



Senate E-newsletter

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Notes from the April Senate Meeting

At the April 19, 2012 Senate meeting, the Senate voted in favor of two family friendly initiatives at UMD – the recommendations from the **2012 review of the Family Care Resource and Referral Service**, and **proposed policies for parental leave for faculty**. The Senate also voted in favor of creating **representation for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics on the University Senate** via ex-officio roles and a voting single member constituency Senator seat for head coaches. In addition, the Senate approved the

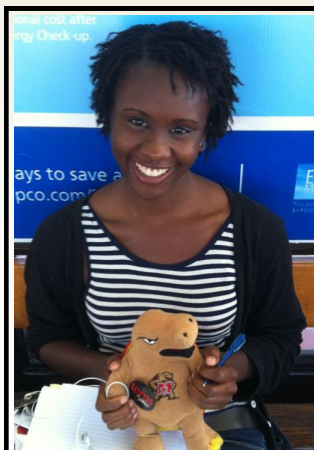
revised College of Education Plan of Organization to align with the recently reorganized College. Senators also voted in favor of recommendations to **change the minimum average in all courses applied to undergraduate major requirements**; this would create a minimum standard for completing undergraduate degree requirements at the University. Finally, the Senate voted to return the **proposal to change the Committee on the Review of Student Fees (CRSF) operating procedure** to the Student Affairs Committee for further review.



The Senate is one of the largest and most powerful 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 opportunity to work with the Senate Educational Affairs Committee has been a meaningful experience that allowed for collaboration between Students, Faculty, and Staff.

– Jamil Scott, Undergraduate Student



As the academic year comes to a close, the Senate Committees are finalizing reports and preparing continuing items for next year's committees to resume in Fall 2012. The **Student Conduct Committee** will carry over its work on the **Expansion of Promoting Responsible Action in Medial Emergencies legislation**, while the **Staff Affairs Committee** will continue to work on the **Proposed Policy for Parental Leave for Staff**. The **Academic Procedures and Standards (APAS) Committee's** review of a proposal to implement a retroactive withdrawal policy at the University of Maryland will be passed on to next year's committee for continued research and deliberations. A number of proposals from the **Programs, Curricula, and**



Committee News

Courses (PCC) Committee await further approvals from the Board of Regents, Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the Chancellor before implementation, including a series of name changes and program creations in the School of Public Health.



From the Senate Chair-Elect

One of the highlights of the April 19th University Senate meeting was the overwhelming approval of the University of Maryland Policy on Faculty Parental Leave (76 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions); if approved by the President, any related University policies will be amended to align with this new policy. University colleagues can obtain details regarding these crucial issues on the Senate

website. Also, Chair Kasischke announced that the Senate and President Loh are establishing a Joint Task Force to review the Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures at the University. These are two vital issues regarding our conditions of work, and I'm pleased to report that we are moving forward on both. Stay tuned for further developments on these fronts.

Martha Nell Smith

Upcoming Meetings

5/3/12: Senate Mtg

5/4/12: PCC Mtg

5/4/12: Campus Affairs Mtg

5/7/12: EDI Mtg

5/7/12: Student Affairs Mtg

5/8/2012: Gen. Ed. Mtg

5/10/2012: SEC Mtg

For a complete schedule
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Submit a Proposal to the Senate

Current Senate Legislation:

Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Plan of Organization

Senate Document 11-12-41

Transition Meeting Slate 2012

Senate Document 11-12-37

Proposed Policy for Parental Leave for Staff

Senate Document 11-12-35

Implement a Retroactive Withdrawal Policy at UMD

Senate Document 11-12-30

Expansion of Promoting Responsible action in Medical Emergencies

Senate Document 11-12-22

Proposal to Clarify and Improve Student Class Selection

Senate Document 11-12-11

Click on any legislation item above for more details. To view all Senate Legislation: **[Click Here](#)**

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 \(Word Version\)](#)

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

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