

# University Senate Meeting

April 21, 2026



Quorum: **83**

Senators & Deans: Raise Hands for quorum count

**The meeting will start once we reach the Quorum number above.**



# Agenda

1. Call to Order

# Call to Order – Welcome!

- Welcome to today's meeting.
- University Senate meetings are conducted in accordance with the Senate Bylaws and adhere to Robert's Rules of Order.



# Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- We are using the Zoom Webinar format for the meeting.
- Senators received a separate email directly from Zoom to join the meeting as a **Panelist**, which allows them to fully participate in the meeting.
- Members of the campus community use the general link to join as **Attendees**.



## Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- Senate procedures will apply to this virtual meeting to ensure consistency and order.
- Please remember that all University policies and expectations for appropriate conduct apply during all University Senate meetings.



# Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- Today's meeting being recorded.
- The audio from all University Senate meetings is utilized to create meeting minutes that will be available prior to the following meeting.



## Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- When Chair Dammeyer opens the floor to discussion, Senators may use the ‘**Raise Hand**’ feature, which is located at the bottom of the Zoom window.
- If you click on the **Participants** option at the bottom of the Zoom window, you can see a list of all Senators and the **Raise Hand icon** next to those who have raised their hand.



# Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- All Participants are **Muted** when entering the Zoom. You will be asked to unmute yourself when you are recognized to speak. Please listen for that request so you can unmute.
- University Senate Meetings are open to all members of the campus, however, only Senators and Deans may vote.



# Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- Senators and Deans may speak and introduce campus community members to speak during discussion of any action items.
- On Zoom, Senators and Deans are labeled as **Panelists** and non-Senators/campus community members are labeled as attendees.



# Call to Order – Procedures & Guidelines

- Attendees who would like to identify a Senator to introduce them to speak can find a complete list of Senators at <https://senate.umd.edu/CurrentSenators>.
- **All speakers must first state their name and constituency after being called on.**



## Call to Order – Chat Etiquette

- The Zoom Chat box is not part of the official record.
- If you would like to speak, please use the raise hand feature and wait to be recognized.



## Call to Order – Questions

- Are there any questions about any of the procedures or guidelines that I have described?
- If so, please use the **Raise Hand** feature at the bottom of the Zoom window in the **Reactions** option or come to the microphone and wait to be called on.



# **Agenda**

2. Report of the Chair (Information)

## Report of the Chair - Delayed Approval of the Minutes from the April 9th University Senate Meeting

- Due to the short turnaround between the April 9<sup>th</sup> University Senate meeting and the posting date for today's meeting, the Senate will approve both the April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes at the at the May 6th University Senate meeting.



## **Report of the Chair – Update on the Special Election for the Non-Exempt Staff: Divisions Seat**

- As previously shared, we were unable to fill one of four Non-Exempt Staff-Divisions vacancies.
- The University Senate Office conducted a special election to ensure the remaining seat could be filled.



## **Report of the Chair – Update on the Special Election for the Non-Exempt Staff: Divisions Seat**

- Nominations were collected between April 3 and April 15, 2026, and 3 candidates were eligible.
- The Non-Exempt Staff-Division seat special election opened on April 16th and will close on April 23rd.



## Report of the Chair – Committee & Council Volunteer Period

- There is still time to volunteer to serve on one of our 10 Senate standing committees and councils for the upcoming academic year.
- Volunteers interested in contributing to the development of the university's policy making, expanding their campus network, adding to their service portfolio, and impacting real change in important policies are welcome to apply!



## Report of the Chair – Committee & Council Volunteer Period

- The University Senate offers a wide range of committees covering varying topics that will appeal to anyone interested in getting involved.
- The deadline to volunteer is May 1st.



## Report of the Chair – Committee & Council Volunteer Period

- If you're interested in volunteering, or would like to encourage others to volunteer, please go to the University Senate website to submit a volunteer statement for the committees and councils you're interested in joining.
- On the form, applicants should provide a brief description of their interest and what they can contribute.



## Report of the Chair – Volunteering for University Senate Standing Committees & Councils

- The University Senate's Committee on Committees will select volunteers to serve on each committee and will notify selected volunteers over the summer.
- Selected committee and council volunteers will hear back in late Summer.



## Report of the Chair – Volunteering for University Senate Standing Committees & Councils

- The link to learn more about joining a committee will be shared in the chat, and will be available in the minutes for today's University Senate meeting:

[senate.umd.edu/join-committee](https://senate.umd.edu/join-committee)



## Report of the Chair – Remaining University Senate Meetings

- This is the final meeting for our outgoing Senators.
- To our outgoing Senators: Thank you for your work in the University Senate, including your service on many committees and councils, and for your commitment to shared governance.



