Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the <u>November 2, 2016 Senate Meeting</u>, David Allen, Executive Director of the <u>Department of Transportation Services (DOTS)</u> reported on the anticipated loss of <u>parking spaces</u> due to the University's numerous construction projects and shared plans for mitigating the problem including limiting student parking, satellite parking, and increased accessibility to bike share and ZipCars.

Senators also heard from Catherine Carroll, Title IX Officer, who continued her <u>presentation</u> from the October Senate meeting. She explained the results of <u>UMD's Sexual Assualt Climate Survey</u> and took questions from Senators.

After the presentations, Senators voted to approve four items from the <u>Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee</u>. These items created a new <u>post–baccalaureate certificate in computer networking</u>, <u>Ph.D</u>. and <u>MS programs in environmental health sciences</u>, and a <u>master of quantitative finance program</u>.
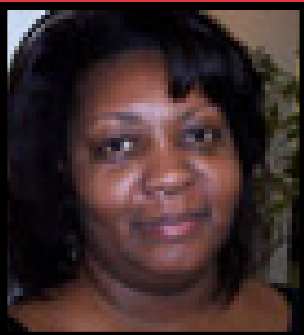
After the Senate meeting concluded, the Restricted Research subcommittee of the <u>Research Council</u> held a town hall to gather input on whether the campus community should engage in <u>restricted research</u>.

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**.

I have been part of the Senate for ten years. It has been a very important reason for my longevity with the University as well as my department, which I have been in since my hire. Serving in positions with the Senate has allowed me to feel like a part of the decisions made for our campus, our students, and our staff. I really feel like my voice is being heard, and that I represent not only those in my job classification, non–exempt, but our entire staff. It has been a pleasure for me to serve, and I am not sure what I would have done if I had not served on the Senate. I would like to encourage others who are here to take part in the governance of the University. Your voice is needed.

−Cliffornia R. Pryor, ERG Committee Member

From the Senate Chair

Each year, the Senate Staff Affairs Committee organizes the Board of Regents' Staff Awards. These awards recognize outstanding staff members who have consistently demonstrated excellence in one of four categories: Exceptional Contribution to the Institution and/or Unit to Which the Person Belongs; Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment; Extraordinary Public Service to the University or Greater Community; Effectiveness and Efficiency. The winners receive a $2,000 cash stipend and formal recognition by the Board and the University Senate. To be eligible, a person must have been employed at the University for five years. Any member of the campus community can nominate a staff member for the awards.

I would like to encourage each and every one of you to consider nominating a deserving staff member for this prestigious honor. Staff are the lifeblood of our campus, and their knowledge, expertise, and dedication are essential to the success of our students and faculty. Staff members do a great deal of behind-the-scenes work and are not always recognized for these efforts. Nominating a staff member for the Board of Regents' Staff Awards is a great way to publicly acknowledge the excellent work that is happening on this campus. You can find more information and a video message from the Chancellor on the Senate website.

Jordan Goodman

Committee News

The Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee is reviewing the representation of ombuds officers on Senate Committees, as well as the Student Affairs Committee's charge and composition. The committee is also reviewing several College Plans of Organization. The Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Committee continues to review the Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases. The Student Conduct Committee was recently charged with the Code of Student Conduct Revision.

The Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing of the use of visiting faculty titles and merit pay policy information for professional track faculty. The Educational Affairs Committee continues to review the Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge.

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INFORMATION

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/administration/policies

Upcoming Meetings

Senate Executive Committee- 11/15/16

Educational Affairs Committee- 11/16/16

Student Conduct Committee- 11/17/16

Staff Affairs Committee- 11/17/16

EDI Committee- 11/18/16

Faculty Affairs Committee- 12/5/16

ERG Committee- 12/5/16

Senate Meeting: President's State of the Campus Address - 12/6/16

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CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases
Senate Document 14-15-03

Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge
Senate Document 15-16-31

Restricted Research
Senate Document 16-17-06

Use of Visiting Faculty Titles for Professional Track Faculty Appointments
Senate Document 15-16-17

Code of Student Conduct Revision
Senate Document 16-17-08

Click on any legislation item above for more details. To view all Senate Legislation: Click Here