

## SENATE MEETING SUMMARY February 9, 2017

- Senate Chair's Report
  - The Senate Chair welcomed [Boris Lushniak](#), Dean of the School of Public Health, who joined the University in January 2017, to the University and the Senate.
  - The Senate Chair stated that as an academic community we should demand truth and competence and stand strongly against discrimination. He added that the core objective of a research university is the creation of new knowledge which means searching for truth, discovering new facts, and developing new understanding. To see the full text of Chair Goodman's remarks, please read the [February edition of the Senate Newsletter](#).
  - The candidacy period for the staff, student, and single-member constituency senators for 2017-2018 ended on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The [voting](#) period will run from February 20<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit the [Elections](#) page on the Senate website for more information.
  - All senators should have received an email from the Senate Office detailing available positions on Senate-elected committees/councils for 2017-2018. Visit the [Senate website](#) for information about nominating yourself or a colleague for the open seats.
  - The Board of Regents' Staff Awards finalists from our campus have been selected. Please see the February Senate newsletter for more information.
  - The [remaining spring Senate meetings](#) are March 8th, April 6th, April 19th, and May 4th. The April 19th meeting will be the last for any outgoing senators with a term of 2017. The May 4th meeting is the transition meeting where new senators will be seated.
- Senate Chair Goodman presented the [Review of Faculty Leave Policies - Parental Leave & External Grant Funding FAQs](#) (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-31) and noted that the FAQs were provided as an informational item in response to questions that were raised last year.
- Senate Chair presented the [Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge](#) (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-31) and added that the SEC would charge the Student Conduct Committee with conducting a review of the Honor Pledge and forward the report to the appropriate administrative offices to address the suggested edits.
- [PCC Proposal to Establish an Online Offering of the Master of Science in Business Analytics \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-22\)](#)
  - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- [Restricted Research \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-06\)](#)
  - The Senate voted to approve the report with an amendment as follows in **pink**:  
**(1) Criteria for Restricted Research:** Requests to perform restricted research require a rationale that describes benefit to the researchers and/or campus. In general, financial considerations alone are not an

adequate rationale for accepting a restricted research award. A rationale may address one or more of the below reasons as well as other reasons to warrant accepting a restricted research project:

- Educational, career, and/or professional opportunities for students
- Career / professional growth for faculty
- Benefit to Campus
- Benefit to the State of Maryland
- Benefit to the Nation
- Opportunity to use a unique data set or unique research equipment or technologies that are not otherwise available
- Participation in a broader range of the business development cycle

The PI is responsible for articulating the rationale in writing as part of the approval process.

- [Use of Visiting Faculty Titles for Professional Track Faculty Appointments \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-17\)](#)
  - The Senate voted to approve the report.
- Special Order of the Day – Steven Petkas, Chair, Joint President/Senate Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force  
[Update on Task Force Deliberations](#)
  - The Task Force has met with several campus stakeholders and took part in two open forums.
  - UMD has a number of offices providing sexual assault prevention training, but the efforts are currently uncoordinated.
  - The Task Force has reviewed best practices from peer institutions.
  - Based on the peer institution research, the Task Force is developing ideas for UMD including maintaining the current online compliance training requirements, compounding training for students throughout their time at the University that is supported by registration blocks, student group requirements, evaluation and assessment methods, a collaborative planning team, and a centralized website of all related efforts.
- [Resolution in Support of the Academics Against Immigration Executive Order Petition](#)
  - The Senate approved a resolution to the Support the Academics Against Immigration Executive Order Petition as follows:

*Be it resolved that the University of Maryland's University Senate, as the representative and elected body of the faculty, staff, and students, endorses the 'Academics Against Immigration Executive Order' petition as circulated on [notoimmigrationban.com](http://notoimmigrationban.com), which reads as follows:*

*"President Donald Trump has signed an Executive Order (EO) proposing a 90-day suspension of visas and other immigration benefits to all nationals of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Somalia. The unrealistic conditions required for discontinuing the suspension make it*

