

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

April 19, 2017

- Senate Chair's Report
 - Members of the campus community can sign up to serve on a [Senate committee](#) in 2017-2018 through May 1st. There are openings for faculty, staff, and students. For information on how to submit your application, please visit the Senate [website](#).
 - The April 19th Senate meeting was the last meeting for outgoing Senators. All incoming and continuing Senators will be seated at the Senate Transition Meeting on May 4th. At the May 4th meeting, Senators will vote for the Chair-Elect, the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Senate-elected membership of various councils.
 - The Senate Chair spoke about the importance of the work of the Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force and the problems of sexual assault on college campuses. He also thanked the committees, committee chairs, task forces, and committees of the Research Council for all of their work on the important issues brought to the Senate this year. He recognized the Senate staff for their work on all of the issues and making everything run smoothly. For the full text of his remarks, please see the [2nd April Senate Newsletter](#).
- [Telework Guidelines and Protocol \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-25\) \(Information\)](#)
 - The Senate Chair noted that the telework guidelines had been provided by University Human Resources (UHR) as an informational item. The guidelines and associated resources will be available on UHR's website for members of the campus community.
- [Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation \(ARCH\) Plan of Organization \(Senate Doc. No. 14-15-38\) \(Action\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the revisions to the Plan of Organization.
- [Sexual Assault Prevention at the University of Maryland \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-11\) \(Action\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the report as amended.
 - The Senate approved two amendments that added a member with sexual assault prevention research expertise to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and clarified the role of the Office of Planning and Evaluation in the School of Public Health in data analysis.
 - The Senate rejected five amendments regarding the content of student leader training, creation of a sexual violence prevention fund, creation of a new oversight committee, religious exemptions from required programming, and lobbying for primary and secondary education that failed.
- Special Order of the Day, Pamela Abshire, Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering and Jennifer Golbeck, Associate Professor, College of Information Studies
[In Support of Science: The March for Science & CASE](#)

- Pamela Abshire and Jennifer Golbeck discussed UMD's participation in the March for Science on April 22, 2017 and the University's event, Celebration of American Science & Engineering (CASE), on April 21, 2017.
- Abshire explained that the March for Science is non-partisan but aims to change policy. She provided an overview of the March's events and [logistics for UMD's participation](#).
- Golbeck discussed the speakers at the [Celebration of American Science & Engineering \(CASE\)](#) and encouraged Senators to attend.
- Relevant Links
 - 2nd April Senate Newsletter: <http://pub.lucidpress.com/Apr2Senate17/>
 - March for Science: <https://www.marchforscience.com/>
 - Maryland Nanocenter March for Science: <https://www.nanocenter.umd.edu/events/march-for-science/>
 - Celebration of American Science & Engineering: <http://case.umd.edu/>
 - Overview of the Senate Committees: <https://senate.umd.edu/committees/index.cfm>
 - Sign Up to Volunteer for a Senate Committee: <https://senate.umd.edu/committees/volunteer.cfm>
 - Telework Guidelines and Protocol: <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=550>
 - Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (ARCH) Plan of Organization: <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=489>
 - Sexual Assault Prevention at the University of Maryland: <https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=594>
 - In Support of Science: The March for Science & CASE presentation: https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/041917/Science_March_CASE_Presentation.pdf