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Senate Chair's Report

- The results of the staff, student, and single-member constituency elections for 2018-2019 can be found on the [Senate website](#).
- The Nominations Committee is currently looking for candidates to run for the elected committees and councils. Information on how to submit a nomination can be found on the [Senate website](#).

[Prohibition of Symbols of Hate and Intimidation in Campus Facilities \(Senate Document #17-18-11\)](#)

- Senate Chair Falvey provided background information and an overview of the Campus Affairs Committee's report on the issue. He noted that the committee had ultimately concluded that it could NOT recommend a campus-wide prohibition of symbols. However, Chair Falvey also noted that the committee's review was just one aspect of the Senate and the University's overall efforts to address the issue. He stated that the Joint President/Senate Inclusion & Respect Task Force had been taking a more comprehensive approach, by developing recommendations on prevention and education programming, campus climate assessments, the University's response to hate/bias incidents, and how to address free/hate speech on our campus. Falvey encouraged Senators to review the task force's preliminary recommendations and stated that its final recommendations would be presented to the Senate in late April.

Special Order: [Report on the 2016 Strategic Plan Update](#)

- Mary Ann Rankin, Senior Vice President & Provost, provided a report on the actions taken since the approval of the 2016 Strategic Plan Update.
- Provost Rankin provided an overview of major projects, opportunities for fundraising, educational initiatives, research & scholarship activities, MPower initiatives, new facilities, enhancing diversity, and administrative improvement efforts.
- Senators raised concerns about maintaining excellence with dwindling resources; the balance of increasing enrollment and limiting class sizes; and potential unintended consequences of the cost of education analysis model.

Relevant Links

- Senate Election Results 2018-2019
<https://www.senate.umd.edu/results>
- Senate Elected Committees/Councils
https://www.senate.umd.edu/2018_senate_elected_coms
- Spring Senate Meetings 2018
<https://www.senate.umd.edu/senate-meetings>
- Prohibition of Symbols of Hate and Intimidation in Campus Facilities (Senate Document #17-18-11)
https://www.senate.umd.edu/system/files/resources/MeetingMaterials/03082018/04-Campus_Affairs_Symbols_17-18-11.pdf
- Special Order: Report on the 2016 Strategic Plan Update

https://www.senate.umd.edu/system/files/resources/MeetingMaterials/03082018/05-Strategic_Plan_Update_Presentation.pdf