



CALL TO ORDER

Senate Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY: STATE OF THE CAMPUS ADDRESS 2018

Wallace D. Loh, President of the University of Maryland *State of the Campus Address 2018*

Chair Walsh welcomed President Loh to provide his State of the Campus Address.

President Loh stated that he would use this opportunity to reflect on his time at the University of Maryland. He noted that his position provides a unique perspective of the community and praised shared governance in American higher education as a unique form of academic democracy.

Undergraduate Enrollment & Programs

President Loh remarked on undergraduate admissions and noted that the total number of undergraduate student applications has increased by over 10,000 since he came to the University. He praised the University as one of the most diverse public research institutions in the country, noting that 42% of the student body is made up of people of color. He mentioned that the University is experiencing a temporary fluctuation in the number of African-American students accepting admission offers but noted that the overall number of applications from students of color is continuing to trend upwards. He stated that the University is hiring additional admissions personnel to ensure that prospective students get the information and support that they need to complete and submit their applications.

President Loh considered the value of an education at the University, emphasizing the role of the General Education Program in producing well rounded students and noting that over 60% of students at the university take optional courses that provide experiences in entrepreneurship and innovation. He highlighted the implementation of the University's Do Good initiative and its goals of empowering students to utilize their education to have a direct impact on society. He expressed his belief that it is the responsibility of the University to prepare students to be responsible citizens and to know how to live rightly in a free society. He stated that to that end, the University will soon be unveiling a campus-wide interdisciplinary initiative that intends to impart the values and skills of democracy and civic engagement to students, including the ability to listen to others, to negotiate and compromise, and to respect academic freedom and the freedom of speech.

President Loh reported that the Honors program at the University is being transformed to include a series of seminars on specific themes in order to provide a more integrated experience, build coherence, and prepare students to move into departmental Honors programs. He also shared that the University plans to construct two new dorm buildings to house students in the Honors College.

Research & Innovation

President Loh emphasized the University's status as not only a research institution, but as a university that also focuses on innovation. He highlighted the University's strategic partnership with

the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), reporting that the partnership has resulted in over 50 joint faculty appointments and research projects that have generated over \$80 million in research funding between the two universities. He also mentioned that the strategic partnership has allowed for the development of a research and intervention initiative to fight human trafficking on Interstate-95.

President Loh referenced discussions with local leaders and consultants at the beginning of his tenure and their emphasis on the importance of partnering with the surrounding community. He was challenged to develop relationships with the Prince George's County community to ensure that the University would have a positive impact on the surrounding area. He enumerated several areas of growth and development that support this goal, including the expansion of jurisdiction of the University Police Department's into the City of College Park; the establishment of the College Park Academy charter school; and the establishment of several stops on the Purple Line light rail system through the City of College Park and the campus. He reported that \$1.5 billion worth of development had been invested in the University and the surrounding community.

Budget

President Loh addressed rising tuition costs and the financial status of the University. He reported that the State of Maryland provides funding that accounts for 48% of the University's undergraduate education budget; the other 52% comes from tuition revenue. He announced that the University has raised \$985 million in its *Fearless Ideas* capital campaign, fulfilling 2/3 of the campaign's \$1.5 billion goal, and that the University plans to create a \$100 million scholarship fund for need-based financial aid for students. He reviewed the University's differential tuition system and noted that 35% of the funds brought in from differential tuition has also been set aside for need-based financial aid.

Athletics

President Loh reflected on the death of Jordan McNair and the environment that athletics creates at the University, commenting that athletics is the secular religion of the United States. He expressed his appreciation for the speed with which the Walters Inc. consulting firm reported the findings and recommendations from its investigation. He noted that the University began implementing the recommendations as soon as they were reported and stated that over half of them have already been completely implemented. He expressed his belief that it was the right thing to do as the President of the University to accept moral and legal responsibility for the mistakes made by the University's athletic trainers. He stated that he opposed the reinstatement of DJ Durkin as head coach of the football team even after investigations found that there was not a toxic culture in the football program and that he resigned in the face of the Board of Regents' opposition to his stance on the personnel decision. He commented that all personnel decisions on campus are ultimately the responsibility of the President and that the institution must remain autonomous; politically appointed individuals should not have the capability of making such decisions about the University. He noted that the Board of Regents' involvement was a violation of the University's accreditation status with Middle States, and that the Big 10 Conference also expressed concern about the Board's involvement. He stated that he believes that the University can prioritize the health and wellbeing of students while still maintaining a successful athletic program.

