



Senate Meeting

September 7, 2022



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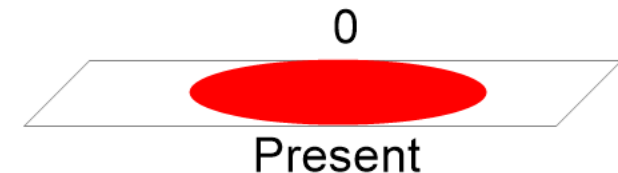
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1. Present





Senators and Deans

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1. Call to Order



Procedures

- During the discussion, Senators can use the '**Raise Hand**' feature, which can be found at the bottom of the **Zoom window**.
- If you click on the **Participants** option at the bottom of the **Zoom window**, you will see all of the Senators and the **Raise Hand** icon next to those who have raised their hand.



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2. Approval of the May 4, 2022 Senate Minutes (Action)
3. Special Order: Presidential Briefing



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4. Report of the Chair



Chair's Report - Procedures and Guidelines

- We will adhere to Senate procedures for in-person meetings as closely as possible.
- All University policies and expectations for appropriate conduct still apply during this meeting.
- The Senate meeting today is being recorded.
- All participants have been muted and do not have the ability to unmute themselves.



Chair's Report - Procedures and Guidelines

- The chat feature is only enabled for Senators. As a reminder, Senators and Deans can raise “Points of Order” by simply stating “Point of Order” in the chat box.
- We will NOT respond to questions, comments, or technical difficulties in the chat box.
- Any Senator or attendee who has technical difficulties should email senatemeetinghelp@umd.edu for immediate assistance from the IT staff.



Chair's Report - 2022 BOR Staff Awards

- The Board of Regents' Staff Awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the Board of Regents (BOR) for the achievements of exempt and non-exempt staff employees at System institutions.
- The process is coordinated by our Senate Staff Affairs Committee each year, which reviews campus-level nominations and makes recommendations to President Pines on nominees who should be put forward to the system-level review.
- The University System of Maryland (USM) announced the 2021 BOR Staff Awards recipients in July.



Chair's Report - 2022 BOR Staff Awards

- Two of our nominees were selected for an award this year:
 - Sister Maureen Schrimpe for Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment, and
 - Kathryn Atchison for Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice.
- Each awardee will receive a \$2,000 stipend and a plaque in recognition of the award.
- The awards will be formally presented to the awardees at the Board of Regents September meeting.



Sister Maureen Schrimpe



Kathryn Atchison



Chair's Report - 2022 BOR Staff Awards

- All of our campus-level nominees will be recognized at a special reception at University House hosted by President Pines this fall.
- Thank you to Sister Maureen and Kathryn for their impressive accomplishments and all that they do for our University.
- Thanks to Lisa Klein, last year's Staff Affairs Committee Chair and the committee itself for their work in reviewing the nomination packets last year.



Chair's Report – Transitions in the Senate Office

- The Senate Office welcomed two new Coordinators, Justin Balog and Danielle Bretz, who will be working with several of our Senate standing committees, the Senate Executive Committee, and the Senate itself.
- We also bid a fond farewell to Sarah Hughes, Senior Policy Advisor, who worked in the Senate Office for ten years. Those of you who worked with Sarah know what a tremendous asset she has been to the Senate.



Chair's Report – Transitions in the Senate Office

- The Provost has graciously agreed to upgrade Sarah's position to an Assistant Director role and add a non-exempt Program Management Specialist Position to the Senate Office.
- We are in the process of reviewing applicants for the non-exempt position and the Assistant Director position has been posted so if you know of any outstanding candidates, please encourage them to apply.



Chair's Report – Transitions in the Senate Office

- Reka Montfort, Director of the Senate has accepted a position in the Division of Research so her last day with the Senate after 14+ years will be on September 9th.
- Willie Brown, past Senate Chair, has been appointed Interim Director in order to ensure a smooth transition until a permanent Director can be appointed following a formal search.



