**SENATE MEETING SUMMARY**

November 10, 2015

* Senate Chair’s Report
  + BOR Staff Awards - The Staff Affairs Committee is currently accepting nominations for the prestigious Board of Regents’ Staff Awards. Eight individuals within the University System will be chosen to receive awards: one non-exempt and one exempt staff member for each of the first three categories, and one staff member (exempt or non-exempt) for both parts of the fourth award category. Recipients will receive a $1,000 award and system-wide recognition. Nomination packages must be submitted to the Senate Office via email by **Friday, November 20th**. Go to: <http://www.senate.umd.edu/news/archives/2016BORInstructions.cfm> for more information. This is an excellent opportunity for our staff employees to be recognized for the amazing work that they do.
  + CIC Governance Conference - From September 23 – 25, the Senate Chair (Willie Brown), Director of the Senate (Reka Montfort) and immediate Past Chair of the Senate (Donald Webster) attended the CIC Faculty Governance Leadership Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The topics for the meeting although mostly geared towards what Illinois was doing were:
    - The Role of Academic Leadership in College Athletics
    - Funding for Higher Education
    - Disability Resources and Educational Services
    - College Affordability and Accessibility
    - Academic Freedom and Tenure
    - Non Tenure Track Faculty
    - Open Access to Research Articles
    - Faculty Benefits and Compensation
    - Shared Governance
    - Interacting with the Media and
    - Institutional Roundtable that led to a proposal to sign a resolution to support the faculty of Iowa.
    - Regarding the resolution, After several iterations, the following schools initially signed on:
      * Indiana, Northwestern, Purdue, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska at Lincoln, Wisconsin at Madison, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
    - Schools that did not sign off are:
      * Iowa (was not at the conference), Maryland, Michigan State, Ohio State, Penn State, Rutgers
    - At the SEC meeting on Friday, October 30, the SEC voted to have me sign the resolution on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee. The resolution reads in part:
      * “We call on the Board of Regents, State of Iowa to adhere to the principles of shared university governance and to ethical behavior and transparency.”
* Special Order of the Day - Ken Ulman, Chief Strategy Officer, Economic Development  
  [*Our Fearless Idea: Transform College Park Into a Top College Town*](http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/111015/KU_CPRedevelopment.pdf)
* Special Order of the Day - Wallace D. Loh, President of the University of Maryland  
  [*2015 State of the Campus Address*](https://youtu.be/LJTF2kBQgXM)
* [Review of Interim University of Maryland Policy and Procedures Concerning Credit for Prior Learning (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-18)](http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/111015/APAS_Credit_for_Prior_Learning_14-15-18.pdf)
  + The Senate voted to approve the revised policy
* [Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-05)](https://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/111015/CAC_AED_Program_14-15-05.pdf) 
  + The Senate voted to approve the committee’s recommendations
* [Revision to the Senate Bylaws to include Postdoctoral Scholar Title within the Single Member Constituency for Entry-Level Professional Track Faculty (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-10)](https://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/111015/ERG_Post-Doc_Scholar_SMC_15-16-10.pdf) 
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* Relevant Links
  + BOR Staff Awards: <http://www.senate.umd.edu/news/archives/2016BORInstructions.cfm>
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