Chair Walsh thanked President Loh for his presentation and noted that President Loh had to attend another meeting so he would be unable to answer any questions from Senators.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2018 SENATE MINUTES (ACTION)

Chair Walsh noted that the Senate would have to approve three sets of minutes because of the two additional meetings that had been added to the fall schedule. Walsh asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 2, 2018, meeting; hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2018 SENATE MINUTES (ACTION)

Chair Walsh asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 7, 2018, meeting; hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2018 SENATE MINUTES (ACTION)

Chair Walsh asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 14, 2018, meeting; hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Update on Senate Resolutions

Chair Walsh announced that the Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Regents had acknowledged receipt of the Senate's Resolution Condemning the Actions of the Board of Regents. He reported that the Senate also approved a Resolution to Improve the Status of Shared Governance in the University System of Maryland (USM) and charged the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) with compiling a diverse pool of faculty, staff, and student candidates from the campus community for consideration by the Chancellor during the development of the presidential search committee. He stated that the SEC had solicited nominations from Senators that the SEC would review in order to select finalists to present to the Chancellor.

Spring 2019 Senate Meetings

Chair Walsh announced that the first Senate meeting of the spring semester would be on February 5, 2019. He stated that a complete schedule could be found at <https://senate.umd.edu/senate-meetings>. Walsh noted that the spring semester is expected to be busy due to much of the work that is currently in our various committees coming forward for a vote. He encouraged Senators to be actively engaged in the discussion of these important issues.

Senate Elections

Walsh announced that the Senate Office would begin the candidacy/election process for all staff, student, and single-member constituency Senators for 2019-2020 on January 22, 2019. Walsh asked Senators to encourage their colleagues to run to be Senators or consider running, if eligible. Full details about the timeline and process are available under the "Get Involved" tab on the Senate website.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SLATE 2018-2019 (SENATE DOCUMENT #18-19-18) (ACTION)

Pamela Lanford, Chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the Nominations Committee Slate 2018-2019 (Senate Document #18-19-18) and provided background information on the process for developing the slate.

Chair Walsh opened the floor to discussion of the slate; hearing none, he called for a vote on the slate. The result was 96 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions. **The motion to approve the slate passed.**

PCC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EMBEDDED SYSTEMS AND THE INTERNET OF THINGS (SENATE DOCUMENT #18-19-19) (ACTION)

Janna Bianchini, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems and the Internet of Things (Senate Document #18-19-19) and provided background information on the proposal.

Chair Walsh thanked Bianchini for her presentation and opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 83 in favor, 7 opposed, and 11 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

PCC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (SENATE DOCUMENT #18-19-20) (ACTION)

Janna Bianchini, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (Senate Document #18-19-20) and provided background information on the proposal.

Chair Walsh opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 90 in favor, 10 opposed, and 5 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

REVISION OF THE CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (SENATE DOCUMENT #17-18-08) (ACTION)

Fuller Ming, Chair of the Student Conduct Committee, presented the Revision of the Code of Academic Integrity (Senate Document #17-18-08) and provided background information on the proposal.

Chair Walsh opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator Baker, faculty, College of Education, asked about the expanded definition of 'self-plagiarism'. She commented that a requirement that a student seek permission from a previous instructor to reuse a written assignment might be unnecessary.

Ming responded that the expanded definition of 'self-plagiarism' was included because it has always been considered to be a form of academic dishonesty, and the committee included the specific phrasing so that students would be aware of it in the future.

Senator A. Brown, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences stated that she agreed with Senator Baker and asked how students should proceed if they are unable to communicate with previous instructors.

Ming responded that the committee discussed the potential burden of contacting previous instructors, and that the included language is intended to encourage students to discuss the reuse of assignments with instructors whenever possible. He stated that the committee wishes to retain

the language and noted that extenuating circumstances would be taken into account for any allegations against a student.