## Report of the Chair – Remaining University Senate Meetings

- Your engagement in the University Senate has provided a valuable perspective for President Pines.
- You have contributed to policies that will help shape the University's future.



# 2026 Outgoing Senators

Damena Agonafer	Philip Evers	Paul Keen	Dylan Patel	Krishnan Tholkappian
Daniel Alegbeleye	Leah Falk	Samuel Kerstein	Paul Paukstelis	Utku Turk
Mikhail Anisimov	Nicholas Finio	Michael Kio	Wendy Peer	Paul Turner
Vikrant Aute	Leonard Fomin	Emmanuel Kuh	Stanley Presser	Arpita Upadhyaya
Isabella Badolato	Elijah Foster	Michele Lamprakos	Shaik Rahaman	Emely Vasquez
Christopher Baker	Lee Friedman	Mingxin Lei	Mircea Raianu	Snehi Vijaywargiya
Radu Balan	Sebastian Galiani	Evan Levitan	Taj Rayhan	Kurt Vollmer
Saimon Bhuiyan	Kim Gonzalez	Lauren Lohff	Alessandro Restelli	Nicholas Walker
Jamiyah Bonds	Meredith Gore	Nicholas Lugu	Galen Richardson	Hirsch
Jordan Borak	Kerry Green	Laurent Montesi	Megan Rutter	Steven Wall
Arseniy Braslavskiy	Olga Haldey	Kang Namkoong	Pranav Sasikumar	Camille Wharff
Joao Camargo De Miranda	David Hamilton	Maryam Nanai	Ava Sass	Sarah Wilson
Herve Campangne	Ruibo Han	Raymond Nardella	Andrea Schuba	Patrick Wohlfarth
Darrell Claiborne	Kelly Hovland	Quy-Cuong Nguyen	Ethan Scofield	Jemma Wood
Kim Coles	Huang Chiao Huang	Tin Nguyen	Lori Sefton	Louisa Wu
Daniela Colombi	Kayo Ide	Shuna Ni	Sanika Shah	Yanjin Zhang
Mark Coulbourne	William Idsardi	Polly O'Rourke	Katherine Sharp	Yunfeng Zhang
Kelli Cummings	Zack Johnson	Chinyere Osuji	Debbie Simpkins	Jo Zimmerman
Carter Dierlam	Yogesh Joshi	Sarah Otwey	Bobby Smith	
Typhanye Dyer	Shyma K Mohammed	Pranav Palle	Jim Smith	

## Thank you, Senators!

## Report of the Chair – University Senate Transition Meeting

- The May 6th University Senate Transition Meeting will include all continuing and incoming Senators and Deans.
- On April 29th, continuing and incoming Senators, and Deans will receive Zoom panelist invitations and materials for the May 6th Transition Meeting.
- At that meeting, Wendy Stickle will take over as the Senate Chair, and the Senate will elect a new Chair-Elect.



## Report of the Chair – Nominations Committee Slates

- The Bylaws state that all continuing and incoming Senators will receive the 2026-2027 Nominations Committee Slates 10 working days before the University Senate's Transition Meeting.
- Continuing and new Senators will receive the Nominations Committee Slates tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22nd.
- Please note, slates will only be distributed to incoming and continuing members, outgoing Senators will not receive the slates.



## Report of the Chair – Nominations Committee Slates

- All continuing Senators, please review the slates before our next Senate meeting on May 6th.
- Elections will be held for the next Chair-elect during the meeting.
- A survey for elections of the University Senate's elected committees and councils will be distributed after the meeting.



# Agenda

3. Jennifer King Rice  
Senior Vice President and Provost  
*Strategic Plan Update*

# Agenda

4. ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10) (Action)

**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- Presented by Kim Gonzalez, Chair of the ERG Committee.
- In August of 2025, the University Senate Office received a proposal to amend the Senate Bylaws specifically regarding how committee reports are presented to the Senate.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- The proposal was submitted with the recommendation that any policy change brought forward by a University Senate committee may not be amended on the Senate floor unless a detailed written objection outlining the specific concerns is submitted to the Office of the University Senate at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting which the recommendation is scheduled to be presented.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- The ERG Committee was charged by the SEC and spent a little over 6 months conducting a thorough review of the proposal, the potential Bylaw amendment and its operational implications.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- Throughout the Fall semester the committee reviewed the results of the Big10 research, which essentially demonstrated that though schools vary, there was commonality in;



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- Implied or explicit governing system for amendments was Robert's Rules of Order.
- Often Senate Leadership (Chair, President, etc) given purview over determining if amendments were germane to discussion/consideration.
- Windows of time preceding a meeting where business was required to be brought forward.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- The committee discussed the benefits of 48-hour advanced notice on potential amendments, including
  - the ability for the presenting Committee Chair and members to prepare discussion points,
  - and the ability for voting senators to review relevant materials.



