



CALL TO ORDER

Senate Chair Laura Dugan called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Dugan welcomed Senators and provided brief instructions on how to use the TurningPoint platform for voting.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2020 SENATE MINUTES

Chair Dugan asked if there were any revisions or corrections to the minutes.

Senator Sakurai raised a Point of Order that the minutes did not align with the provisions in the Senate Bylaws, which state, “The minutes shall include only actions and business transacted.”

Senate Director Montfort explained that providing additional context in the minutes is a long-standing practice that allows Senators who miss meetings to better understand the rationale behind the decisions made by the Senate.

Senator Sakurai made a motion to Commit the minutes to the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee with instructions to review and return the minutes in full compliance with the University’s governing documents, or to propose revisions to bring the Bylaws into alignment with long-standing practice. The motion was seconded.

Dugan opened the floor to discussion. Past Chair Pamela Lanford stated that her understanding of the criteria for the minutes was that it was a minimum, and that the added context fulfilled a need for Senators to understand what happened at the meeting so she was unclear about what the problem was. Lanford requested clarification of the issue. Senator Sakurai responded that the Bylaws reaffirm that minutes should only include the business transactions being made. Hearing no further discussion, Dugan called for a vote on the motion. The result was 48 in favor, 50 opposed, and 16 abstentions. **The motion to Commit the minutes to the ERG Committee failed.**

Dugan called for a vote to approve the minutes as distributed. The result was 102 in favor, 7 opposed, and 12 abstentions. **The minutes were approved as distributed.**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Dugan acknowledged the passing of Dr. David Falk, Emeritus Professor of Physics and the first elected Chair of the Senate. She provided highlights of Dr. Falk’s extensive career of service to the University and noted that he had been honored by having the Senate Office Conference Room named after him as the Falk Room. She noted that Dr. Falk was one of the true legends of the Senate and the University, and that he will be sorely missed.

Dugan provided a detailed overview of the procedures and guidelines for the virtual meeting related to expectations, recording, muting, chat, participation, features, processes for introducing non-Senators, and voting processes.

2019-2020 SENATE LEGISLATION LOG (SENATE DOCUMENT #20-21-01) (INFORMATION)

Chair Dugan explained that the Legislation Log had been provided to the Senate as an information item to provide an overview of the work completed by the Senate last year as well as information on any items that carried over to this year. She noted that, despite the pandemic, Past Chair Lanford and the Senate were able to complete 45 Senate bills, and an additional three pieces of legislation were approved by the Senate and the President, pending higher-level approvals.

2020 COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STAFF ELECTIONS (SENATE DOCUMENT #19-20-47) (INFORMATION)

Chair Dugan presented the winners of the 2020 Council of University System Staff (CUSS) Elections: Elizabeth Hinson, Kalia Patricio, and Maureen Schrimpe were elected as the primary representatives and Meredith Carpenter, Dolores Jackson, and Jerry Lewis were elected as the alternate representatives.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT (SENATE DOCUMENT #20-21-05) (INFORMATION)

Chair Dugan stated that this item is a technical amendment to the University's *Code of Student Conduct*. She noted that the revisions to the *Code* update any references to the recently renamed interim University of Maryland Policy and Procedures on Sexual Harassment and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Dugan noted that the technical amendments had already been reviewed by the Senate leadership and approved by the President and do not require any further Senate action.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DISABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND PROCEDURES (SENATE DOCUMENT #20-21-07) (INFORMATION)

Chair Dugan explained that this item is a technical amendment to the University of Maryland Disability & Accessibility Policy and Procedures to update the name of the University's Disability Support Services (DSS) to its new name, Accessibility and Disability Services (ADS).

Dugan noted that the technical amendments had already been reviewed by the Senate leadership and approved by the President and do not require any further Senate action.

Senator Sakurai raised a Point of Order regarding the order of agenda items and specifically inquired as to why the committee report was being presented before the special order item.

Dugan explained that the order of the agenda was developed to ensure that the action item could be completed without having to end discussion on the special order early in order to return to it.

Director Montfort clarified that the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) has the authority to set the Senate agenda.

Parliamentarian Henry stated that the Bylaws include a general rule regarding the order of business but ultimately the SEC sets the agenda and must distribute it ahead of time. He noted that the SEC is within its rights to change the order of the agenda.

Senator Sakurai moved that the Senate be asked to approve the order of the agenda by unanimous consent.

Dugan asked if there were any objections to approving the order of business on the agenda; hearing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 COMMITTEE & COUNCIL SLATES (SENATE DOCUMENT #20-21-02) (ACTION)

Ellen Williams, Chair of the Committee on Committees, provided background on the slates. Williams made a motion to approve the standing committee and council slates as presented.

