

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

December 6, 2016

- Senate Chair's Report
 - The first Senate meeting of the spring semester will be on February 9, 2017.
 - The candidacy/election process for all staff, student, and single-member constituency senators for 2017-2018 will begin on January 17, 2017.
 - There are many campus resources available to members of the campus community concerned about the impact of recent political events including the [Counseling Center](#), the [Faculty and Staff Assistance Program](#), and the [University Chaplains](#). Incidents of bias or discrimination should be reported to the [Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct](#) or the [University of Maryland Police Department](#) (UMPD).
 - The Senate Chair stated that the presidential campaign and recent election have shaken many members of our community. In recent weeks, students, faculty, and staff have raised concerns about the potential impact on the University and its community. The Senate, as a body that represents faculty, staff, and students, should address those concerns by reaffirming our core principles and values. He noted that the SEC would put forward a resolution to do so. For the full text of Senate Chair Goodman's remarks, see the [December Senate Newsletter](#).
- Special Order of the Day – Wallace D. Loh, President of the University of Maryland
 - 2016 State of the Campus Address*
 - President Loh talked about transformative excellence and impact in three areas: students and faculty, research and economic development, and diversity and inclusion.
 - There was a record number of applications this year and a larger than expected freshman class. Students continue to come to UMD extremely well-prepared.
 - The Provost has committed \$4 million for 20 diverse senior hires over the next 4-5 years. The Provost has also committed an additional \$1 million for the postdoctoral fellowship program which will bring 20 new Ph.Ds to campus.
 - UMD launched the Do Good Institute, based in the School of Public Policy, last spring which encourages students to give back to their community.
 - There are currently 15 interdisciplinary centers on campus which encourage collaborative research. The Strategic Partnership between UMD and UMB has created 60 joint appointments and \$80 million in research funding.
 - The continued revitalization of College Park is important to attract the best faculty, staff, and students. The goal is to make College Park the Silicon Valley of Maryland.

- UMD is absolutely committed to a safe and supportive educational environment for everyone regardless of immigration status. UMD will not allow immigration officers access to campus buildings and UMPD will not work with immigration officers without a warrant.
- [PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-21\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- [Nominations Committee Slate 2016-2017 \(Senate Doc. No. 16-17-20\)](#)
 - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- Special Order of the Day – Philip DeShong, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry and Chair of the Conflict of Interest Committee
An Overview of Conflict of Interest Issues
 - This presentation will be rescheduled for a Spring 2017 Senate meeting.
- SEC Resolution to reaffirm the University's core principles and values.
 - The Senate approved a resolution to reaffirm the University's core principles and values as follows:

Whereas the University of Maryland is a public research and land-grant institution that shares its research, educational, cultural, and technological strengths to promote economic development and improve quality of life in the State of Maryland and the nation.

Whereas the University of Maryland is committed to creating and maintaining an educational, working, and living environment that is safe and free from discrimination and harassment of any kind.

Whereas University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, immigration status, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any legally protected class.

Whereas the University Senate supports the University's commitment to higher education opportunities for academically-talented students from all backgrounds, supports President Loh's signing of the University President's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) letter, and calls on State and Federal officials to advocate for students who have DACA or Maryland Dream Act status.

Be it resolved the University of Maryland College Park Senate, which represents faculty, staff, and students of the University, reaffirms our commitment to develop and disseminate knowledge in an environment

that fosters intellectual discourse, free speech, diversity, inclusion, freedom from violence, and mutual respect.

- Relevant Links

- Senate Meeting Schedule:
<https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/schedule.cfm>
- Senate Elections Overview:
<https://senate.umd.edu/elections/index.cfm>
- University of Maryland Police Department:
<http://www.umpd.umd.edu/contact/>
- Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct:
<http://www.umd.edu/ocrsm/>
- Counseling Center
<http://counseling.umd.edu/>
- Faculty and Staff Assistance Program
<http://health.umd.edu/fsap>
- University Chaplains:
http://thestamp.umd.edu/memorial_chapel
- Full text of Senate Chair's remarks (December Senate Newsletter):
<http://pub.lucidpress.com/SenateDec16/>
- PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-21):
<https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=604&context=c>
- Nominations Committee Slate 2016-2017 (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-20)
<https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=603&context=c>
- Core Values Resolution:
<https://senate.umd.edu/news/archives/CoreValuesResolution.cfm>