



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the November 7, 2018, Senate meeting, Chair Walsh reviewed the events of the November 2, 2018, Emergency Special Senate Meeting and announced that the Senate Resolution Condemning the Actions of the Board of Regents had been passed and is now public. He also reminded the Senate that the Staff Affairs Committee is accepting nominations for the Board of Regents' Staff Awards until November 16, 2018.

Senators continued discussion from the previous Emergency Special Meeting regarding the Resolution to Improve the Status of Shared Governance in the University System of Maryland (Senate Document #18-19-17). The Senate was unable to complete its discussion and vote on this action item. The resolution will be further discussed at the Senate's second Special Senate Meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Due to the lively debate and amendments to the resolution proposed by Senators at the meeting, the other agenda items have been carried over to the November 14 Special Senate meeting.



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.



"As an international student, I have always been active in making policies and volunteering in community service. When I saw the opportunity to serve and contribute to the shared governance of this great citadel of learning, I was motivated to contribute to the diversity, equity, inclusion, and progressiveness enshrined in the principles of this awesome University community through the University Senate. The Senate has not only given me the opportunity to contribute and promote progressive and sustainable policies which has continued to make the life of UMD community better, but it has also taught me the true essence of American democracy and the secret of progressive institutions."

—Chibuike Abana

Graduate Student Senator & Senate Executive Committee member

From the Senate Chair

The past month has seen a whirlwind of activity on campus and at the Senate. During that time, the report concerning Jordan McNair's death was released. This was soon followed by the report on the football team's culture. These precipitated a series of meetings by the Board of Regents, the reinstatement of Coach Durkin, and the announcement of President Loh's retirement.

Dr. Lanford, University Senate Chair-Elect, and an SEC subcommittee reviewed both reports. As things were moving rapidly and the Board's decisions were viewed unfavorably, we felt it necessary to call an Emergency Special Senate Meeting on Friday, November 2, 2018. That meeting allowed the Senate to discuss these matters in detail and find consensus. At the Special Meeting, we heard from Dr. Lanford, who summarized the subcommittee's work, and Athletic Council Chair Nick Hadley outlined the Athletic Council's membership and its recent deliberations. Following these reports, the Senate approved a resolution condemning the Board of Regents for actions that overstepped its role in shared governance.

The Senate leadership was guided in this crisis by lessons learned at the Big Ten Academic Alliance's annual meeting of campus leaders (BTAA). The leadership meeting was held at the University of Iowa just prior to the Maryland Board of Regents' actions. At the BTAA conference, we discussed key issues faced by other Big Ten Universities.

As we have discussed and debated these important matters, we have not been able to address our regular Senate business in a timely manner. To remedy this, we've called a second Special Meeting for Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 2 PM. This second Special Meeting is needed to complete our discussion of the upcoming search for a new President, Senate PCC proposals, and discussions by invited speakers who could not present at our regularly scheduled November meeting. Since President Loh's State of the Campus will be the main order of business at the December meeting, a second Special Senate Meeting is greatly needed.



Chris Walsh

Committee News



The Senate's ten standing committees are continuing their work for the year. Committees are reviewing both continuing and new charges. The EDI Committee is reviewing the University's Policy and Procedures on Non-Discrimination (Senate Document #18-19-16). The Educational Affairs Committee is reviewing a continuing charge on the Proposal to Amend the Policy on the Disclosure of Student Education Records (Senate Document #17-18-16). In addition, the Committee on Committees has finalized their 2018-2019 candidates for the Nominations Committee. The Faculty and Staff Affairs Committees are both reviewing interim procedures relating to family and medical leave for faculty and staff.

Find out more about Committee Work on each [committee's page](#) or [search current legislation](#) online!



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 here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Senate Executive Committee- 11/16/18

Campus Affairs Committee - 11/19/18

Staff Affairs Committee - 11/19/18

APAS Committee - 11/20/18

Faculty Affairs Committee - 11/28/18

Campus Affairs Committee - 12/03/18

Staff Affairs Committee - 12/03/18

Student Affairs Committee - 12/05/18

EDI Committee - 12/06/18

CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, & Economics](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-20](#)

[PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems and the Internet of Things](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-19](#)

[Nominations Committee Slate 2018-2019](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-18](#)

[Review of the University of Maryland Non-Discrimination Policy and Procedures](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-16](#)

[BOR Staff Awards](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-12](#)

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