

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY September 7, 2016

- Presidential Briefing
 - President Loh gave welcoming remarks about the importance of shared governance within the University and between the University and the Board of Regents.
 - He noted that the composition of the Board of Regents had changed over the summer and explained the power of the governor, his agenda, and his budget. He added these ideas have repercussions on the University's budget and the budget remains flat.
- Senate Chair's Report
 - The SEC is piloting the use of Slack, a group messaging tool, to increase collaboration and engagement among Senators before meetings. We hope to be introducing this to all Senators in the near future.
 - The Senate and the President are in the process of forming a joint taskforce on sexual assault prevention methods following the approval of the new Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures last year. Over the summer, the Senate Leadership met with various stakeholders on campus and the taskforce will begin their work soon.
- Special Order of the Day – Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary & Director, University Senate
 - [Orientation: Senators, Senate Meetings, and Shared Governance](#)
 - Reka Montfort, Director, provided an overview of expectations of senators, senate meeting operations, and principles of shared governance.
- Senate Chair Goodman presented the [2015-2016 Senate Legislation Log \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-01\)](#), [Senate Candidates Contact Information Requirement \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-19\)](#), and [Consideration of a University of Maryland Weapons Policy \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-11\)](#) as informational items. He added that the SEC voted to send an administrative recommendation to the University of Maryland Police Department to educate the campus community on existing laws regarding weapons on campus.
- [2016-2017 Committee & Council Slates were approved.](#)
- [2016 CUSF Replacement Election](#)
 - Ethan Kaplan was elected to the full-time representative seat. Philip Evers and Rashawn Ray were elected to the alternate seats.
- [2016 Athletic Council Replacement Election](#)
 - Brandon Dula was elected to serve on Athletic Council for the 2016-2017 term.
- [PCC Proposal to Rename the Master of Arts in Hearing and Speech Science to Speech-Language Pathology \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-05\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the program name change.
- [Review of Faculty Leave Policies \(Senate Doc. No. 14-15-31\)](#)
 - The Senate approved three amendments as follows:

Amendment #1 (in pink):

II-1.10(A) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR PART-TIME STATUS OF ~~TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK~~ FACULTY DUE TO CHILDREARING RESPONSIBILITIES

2. Eligibility. This policy applies ~~only~~ to tenured, ~~or~~ tenure-track, **professional track** faculty, **and librarians with permanent status and librarians eligible for permanent status with appointments of at least above 50% FTE** who request a temporary reduction to part-time status in order to prepare for a newborn child and/or to care for a child under the age of ~~five~~ **six (6)** years, including children placed in the home as a result of adoption or foster care, **or to manage severe illness or other emergency situations related to children.**

Amendment #2:

Inclusion of Librarian I faculty in the eligibility sections of both policies

Amendment #3:

Administrative Recommendation:

The Senate recommends that the President and the representatives of the Council of University System Faculty consider the unique issues faced by faculty parents who adopt children over the age of six, and consider whether to approach the University System of Maryland to advocate for revisions to the System policy to extend its family leave policy to include these cases.

- The Senate approved the [revised policies as amended](#).
- Special Order of the Day- Keith Marzullo, Chair, Restricted Research Subcommittee of the Research Council
[Restricted Research at the University of Maryland](#)
 - Keith Marzullo provided the Senate with information on the charge to the Research Council, the subcommittee members, background material and the schedule for the subcommittee to complete the work.
- Special Order of the Day- Elizabeth Beise, Associate Provost for Academic Planning
[Middle States Regional Accreditation](#)
 - Elizabeth Beise informed the Senate of the 2017 accreditation standards and how the University was working towards meeting the standards.
 - She noted that 11 recommendations had been developed as a result of the self-study and explained the remainder of the process. The chair of the evaluation committee will be coming to campus at the end of September.
 - The Provost's Office is currently soliciting feedback on the [self-study](#). Feedback will be accepted through the [Provost's website](#) until November 1, 2016.

- Relevant Links

- Senator Orientation:
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/senator_orientation.pdf
- Senate Legislation Log (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-01):
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/Legislation_Log_16-17-01.pdf
- Senate Candidates Contact Information Requirement (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-19):
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/ERG_Candidate_Contact_Info_15-16-19.pdf
- Consideration of a University of Maryland Weapons Policy (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-11):
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/CAC_Weapons_Policy_15-16-11.pdf
- 2016-2017 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-02):
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/Com_on_Committee_Council_Slates_16-17-02.pdf
- 2016 CUSF Replacement Election Slate:
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/CUSF_Slate_16-17-03.pdf
- 2016 Athletic Council Replacement Election Slate:
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/Athletic_Council_Slate_16-17-04.pdf
- PCC Proposal to Rename the Master of Arts in Hearing and Speech Science to Speech-Language Pathology (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-05):
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/PCC_BS_OS_HESP_Rename_16-17-05.pdf
- Review of Faculty Leave Policies (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-31)
 - Report sent to the Senate:
https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=14-15-31&sld=7&f=FAC_Leave_Policies_14-15-31.pdf
 - Amended version approved by Senate:
https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=14-15-31&sld=7&f=FAC_Leave_Policies_14-15-31_Amended_Senate.pdf
- Restricted Research Presentation:
https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/Restricted_Research.pdf
- Middle States Regional Accreditation Presentation:
<https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/090716/MiddleStates.pdf>

- Middle States Self-Study:
<http://www.provost.umd.edu/MS17/WorkingDocs/SelfStudyDesign23Jun2015.pdf>
- Provost's Website for Feedback on the Self-Study:
<https://www.provost.umd.edu/MS17/campus/survey/comments.cfm?>