*very likely that this EO will turn into a permanent ban. We, the undersigned academics and researchers from a variety of fields of study, backgrounds, and personal convictions, would like to voice our concern and strongly oppose this measure on three grounds:*

*1. This Executive Order is discriminatory. The EO unfairly targets a large group of immigrants and non-immigrants on the basis of their countries of origin, all of which are nations with a majority Muslim population. This is a major step towards implementing the stringent racial and religious profiling promised on the campaign trail. The United States is a democratic nation, and ethnic and religious profiling are in stark contrast to the values and principles we hold.*

*2. This Executive Order is detrimental to the national interests of the United States. The EO significantly damages American leadership in higher education and research. US research institutes host a significant number of researchers from the nations subjected to the upcoming restrictions. From Iran alone, more than 3000 students have received PhDs from American universities in the past 3 years. The proposed EO limits collaborations with researchers from these nations by restricting entry of these researchers to the US and can potentially lead to departure of many talented individuals who are current and future researchers and entrepreneurs in the US. We strongly believe the immediate and long term consequences of this EO do not serve our national interests.*

*3. This Executive Order imposes undue burden on members of our community. The people whose status in the United States would be reconsidered under this EO are our students, friends, colleagues, and members of our communities. The implementation of this EO will necessarily tear families apart by restricting entry for family members who live outside of the US and limiting the ability to travel for those who reside and work in the US. These restrictions would be applied to nearly all individuals from these countries, regardless of their immigration status or any other circumstances. This measure is fatally disruptive to the lives of these immigrants, their families, and the communities of which they form an integral part. It is inhumane, ineffective, and un-American.*

*These bans, as proposed, have consequences that reach beyond the scope of national security. The unethical and discriminatory treatment of law-abiding, hard-working, and well-integrated immigrants fundamentally contravenes the founding principles of the United States.*

*We strongly denounce this ban and urge the President to reconsider going forward with this Executive Order."*

- Relevant Links
  - Boris Lushniak, Dean, School of Public Health: <http://sph.umd.edu/people/boris-lushniak>
  - February Senate Newsletter: <http://pub.lucidpress.com/SenateFeb17/>
  - Senate Voting Information: <https://senate.umd.edu/elections/vote.cfm>
  - Senate General Elections Information: <https://senate.umd.edu/elections/index.cfm>
  - Call for Nominees for Senate-Elected Committees: <https://www.senate.umd.edu/news/archives/2017CallForNominees.cfm>
  - Senate Meeting Schedule: <https://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/schedule.cfm>
  - Review of Faculty Leave Policies- Parental Leave and External Grant Funding FAQs (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-31): [https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=14-15-31&sld=9&f=Parental Leave FAQs 14-15-31.pdf](https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=14-15-31&sld=9&f=Parental%20Leave%20FAQs%2014-15-31.pdf)
  - Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-31): [https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=15-16-31&sld=4&f=EdAffairs Honor Pledge 15-16-31.pdf](https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=15-16-31&sld=4&f=EdAffairs%20Honor%20Pledge%2015-16-31.pdf)
  - PCC Proposal to Establish an Online Offering of the Master of Science in Business Analytics: <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=605&context=c>
  - Restricted Research [https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=16-17-06&sld=5&f=Restricted Research Senate Amended 16-17-06.pdf](https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=16-17-06&sld=5&f=Restricted%20Research%20Senate%20Amended%2016-17-06.pdf)
  - Use of Visiting Faculty Titles for Professional Track Faculty Appointments: <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=542&context=c>
  - Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force Update Presentation: [https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/020917/SAPTF Presentation.pdf](https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/020917/SAPTF%20Presentation.pdf)
  - Resolution in Support of the Academics Against Immigration Executive Order Petition: <https://www.senate.umd.edu/news/archives/AcademicsAgainstImmigrationEO.cfm>
  - Academics Against Immigration Executive Order Petition: [notoimmigrationban.com](http://notoimmigrationban.com)

