that the University is dealing with a fundamental threat to the core values of higher education.
 - President Loh also noted that repealing the Affordable Care Act would negatively affect the budget for the State of Maryland, which could also lead to layoffs and a decrease in state revenues.
- Senate Chair's Report
 - The Senate Chair spoke about the importance of philanthropy and giving back to the University. He also emphasized the importance of growing the University's endowment and showed how our endowment was comparatively much smaller than the other Big Ten institutions. For the full text of his remarks, please see the [March Senate Newsletter](#).
 - The [Nominations Committee](#) is currently looking for candidates to run for the elected committees and councils. For information on how to submit your nomination, please visit the [Senate website](#).
- [Review of the Interim University of Maryland Equal Employment Opportunity & Affirmative Action Statement of Policy \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-26\) \(Action\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- [Revision to the Senate Bylaws to Provide Representation for Ombuds Officers on Senate Committees \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-09\) \(Action\)](#)
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- [Revision to the Membership of the Senate's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-12\) \(Action\)](#)
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- [Review of the Senate Student Affairs Committee Specifications \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-15\) \(Action\)](#)
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- [Revisions to the Charge of the Faculty Affairs Committee and Plan of Organization Review Procedures \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-25\) \(Action\)](#)
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- Special Order of the Day, Philip DeShong, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry and Chair of the Conflict of Interest Committee
[An Overview of Conflict of Interest Issues](#)
 - Philip DeShong gave an overview of the University's conflict of interest policy and explained why it is important in University research.
 - He provided ways of managing conflict of interest issues and gave some examples for management plans.

- Special Order of the Day, Brian Ullmann, Associate Vice President of Marketing & Communication, University Relations and Brian Logue, Senior Director of Annual Giving, University Relations
[Fearless Ideas: The Campaign for Maryland and Giving Day](#)
 - Brian Ullmann and Brian Logue explained the goals of the Campaign for Maryland and the University's Giving Day. They spoke about the need to increase the University's endowment.
 - They also explained the importance of creating a culture of giving, enhancing the University's reputation, increasing the donor base, and generating best practices in advancement.
- Relevant Links
 - March Senate Newsletter: <http://pub.lucidpress.com/SenateMar17/>
 - Call for Nominations for elected committees and councils: <https://senate.umd.edu/news/archives/2017CallForNominees.cfm>
 - Review of the Interim University of Maryland Equal Employment Opportunity & Affirmative Action Statement of Policy (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-26): <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=609>
 - Revision to the Senate Bylaws to Provide Representation for Ombuds Officers on Senate Committees (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-09): <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=591>
 - Revision to the Membership of the Senate's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-12): <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=595>
 - Review of the Senate Student Affairs Committee Specifications (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-15) <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=598>
 - Revisions to the Charge of the Faculty Affairs Committee and Plan of Organization Review Procedures (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-25) <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=608>
 - Conflict of Interest Presentation: https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/030817/2017_COI_Senate.pdf
 - Fearless Ideas: The Campaign for Maryland and Giving Day Presentation: https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/030817/Giving_Day_Senate_Meeting.pdf