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- Finally, the committee discussed the constraints and logistics of the Senate procedures, including timing of material posting, quorum, and voting applications, as well as the frequency of the issue (ie; how often do amendments occur on the floor).



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- The committee members elected to receive senator and committee member feedback via an asynchronous google form with several options, along with a space for additional feedback.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- The committee discussed the results of the poll which reflected over 80% support for adopting the proposal with  $\frac{2}{3}$  exception.
- At the March 5, 2026, committee meeting the ERG members agreed on the principle of requiring a 48-hour requirement with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to override.



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- Members noted that this is also in line with what is done at other Big10 peer institutions.



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- Members agreed this would allow the Senate to act when a proposal is time-sensitive or requires an urgent amendment - thus preserving the Senate's authority - while introducing a deliberative threshold that encourages members to carefully assess amendments submitted to carefully crafted reports.



**ERG Committee Report: *Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate Committee Charges* (Senate Document #25-26-10)**

- The ERG recommends the Bylaw amendment as presented be approved.



**5.2 Standing Committees - Basic Charge:** In its area of responsibility, as defined in its specifications, each committee shall be an arm of the Senate with the following powers:

- (1) To formulate and review policies to be established by the Senate according to the *Plan* (Article 1);
- (2) To review established policies and their administration and to recommend any changes in policies or their administration that may be desirable. **Recommendations in these areas are not subject to amendment on the Senate floor unless a detailed objection describing the area of concern has been filed with the Office of the University Senate at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at which the recommendations will be introduced. A supermajority vote of 2/3 in favor would allow an exception to this forty-hour (48) time window. The committee will announce proposed recommendations to the campus community sufficiently in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered so as to allow time for concerned parties to file their objections;**
- (3) To serve in an advisory capacity, upon request, regarding the administration of policies;
- (4) To function on request of the President or of the Executive Committee as a board of appeal with reference to actions and/or decisions made in the application of policies; and
- (5) To recommend the creation of special subcommittees (Article 5.7-5.9) when deemed necessary.

*Discussion*

***Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding  
Senate Committee Charges  
(Senate Document #25-26-10)***



**Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws Regarding Senate  
Committee Charges  
(Senate Document #25-26-10)**

A. In Favor

B. Opposed



# Agenda

5. ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40) (Action)

**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- The University of Maryland Plan of Organization for Shared Governance mandates that all Colleges and Schools are governed by a Plan of Organization- which should conform to provisions and principles set forth in the University's Plan, the Bylaws of the University Senate, the Policy on Shared Governance in the University System of Maryland, and best practices in shared governance.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- Revisions to the Plan of Organization of each College, School, and the Library must be reviewed and approved by the University Senate.
- The Senate Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee is the standing Committee responsible for conducting these reviews.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- The ERG Committee initially reviewed the Plan of Organization, as submitted, in November of 2025, where members noted that there were not major changes since the Plan of Organizations' last Senate approved submission in 2016.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- As part of the review process the committee also invited a representative from MFRI to the November 17, 2026, ERG Committee meeting to discuss questions and review specific portions of the Plan of Organization.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- At that meeting, the Director of Administrative Services at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Audrey Williams, gave a summary of the MFRI priorities, and Plan as well as specific revisions (specifically Section V on committees).



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- The committee discussed the unique place MFRI has on campus, its role as a national education unit for fire and rescue, and the mainly non-academic role of faculty.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- The ERG Committee approved the Revisions to the MFRI Plan of Organization at their March 5, 2026, committee meeting with no amendments.
- The ERG Committee recommends that the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Plan of Organization be approved.



*Discussion*

***Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI)  
Plan of Organization  
(Senate Document #25-26-40)***



**Revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue (MFRI) Plan of Organization (Senate Document #25-26-40)**

- A. In Favor
- B. Opposed
- C. Abstain



# Agenda

6. ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization*  
(Senate Document #13-14-37) (Action)

**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- Background:
  - The ERG Committee is responsible for Plan of Organization Reviews for colleges and schools across campus.
  - The School of Public Health Plan of Organization Review initially began in September 2013.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- A brief overview of the timeline since then;
  - 2013-2014: ERG committee reviewed the Plan and made comments together with the comments of the Faculty Affairs Committee and sent its suggestions to SPHL.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- 2018: SPHL submitted a revised version of its Plan to the ERG Committee.

