



# Senate E-newsletter

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## Notes from the November Senate Meeting

In early 2012, the University of Maryland College Park (UMD) and the University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) developed a new partnership (*MPowering the State*) to foster collaboration between the institutions and strengthen the impact of joint research and education. In response to this initiative, the UMD Office of Faculty Affairs submitted a proposal to activate the "[Institution] Professor" title included in the University System of Maryland (USM) Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) policy as "University of Maryland Professor" for faculty holding

joint appointments at UMD and UMB. At the November 1, 2012 Senate meeting, the Senate voted to approve the **Activation of the USM "[Institution] Professor" Title as "University of Maryland Professor."** President Loh approved the title activation on November 5th. The new title will be granted to full-time professor-level UMB faculty active in the initiative who also meet UMD's requirements for a full-time professor. Activation of the title will complement the reciprocal conditions already established at UMB to appoint UMD faculty at its campus.



*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.*



*Participating in the Senate or on its committees allows each of us the opportunity to watch a unique form of shared governance at work. I learn something new about the community I have worked in for most of my life from each committee. The pleasure I get from working alongside fellow faculty, students, and staff is a truly unique campus experience.*

*-Nan Ratner, Past SCC Chair*

# President Wallace D. Loh

## State of the Campus Address



*“Innovation to Impact — ‘I to I’ — is the expression of our land-grant mission of putting knowledge into practice.”*

**“The state of our campus is strong.”**

*“Faculty research has been extremely productive, and they are to be commended.”*

**“This is what I call the *Terp Spirit* — fearless turtles, with fearless ideas doing ‘good’ in the world.”**

**“We are a great research university, and we must remain one.”**

*“The public research university of the future will have to provide greater access to more students; greater quality, in terms of educational outcomes; and greater affordability.”*

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For the full text of the State of the Campus Address: [Click Here](#)





The **Committee on Committees** recently completed the 2012-2013 slate of candidates for the **Nominations Committee**. Individuals elected to serve on the Nominations Committee will be responsible for soliciting nominations from the membership of the Senate for the **Executive Committee, Chair-Elect, Committee on Committees**, and other University committees and councils. The **Campus Affairs Committee** continues to work on the **implementation of the University System of Maryland smoking ban**, and encourages all UMD constituents to take the **implementation survey**. The Provost's Office and the Senate Office are forming a joint **Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Guidelines Task Force** to review the University **APT Guidelines**. Additionally, the **Student Conduct**

**Committee** will be asked to conduct a review of evidentiary standards in the **Code of Student Conduct** and will also be charged with reviewing an expansion of jurisdiction for the Code.



## From the Senate Chair

Our November meeting extended our consideration of the powerful reconfigurations on the ways in which we conduct and share our research and teaching as

we listened to President Loh's "State of the Campus" address in which he offered his vision and remarked some promising challenges to the university. Emphasizing first the exciting opportunities for reimagining and reinventing residential education by integrating face-to-face pedagogical methods with more virtual connections online, President Loh also reminded us that innovation is not all about revenue but is also about improving the conditions in which we teach, conduct research, engage the public, and contribute to the common good. He also reminded us that a comprehensive university should include medicine and law and noted how important our strategic alliance with UMB is already proving to be. Last but far from least, President Loh urged the UMD community to engage more with College Park, to become an academic village in the middle of the city.

Our Senate meetings are open, and we invite anyone from the campus community to come hear Vice President of Information Technology and CIO Brian Voss's report on IT's draft Strategic Plan December 5th. These are very exciting times at UMD, and hearing about ways we can strengthen our connections and community through innovative use of the technological tools that make new exchanges possible will be exciting and sure to generate plenty of discussion. VP Voss wants feedback from UMD's constituencies!

**Martha Nell Smith**



## Committee News

### Upcoming Meetings

11/20/12: SCC Mtg

11/27/12: ERG Mtg

11/28/12: SHTF Mtg

11/29/12: Staff Affairs Mtg

12/3/12: Faculty Affairs Mtg

12/4/12: EDI Mtg

**12/5/12: Senate Mtg**

For a complete schedule  
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# Submit a Proposal to the Senate

## ***Current Senate Legislation:***

### **Review of the Evidentiary Standards in the Code of Student Conduct**

Senate Document 12-13-30

### **Alignment of Procurement Contracts with UMD**

### **Non-Discrimination Values**

Senate Document 12-13-29

### **Consideration of a Faculty Salary Step-System**

Senate Document 12-13-05

### **Calculation of Commencement Honors**

Senate Document 12-13-03

### **Proposal to Implement a Retroactive Withdrawal Policy**

Senate Document 11-12-30

### **Expansion of Promoting Responsible Action in Medical Emergencies**

Senate Document 11-12-22

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

**A**ny member of the campus community may submit a proposal to the University Senate to review University policies<sup>★</sup> 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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