



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the November 10, 2015 Senate meeting, President Loh gave his annual State of the Campus Address. He talked about progress on the execution of the current strategic plan, the landscape of higher education today, and the future of the university. Ken Ulman, Chief Strategy Officer, Economic Development, presented on the revitalization of College Park.

Senate Chair Willie Brown reported on a resolution from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Governance Conference and reminded Senators to submit nominations for the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Awards.

Following the State of the Campus Address, Charles Delwiche, Chair of the Academic Procedures and Standards (APAS) Committee presented the Review of Interim University of Maryland Policy and Procedures Concerning Credit for Prior Learning (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-18). Erin Rooney-Eckel, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, presented the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-05). Jess Jacobson, Chair of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the Revision to the Senate Bylaws to Include the Post-Doctoral Scholar Title within the Single Member Constituency for Entry-Level Professional Track Faculty (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-10). The Senate voted in favor of all three of the proposals.



The Senate is one of the largest and most influential governing bodies on campus.

University Senate = Shared Governance. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators work together to better our University.

The Senate debates and votes on policy-related issues and other governing aspects of the University. The Senate directly advises the University President.



"The University Senate is the only vehicle on campus where one gets a full sense of our community. Faculty, students, and staff are all represented. Though issues may impact each of these constituencies differently, there is a spirit of camaraderie in helping to develop policies that enhance the University."

- Brandon Dula

Exempt Staff Senator and Chair of the Staff Affairs Committee

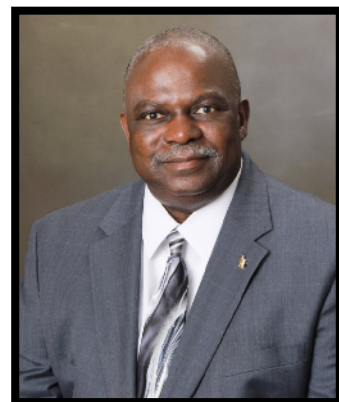
Committee News

The Faculty Affairs, Student Conduct, and Staff Affairs Committees have finalized their work on the Sexual Misconduct Procedures for Faculty, Students, and Staff, respectively. The Campus Affairs Committee has begun reviewing a new charge to consider developing a weapons policy to align with State law. The Academic Procedures and Standard (APAS) Committee is reviewing the Proposed Policy on Excused Absences. The Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee has finalized the Apportionment of the University Senate to align Senate seats with the revised University of Maryland Plan of Organization for Shared Governance as approved last year, and is continuing its work on the review of several College and School Plans of Organization. The Committee on Committees has completed the Nominations Committee slate, which will be sent to the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate for approval. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee will receive a new charge this week to review the Interim Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination and Accessibility and Disability.



From the Senate Chair

At the November Senate meeting, Ken Ulman highlighted many of the projects underway or in the pipeline to improve academics, research, living and learning, and partnerships with retail entities, and the city of College Park. Highlights included: A. James Clark Hall, Iribe Center for Computer Science and Innovation, Edward St. John Learning and Teaching Center, Cole Field House, and The Hotel at UMD. Ken also highlighted efforts for a more vibrant College Park, using examples such as: Landmark, Target Express, Milkboy at Clarice for arts and culture, Terrapin Row, Cambria Hotel, and better connection and routes to the College Park Metro Station.



President Loh gave his State of the Campus Address and covered three topics (1) how far have we come since 2010 as measured against the strategic plan of 2008; (2) a brief sketch of the landscape of higher education today, in terms of sociology, politics, and economics; and (3) looking forward to 2020, setting and achieving higher expectations. A video of the State of the Campus Address can be found [online](#). We have overcome or survived many challenges in the last five years, and there will be many more challenges in the coming years, but we have a lot to be proud of and grateful for in regard to the University.

During this time of the year, let us all take a moment to reflect on our personal lives, the lives of those we love, and whenever possible, reach out and touch someone, no matter how little you have to give. This is the time of year when families get together to celebrate each other and remember those who are no longer with us. It is a time of year when we exchange gifts, whether they are store bought, made by hand, or just a card that simply says, "I am thinking of you."

During this time of turmoil around the globe, it is easy to get overwhelmed by the bombardment of negative news. It is my hope that while you are walking back and forth to classes or meetings, while in line at the grocery store, or getting a cup of coffee, you take your gaze away from the sidewalk or television, smile at the person you are passing or standing next to, and say, "Hello."

During this time of the year please always remember – A smile goes a long way!
Whether you celebrate Thanksgiving or not, Be Grateful, Be Fearless...
Be a Grateful and Fearless Terp!

Willie Brown

A handwritten signature of Willie Brown in blue ink, written in a cursive style.



SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE

Any member of the campus community may submit a proposal to the University Senate to review University policies* and procedures or to suggest the creation and establishment of new ones. To submit an idea or proposal to the Senate, click on a link below to download a blank proposal form in Word or as a PDF.

[Proposal Form \(Word Version\)](#)

[Proposal Form \(PDF Version\)](#)

[Sample Proposal](#)

* A manual of current University policies can be found at:
<http://www.president.umd.edu/policies>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

11/23/2015: [SEC Meeting](#)

12/1/2015: [APAS Meeting](#)

12/1/2015: [ERG Meeting](#)

12/3/2015: [Campus Affairs Meeting](#)

12/4/2015: [PCC Meeting](#)

12/4/2015: [Staff Affairs Meeting](#)

12/4/2015: [Faculty Affairs Meeting](#)

12/4/2015: [SCC Meeting](#)

12/8/2015: [EDI Meeting](#)

CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-03](#)

[Suggested Revision to the Academic Clemency Policy](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-29](#)

[Proposed Policy on Excused Absence](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-21](#)

[Revision of the University of Maryland Undergraduate Student Grievance Procedure](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-22](#)

[Review of Faculty Leave Policies](#)
[Senate Document 14-15-31](#)

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