



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the September 6, 2017, Senate Meeting, Senators reviewed the Legislation Log (17-18-01) and approved the Committee & Council Slates (17-18-02). Senate Director Reka Montfort gave a Senator orientation and the winners of the BOR Staff Awards were recognized.

Senators discussed and approved post-baccalaureate certificates in computing systems (17-18-04), networking software development (17-18-05), and wireless communication (17-18-06) that were proposed by the PCC Committee.

The ERG Committee presented the Revisions to the Plan of Organization for the College of Arts & Humanities (14-15-23), and the Senate voted to approve the revised Plan.

Senators reviewed the Educational Affairs Committee's recommendations on the Student Social Media Privacy Policy (16-17-23) and considered the Faculty Affairs Committee's proposal for a Professional Track Faculty Merit Pay Policy (16-17-13). The Senate voted to approve both proposed policies.



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 an employee with the University of Maryland for 12 1/2 years and have always wanted to be a part of the Senate. To be part of decision making for our campus and know that I have a voice for everyone is such a privilege and honor. What I have learned has been informative and eye opening. I have been elected for another 3-year term plus I was selected to be on the Staff Affairs Committee. I look forward to the coming years. I believe strongly in our campus and the well-being of our students, staff and faculty. The governance of the University is such an important part of how things are run and its continued success. Go TERPS! "

—Antonietta Jennings

Non-Exempt Staff Senator and member of the Staff Affairs Committee

From the Senate Chair

Welcome to a new year with the University Senate! This year the Senate will be dealing with a number of issues that are exciting and in some cases will be challenging. Effective self-governance at a large, diverse organization like UMD requires active communication.

First, it is important that you communicate with your constituents. In her presentation at our first Senate meeting this week, Reka Montfort described several ways you can keep your constituents informed of matters before the Senate. The Senate Staff will provide short summaries of the most recent meeting, which you can share via email or by other means with your unit. Some Senators circulate the summary as-is, while others may choose to highlight specific issues of particular interest to their constituency and unit. In some cases, Senators have presented a short Senate Update at faculty meetings. The agenda for each Senate meeting will be provided to you one week prior to the meeting. I've found it very helpful to circulate the agenda, or at least the relevant highlights, with constituents and seek feedback on any proposals that will be considered at the meeting.

Communication within the Senate is equally important. I encourage all Senators to engage with the Senate and its committees throughout the year. All Senate committees will be working on important issues this year and many will bring their work to the Senate floor during your time as a Senator. It is important that you provide your perspective during the committee review process while potential policy revisions are still in the early phases of development. We will continue to use Slack as an online communication tool. This provides an excellent way to get clarification or suggest changes to proposals that are being considered by the Senate.

I also want to highlight the new [Joint President/Senate Inclusion & Respect Task Force](#), which was recently charged to consider how to nurture a campus climate that is respectful and inclusive of all members of the campus community, stands against hate, and reaffirms the values that define us as a University. The task force includes representation from faculty, staff, students, and alumni, but your engagement with the task force will be critical to making sure that all voices are heard in its review. Task force meetings will be open, and the task force will be holding multiple open forums, listening sessions, and targeted discussions, and its members will be coming to Senate meetings to gather feedback and update us on its progress. I encourage you to share your experiences and perspectives with the task force, and keep an eye on the [Senate website](#) to stay up to date on its work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Falvey".

Daniel Falvey

Committee News

The Senate's ten standing committees are beginning their work for the year. Committees will review charges carrying over from last year, and will begin reviewing new charges. Find out more about Committee Work by visiting each [committee's page](#) or by [searching current legislation](#) online!

The Senate Recognizes...

At the September Senate meeting, the University Senate recognized achievements by members of the campus community. The Senate congratulated Audrey Stewart and Jenna Beckwith, who were recently bestowed the highest honor the University System of Maryland gives for achievements by staff. The Senate also recognized the ten-year anniversary of the School of Public Health on September 27th, 2017, and congratulated Dean Lushniak, the School, and its faculty and staff on all their accomplishments over the last ten years.



Audrey Stewart | *Facilities Management*

Exceptional Contribution to the Institution And/Or Unit
to Which the Person Belongs (non-exempt)

BOARD OF REGENTS' STAFF AWARDS WINNERS

Jenna Beckwith | *University Health Center*

Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic
or Residential Environment (exempt)



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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- 9/19/17

Student Conduct Committee- 9/25/17

APAS Committee- 9/26/17

EDI Committee- 9/28/17

ERG Committee- 9/29/17

Student Affairs Committee - 10/2/17

Faculty Affairs Committee - 10/2/17

Senate Meeting- 10/5/17

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](#)

[Code of Student Conduct Revision](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-08](#)

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