Chair Dugan asked whether there was discussion on the slates; seeing none, she called for a vote on the slates. The result was 125 in favor, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **The motion to approve the slates as presented was approved.**

SPECIAL ORDER

Darryll J. Pines, President of the University of Maryland 2020 State of the Campus Address

Chair Dugan introduced Darryll J. Pines, President of the University of Maryland, and invited him to give his *State of the Campus Address*. President Pines thanked the campus community for allowing him to be their President, and thanked Senators and the Senate Leadership for their service to the University in support of shared governance. He assured Senators that he would be in close contact with the Senate throughout his term as President.

President Pines summarized the University's response to the coronavirus pandemic, shared enrollment numbers, updated his progress on his First Day Initiatives, emphasized his ongoing and unwavering commitment to anti-racism and social justice issues, and shared news regarding the University's rankings and research enterprises. He also stated that excellence and partnerships are keys to transforming the University's future.

Campus Reopening & Safety Plans

- Eight Return To Campus working groups developed the 4Maryland reopening plan.
- The current COVID-19 positivity rate is 1.21%. The University has the lowest rate of positive cases in the Big10 and among other large land-grant institutions.
- The University is planning to start in-person instruction on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Enrollment Data

- Fall enrollment numbers show:
 - An increase in enrollment of in-state students;
 - A significant increase in transfer enrollment of both in-state and out-of-state students; and

- An overall net increase in freshmen and transfer enrollment of diverse populations including Asian, Black/African-American, International, Latinx, and those who are two or more ethnicities.

New Initiatives

- The President is waiting on a proposal from Vice President Perillo and Vice President Doge on an increase in staffing for mental health services.
- The University has finalized the hiring of a Coordinator for Immigrant and Undocumented Student Life, and the search for an ADA Coordinator will be launched shortly by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.
- The University has increased philanthropic efforts and federal requests for funding to support students.
- The University has divested from the 1033 Program, and a task force on community policing has been charged to develop recommendations by December.
- The University is participating in efforts to increase voter registration, and the VoteTerp project was recently launched at the initiative of student athletes; through that project, the Xfinity Center will become a polling site for the upcoming general election.
- The University recently joined the Common App and will no longer require SAT and ACT tests for undergraduate admissions, in order to increase accessibility and target a broader population of students who were not previously applying, which likely included more diverse candidates as well.
- The TerrapinSTRONG onboarding program for everyone is being developed and is underway within some units on campus.
- The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has created an anti-racism toolkit for faculty, staff, and students.
- The President will soon be reviewing recommendations to update curricula to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion education.
- The President will be hosting the Voices of Maryland Listening Sessions to hear from the campus community on an ongoing basis.
- The University System of Maryland has approved the honorific renaming of the Women's Studies Department to the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
- The Office of Diversity & Inclusion has partnered with the University of Virginia to study slavery and higher education; UMD has created the 1856 Project to study the University of Maryland's past to move forward for its future.

Rankings & Research News

- The University's ranking in the U.S. News and World Report Undergraduate Rankings will be announced next week. Other rankings show progress in key areas:
 - The Computer Science department was ranked ninth by CEO World.
- The University's research enterprise is growing.
 - The University is on a trajectory to get over \$600M in research funding.

- The College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, the A. James Clark School of Engineering, and the College of Education each had a record year in research funding.
- The University has created multiple new agreements and has announced major new collaborations with the intelligence community.
- The University had a top 100 finish for the MacArthur \$100 Million Program.

Dugan thanked President Pines for his presentation. Prior to opening the floor to discussion, she recognized the Chair-Elect, Ellen Williams.

Chair-Elect Williams made a procedure motion to limit all speakers to two minutes each during the Q&A, and to limit Senators from speaking again until all others who wished to do so had the opportunity. The motion was seconded.

Chair Dugan called for a vote on the motion. The result was 128 in favor, and 4 opposed. **The procedure motion passed.**

Chair Dugan noted that a timer would be displayed on the screen to help speakers keep track of their time.

Q & A

Senators asked President Pines questions about the emphasis placed on GPA in admissions given the decision to remove the SAT/ACT requirement, union involvement in decisions related to telework and employee safety, and the University's fiscal standing.

President Pines emphasized the holistic nature of the admissions process, the importance of giving supervisors the flexibility to make telework decisions at the unit level, and noted that there would be an upcoming Budget Town Hall that will address any questions or concerns related to the budget. Senators shared concerns about staff members who suffer from chronic conditions, questioned what options are available to faculty and staff if someone is not in compliance with safety rules, expressed concerns regarding freedom of speech, and questioned the safety of unlocked campus buildings.

President Pines acknowledged that telework is the safest option for those at high risk, discussed the campus's de-densification, shared that student health ambassadors had been hired to encourage safety compliance, stated his support for free speech, and noted that he will look into issues related to building safety.

Senators expressed appreciation for the campus commitment to racial justice and for the University's commitment to protecting the more vulnerable populations during the budget cutbacks.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.