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5. Special Order

Reka S. Montfort

Executive Secretary & Director

University Senate

Orientation: Senators, Senate Meetings, and Shared Governance



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6. Review of the Interim University of Maryland Policy on Criminal Background Checks (Senate Document #21-22-21) (Information)



Review of the Interim University of Maryland Policy on Criminal Background Checks (Senate Document #21-22-21)

- Following a thoughtful review that included the approval of an amendment to the policy language, the Senate approved the recommendations of the committee.
- The final amended policy and administrative recommendations were forwarded to the President for his approval.



Review of the Interim University of Maryland Policy on Criminal Background Checks (Senate Document #21-22-21)

- The President has the option to approve, amend, or reject any recommendation from the Senate.
- President Pines reviewed the policy revisions and the administrative recommendations. While he had no issues with the revisions to the policy itself, he found the five administrative recommendations that included “Shoulds” to be overly prescriptive for UHR in fulfilling its role and having maximum flexibility to implement the policy. Therefore, he amended those administrative recommendations to be “Should Considers” before accepting and approving them.



Review of the Interim University of Maryland Policy on Criminal Background Checks (Senate Document #21-22-21)

- With his approval, President Pines also provided a memo explaining the rationale for his amendments.
- The University's Plan of Organization for Shared Governance states in Article 2.2.a that, *"In the event that the President does not choose to implement in whole or in part, or to forward to the Chancellor, a decision of the Senate, the President shall inform the Senate in writing through the Executive Committee of the Senate within ten working days, citing reasons for the dissent."*



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7. 2022 Council of University System Staff Elections (Senate Document #21-22-36) (Information)



2022 Council of University System Staff Elections (Senate Document #21-22-36)

- The memo from the Staff Affairs Committee provides an overview of the election process for the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) that was held by the Senate Office last spring. There were 14 nominees and the winners from the election were announced.



2022 Council of University System Staff Elections (Senate Document #21-22-36)

- The new CUSS representatives, elected to serve as primary representatives, are listed for your reference: **Meredith Carpenter, Kalie Patricio, and Sister Maureen Schrimpe**
- The three alternate representatives are: **Vandaliah Aderholt, Suzanne Ashour-Bailey, and Namrata Ram-Andriessens**



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8. 2021-2022 Senate Legislation Log (Senate Document #22-23-01)
(Information)



2021-2022 Senate Legislation Log (Senate Document #22-23-01)

- The 2021-2022 legislation log has been provided for your information.
- It gives an overview of the work completed by the Senate during the last academic year and also includes any pending items that are carrying over to this year.
- Past Chair Ellen Williams and the Senate were able to complete 35 Senate Bills in the last academic year, including 10 Bills carried over from prior years.



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9. Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02) (Action)



Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02)

- The Committee on Committees reviewed the statements of 252 volunteers to fill the 93 open positions on Senate standing committees for this academic year.
- The committee endeavored to create balanced standing committee memberships, representing a variety of colleges/schools, departments/units, disciplines, positions, and backgrounds.
- The committee also considered the volunteers' top three committee preferences indicated on their applications.



Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02)

- New committee members were approved by the Committee on Committees in June.
- Current Senators were selected to be Committee Chairs by the Senate Chair in accordance with the Senate Bylaws.



Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02)

- The slates of the University Library Council, IT Council, and Research Council were developed and approved by the Committee, in accordance with the Senate Bylaws.
- The red text on the slates indicates the vacancies that remain. These vacancies will be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.



Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02)

2022-2023 Committee on Committees – Christopher Jarzynski, Chair

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell (Exempt Staff, VPA)

Antonietta Jennings (Non-Exempt Staff, VPR)

Donald Bolger (Faculty, EDUC)

Isaac Moradi (Faculty, CMNS)

Connor Byrne (Undergraduate Student, ENGR)

Jordan Sly (Faculty, LIBR)

Alison Flatau (Faculty, ENGR)

Piotr Swistak (Faculty, BSOS)

Adam Hopper (Graduate Student, AGNR)

Joshua Weiss (Faculty, ARHU)



Approval of the 2022-2023 Committee & Council Slates (Senate Document #22-23-02)

- The Committee on Committees moved that these slates be approved by the Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year.



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1. In Favor
2. Opposed
3. Abstain





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10. New Business

11. Adjournment