Walsh introduced James Bond, Assistant Director of the Office of Student Conduct. Bond stated that the committee thoroughly discussed this aspect of the *Code* and that it would not oppose an amendment to strike the language requiring a student to contact their previous instructor. He noted that if the language is retained and if a student made reasonable efforts to communicate with a previous instructor and was unable to establish contact, the student would not be in automatic violation of the *Code* if they proceeded to reuse an assignment with the current instructor's permission.

Pamela Lanford, Chair-Elect, asked if in the case of a student being required to receive permission from both the previous and the current instructor, if the student were unable to contact the previous instructor, they would be required to produce a unique piece of work for the current course.

Bond responded that the Office of Student Conduct always encourages students to produce unique work for each new course.

Senator Baker stated that as an instructor, she would advise previous students to consult with their current instructor about whether they can reuse work from a previous course. She commented that doctoral students may face difficulty in gaining permission to reuse work or in rewriting their own work repeatedly as they typically work on similar topics from semester to semester. She made a motion to amend the definition of self-plagiarism.

SELF-PLAGIARISM: the reuse of substantial identical or nearly identical portions of one's own work in multiple courses without prior permission from the **current instructors ~~s-of each~~ **course or from each of the instructors if the work is being submitted for multiple courses in the same semester.****

Walsh called for a second. The motion was seconded. Walsh opened the floor to discussion of the amendment.

Daniel Falvey, Past Senate Chair, stated that he appreciated the points that were made and suggested that if the Senate wished to change the definition of 'self-plagiarism', it may be more effective to send the *Code* back to the committee for further revision.

Senator Baker responded that though her amendment would change the content, she does not believe that it would change the actual definition.

Ming stated that the committee acknowledged this concern, so it discussed the language proposed in the amendment and was supportive of it.

Bond stated that the Office of Student Conduct was also supportive of the language proposed in the amendment.

Senator Abana, graduate student, A. James Clark School of Engineering, suggested that the definition include an explanation of how it would be determined whether the student made a legitimate effort to seek permission from both instructors.

Senator Celi, faculty, A. James Clark School of Engineering, stated that requiring students to seek permission from a previous instructor presents an undue burden on students. He expressed his support for the amendment.

John Buchner, member of the Student Conduct Committee stated that the intent of the definition is to encourage academic growth by motivating students to produce original work for each course they take. He noted that there are professional circumstances in which you are not allowed to submit the same work in two different areas even if it is your intellectual property.

Senator Priola, faculty, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources commented that plagiarism is the misrepresentation of someone else's work as your own. He asked if students would be allowed to cite their own work from a previous course in an assignment for a current class and expressed his belief that students should be allowed to use and cite their own material.

Bond responded that students are encouraged to cite their own work if it is referenced in a current assignment but noted that the intent of the definition is motivated by the advancement of knowledge rather than the ownership of intellectual property. He stated that the definition was included so that students would be made aware that self-plagiarism is a form of plagiarism, and to inspire students to have conversations with instructors about the use of past work.

Senator Pound, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences stated that citing work is not the same thing as directly reusing work. He commented that the reuse of work is not allowed in academic journal publications so it should not be encouraged at the University. He expressed his support for the language proposed in the amendment.

Seeing no further discussion, Walsh called for a vote on the amendment to the proposal. The result was 78 in favor, 8 opposed, and 4 abstentions. **The motion to amend the proposal passed.**

Seeing no further discussion, Walsh called for a vote on the proposal as amended. The result was 87 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal as amended passed.**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE UMD POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON THE DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS (SENATE DOCUMENT #17-18-16) (ACTION)

Jeffrey Henrikson, member of the Educational Affairs Committee, presented the Proposal to Amend the UMD Policy and Procedures on the Disclosure of Student Education Records (Senate Document #17-18-16) and provided background information on the proposal.

Chair Walsh opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator Ming, exempt staff, asked if items covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, including student identification numbers, would need to be modified to comply with the amended policy.

Henrikson responded that those items would not need to be modified.

Seeing no further discussion, Walsh called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 77 in favor, 1 opposed, and 10 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.