Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the **December 7, 2017, Senate meeting**, Chair Falvey noted that the election process for all staff, student, and single-member constituency Senators for 2018- 2019 will begin on January 16, 2018. He encouraged all Senators to visit the **Senate website** for more information on the elections process.

The Senate voted to approve the **Nominations Committee Slate** for the 2017- 2018 year (**#17-18-15**). The Student Conduct Committee presented proposed revisions to the **Code of Student Conduct (#16-17-08)**. Senators discussed the revisions and voted to approve the proposed policy.

Jeffrey Hollingsworth, Interim Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the implementation of **multi-factor authentication** for all University community members. All faculty, graduate assistants, Deans, Directors, and Vice Presidents were enrolled on December 4, 2017 , and all other faculty and staff will enroll in spring 2018. All students will likely enroll in fall 2018.

During New Business, a Senator announced that the University Libraries offers a **Top Textbook Service** that allows students to rent course-related textbooks and professional exam preparation study guides for up to four hours. The Senator encouraged faculty and staff to share information about this resource with their students.

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 am in my second term on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee. I work in a County Extension office, so my committee membership gives me the opportunity to interact with on-campus faculty and staff around a very important topic for the University and for society. I enjoy the professionalism of the committee and am thankful for the opportunity to serve."

—Jennifer Dindinger, Equity,Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Member

From the Senate Chair

During this semester, the Senate approved multiple changes to University policies and procedures, including revisions to the **University IT Council Bylaws**, the **Code of Student Conduct**, and the **Interim UMD Policy on Student Social Media Privacy.** The **Inclusion & Respect Task Force** was created this semester jointly by the President and the Senate to consider how to best nurture a climate that is more respectful and inclusive of all members of our campus community, stands against hate, and reaffirms the values that define us a University. This task force has formed additional working groups to collaboratively focus on areas of Free Speech/Hate Speech, Policies and Procedures, Prevention and Education, Campus Climate, and Hate/Bias Response as it works to address its charge. We look forward to receiving its recommendations during the upcoming spring semester. Shared governance has an important impact at the University and I encourage all staff, students, and those represented by single member constituencies to consider running for the Senate in the **upcoming Senate elections**. I want to personally thank all of our Senators for the hard work they have put in this semester and I look forward to the upcoming changes that will impact our future at the University of Maryland. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Daniel Falvey

Committee News

The Senate's ten standing committees continue to make progress on all the charges they have received this fall. The **APAS Committee** is continuing its review of the **course evaluation** charge. The **Educational Affairs Committee** is reviewing details on **Limited Enrollment Program** expectations. The **EDI Committee** continues to review a proposal on **gender inclusive facilities**. The **Student Conduct Committee** will begin reviewing its charge to **revise the Code of Academic Integrity**.

Find out more about Committee Work on each **committee's page** or search **current legislation** online.

Senate Elections

The University Senate Office holds elections through the Senate website each year to fill staff, student, and single- member constituency vacancies on the Senate. New staff Senators will serve a three-year term, and student Senators and Senators representing single-member constituencies will serve a one- year term. Senators representing full-time tenured/ tenure-track (T/ TT) faculty and professional track (PTK) faculty are elected by each College or School and serve three-year terms.

Staff members will elect new Senators to replace those with terms ending this year in the categories of exempt and non- exempt staff from Divisions and exempt and non- exempt staff from the Colleges and Schools. Undergraduate students are apportioned by College, with 1 representative for every 1,000 full-time undergraduate students. Graduate students elect 10 representatives at-large. Student Senators can serve a total of 3 consecutive terms.

Representatives of the single-member constituencies listed below are each elected for a one-year term from among their ranks and are eligible to be elected for 3 consecutive terms:
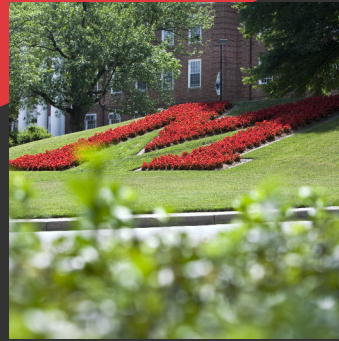
- part-time research, part-time teaching, adjunct, and all visiting faculty
- emeritus faculty
- head coaches
- post-doctoral scholars, post-doctoral associates, junior lecturers, and faculty assistants
- contingent II staff
- part-time undergraduate students
- part-time graduate students

The Senate elections are your opportunity to choose who you want to represent you on the largest governing body at the University of Maryland. Eligible campus community members will receive information via email on the sign-up and elections processes, and we invite you to run for the Senate and vote in the Senate elections! Please visit the **Senate website** for more information on how to run for the Senate or vote in Senate elections. Thank you for your continued interest in shared governance at the University of Maryland!

Senate Election Schedule

January 16-February 2, 2018: Sign up to run for the Senate

February 19-February 28, 2018: Vote for Senators to Represent You

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 here.

SPRING 2018 SENATE MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 7, 2018- Atrium

Thursday, March 8, 2018- Colony Ballroom

Wednesday, April 4, 2018- Atrium

Tuesday, April 24, 2018- Atrium

Wednesday, May 9, 2018- Atrium- Transition Meeting

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CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

Providing Gender Inclusive Facilities
Senate Document 16-17-32

University Expectations for Limited Enrollment Programs
Senate Document 16-17-36

Revisions to the UMD Policy on Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status of Library Faculty
Senate Document 16-17-28

Student Course Evaluation Improvement Project
Senate Document 16-17-24

Revision of the Code of Academic Integrity
Senate Document 17-18-08

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