The committee identified several concerns and returned its feedback in April 2018.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- August 2019: the Senate Office worked with the SPHL to further revise its draft.

The ERG Committee discussed the draft at its meeting on January 28, 2020, and returned feedback to SPHL on January 30, 2020.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- October of 2021: SPHL notified the Senate that they had made changes to their Plan of Organization based on the most recent feedback from the ERG Committee.

The Committee created a subcommittee to review the Plan changes.

The subcommittee reviewed the Plan and planned to hold a meeting with SPHL to further revise its draft.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- Current Committee Work:
  - The School of Public Health (SPHL) submitted its latest version of revisions to its Plan of Organization (The Plan) to the University Senate for review in January of 2025.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- Current Committee Work:
  - After reviewing The Plan, the ERG Committee submitted recommendations to the SPHL to bring The Plan up to date with new College Plan of Organization Review guidelines which had been put in place since the SPHL had last conducted a Plan of Organization review.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- These recommendations included:
  - Articulating “students” or “staff” constituencies (i.e.; specify “undergraduate student” and/or “graduate student,” “exempt staff” or “non-exempt staff” and should include both groups in any body whenever possible.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- These recommendations included:
  - Establishing procedures and operations whenever a governing body is established and defer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- These recommendations included:
  - Specific election, selection and minimum meeting plans for council and Dean role, as well as lower-level concerns (updating the table of contents, date on cover page, etc).



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- A representative from the School of Public Health joined the ERG Committee Meeting on October 23, 2025, to discuss the feedback and answer any remaining questions.
- The School submitted revisions based on the ERG recommendations and the committee approved the new Plan at their February 3, 2026, committee meeting.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- The Faculty Affairs Committee then reviewed the specific portions of the Plan related to Faculty Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (APT) and Appointment, Evaluation and Promotion (AEP).
- The Faculty Affairs Committee members discussed both the portions included in the Plan of Organization, as well as the separate policies the SPHL have for APT and AEP procedures.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- The SPHL was provided recommendations by the Faculty Affairs and submitted a revised version, moving AEP specific procedures into their separate policy documentation.
- The Faculty Affairs and ERG Committee both approved the finalized recommendations from the School of Public Health by email vote on March 18, 2026.



**ERG Committee Report: *Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL)  
Plan of Organization* (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

- The ERG recommends the 2026 School of Public Health Plan of Organization be approved.



*Discussion*

***ERG Committee Report: Revisions to the School  
of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization  
(Senate Document #13-14-37)***



**ERG Committee Report: Revisions to the School of Public Health (SPHL) Plan of Organization (Senate Document #13-14-37)**

A. In Favor

B. Opposed

C. Abstain



# Agenda

7. PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease* (Senate Document #25-26-43)(Action)

**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- PCC Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease (PCC 25088)
- The College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences proposes to establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- Upper-division certificates are formal awards recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission that indicate the successful completion of at least 12 semester credits of upper-level undergraduate courses.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- This certificate program builds on the successful Science in the Evening program, which is a non-degree, non-certificate, and self-funded program designed for students who already have bachelor's degrees but require additional undergraduate coursework to prepare for graduate programs in the health professions.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- Students take undergraduate courses in biological sciences, chemistry, biochemistry and physics, as needed, to prepare for medical school or graduate programs in other health professions.
- The proposed certificate program will focus on higher-level life science courses and provide formal recognition that the student has acquired advanced knowledge of the biological and chemical mechanisms underlying health and disease.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- The curriculum requires 13 core credits in the areas of genetics, cell biology and physiology, mammalian physiology, and the biochemistry of physiology.
- Students take an additional 9 credits of upper-level coursework for a total of 22 credits.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- Admission to the certificate program requires a bachelor's degree, completion of prerequisite courses with a 3.0 average GPA, and admission to the Science in the Evening program.
- Many of the instructional and administrative resources needed to launch and operate the certificate program are already in place with the Science in the Evening program.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- Tuition revenue will be able to cover new costs associated with the program.
- The proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee at its meeting on March 6, 2026.



**PCC Committee Report: *Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease***  
**(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- The Program, Curricula, and Courses Committee moves that the proposal to establish an Upper Division Certificate in Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease be approved.



*Discussion*

***Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in  
Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease  
(Senate Document #25-26-43)***



**Proposal to Establish an Upper Division Certificate in  
Scientific Foundations of Health and Disease  
(Senate Document #25-26-43)**

- A. In Favor
- B. Opposed
- C. Abstain



# Agenda

8. New Business
9. Adjournment

**Thank you for  
attending!**

