



Senate E-newsletter

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Notes from the February Senate Meeting

At the February 11, 2015 Senate meeting the Senate received the **Campus Affairs Committee's (CAC)** report on the **Proposal to Streamline the University's Marijuana Policy with State Policy**. The Senate voted to approve the **Hazing Policy Revision** presented by Kasey Moyes, Chair of the **Student Conduct Committee (SCC)**. Charles Wellford, Chair of the **Plan of Organization Review Committee (PORC)**, presented the **Review of the University of Maryland Plan of Organization**. The Plan outlines the University's commitment to shared governance and affects everyone in the campus community. After a thoughtful

discussion on the revisions to the Plan, the Senate voted to approve the revised Plan. The University Senate Office has now opened the voting for the institution-wide referendum on the revised Plan, which must be approved by a majority of voters in two out of the three major constituencies (faculty, staff, students). It is very important for us to get broad participation from all members of the campus community. Every member of the campus community is encouraged to review the **revised Plan** and vote on whether to approve it **here**. The referendum will run until midnight on February 27th and if approved will be sent to the President for final approval.



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.*



"My experience as a Senator and chairing the Campus Affairs Committee was one of the most intellectually stimulating and professionally rewarding experiences I've ever embarked upon at the University of Maryland. I've been able to truly explore the inner workings of university policy as well as contribute to the larger vision and mission of the University. The experience you gain working with your fellow faculty and staff tackling large and complex policy matters is a unique and deeply rewarding one."

**-Kevin Pitt, Senator and
Campus Affairs Committee Chair**





Senate Elections!

Choose who you want to represent YOU on the largest governing body on the University of Maryland campus. This is your opportunity to participate in the shared governance of our University and vote for your Senators! The University Senate Office holds elections each year to fill vacancies on the Senate in the following constituencies: staff (exempt/non-exempt), full-time and part-time lecturers, emeritus faculty, research faculty, adjunct faculty/professors of the practice, and undergraduate and graduate students. These elections take place online on the Senate website at <http://www.senate.umd.edu/elections/vote.cfm>.

To vote for your Senators, log-in on the Senate website with your Directory ID and password. You will be automatically routed to the appropriate ballot. Instructions for how to vote will be included on the ballot. You will only be able to view the ballot and vote for Senators in your constituency category (e.g. full-time undergraduates in ARHU vote for full-time undergraduates in ARHU).

Election results will be announced to the campus community on March 9, 2015. All results will also be posted on the Senate website at: <http://www.senate.umd.edu/elections/results.cfm>

February 23, 2015: *Election Period Opens*

March 6, 2015: *Election Period Closes*



Visit the Senate Elections Webpage for More Information!



The Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Committee held two town hall meetings to collect feedback from the campus community about the **Interim Sexual Misconduct Policy**, which will assist with its review of this policy. In addition, the **Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)**, **Staff Affairs Committee**, and **Student Conduct Committee (SCC)** have been charged with reviewing the **Faculty, Staff, and Student Interim Sexual Misconduct Investigation & Adjudication Procedures**, respectively. Recently, the **Campus Affairs Committee (CAC)** began reviewing the **Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program**. In preparation



Committee News



for the 2015-2016 academic year, the **Nominations Committee** is currently soliciting nominations for Senate-elected committees and councils; for more information, [click here](#).

From the Senate Chair

The Senate passed the new University of Maryland Plan of Organization at our February 11 meeting, which was the result of a great deal of work by the committee that has labored towards its development since October 2013. It is proposed as the document that will guide our shared governance process during the next

decade. The committee that developed it was elected by the Senate and was comprised of twenty-five members representing the entire campus community. They held fifteen meetings over the period and carried out a great deal of work between the formal sessions to develop an excellent document. The Senate approved the final document overwhelmingly.

Now, it's up to you - our University of Maryland community - to approve the Plan. It has been submitted for an institution-wide referendum and its passage requires a majority of votes cast within two of three major constituencies. You will be getting more information about how to access the Plan and cast your vote in an email campaign through your colleges or units. I urge your participation in this important election to show that shared governance is valued at the University of Maryland. Once approved, the Bylaws that will provide the operational structure of our Plan will be finalized. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important election.

-Senate Chair, Donald Webster

Upcoming Meetings

02/23/15: Student Affairs Mtg

02/25/15: Staff Affairs Mtg

03/05/15: Senate Mtg

03/06/15: SCC Mtg

03/06/15: EDI Meeting

03/06/15: ERG Meeting

03/09/15: Faculty Affairs Meeting

03/09/15: APAS Meeting

For a complete schedule
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Submit a Proposal to the Senate

Current Senate Legislation:

Addition of a User Experience Working Group to the IT Council
Senate Document 14-15-10

UM Guidelines for Appointment, Evaluation, and Promotion of Professional Track Faculty
Senate Document 14-15-09

Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program
Senate Document 14-15-05

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

Review of Mid-Semester and Early Warning Grades Policies and Procedures
Senate Document 13-14-36

Revisions to the College of Education (EDUC) Plan of Organization
Senate Document 13-14-05

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 \(Word Version\)](#)

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

[Sample Proposal](#)

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

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