

Orientation: Senators, Senate Meetings, and Shared Governance



**Senate's
Role**

**Senate
Meetings**

This Year

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Senate's Role

- The Senate advises the President of the University
 - Policy Matters
 - Guiding Documents
 - Academic Programs

Role of Senators

- Put forward recommendations to the President for his review and approval;
 - Senators review & vote on committee recommendations;
 - Review materials prior to Senate meetings
 - Attend Senate Meetings
 - Discussion
 - Vote
 - Submit proposals

Materials

Meetings

Committee Reports

Discussion

Voting



Meeting Elements

Senate Materials

- Materials are posted publicly on the Senate website 1 week in advance of the meeting
- The Agenda identifies **(Information)** and **(Action)** items

Meeting Elements

- Call to Order
- Minutes (Action)
- Chair's Report (Information)
- Committee Reports (Action)
- Special Order Presentations (Information)
- New Business (Info/Action)

Senate Meetings

- 2022-2023 Senate Meetings will be held on Zoom*
 - *The President's State of the Campus Addresses will be held in person with a virtual option (November & March)
- Senators who are unable to attend a meeting or plan to arrive late **MUST** submit an excused absence form at <https://senate.umd.edu/senate-meeting-excused-absences>
- Excused absences subtracted from total when calculating quorum

Committee Reports

- Transmittal - Overview
- Report
 - Background
 - Current Practice
 - Committee Work
 - **Recommendation***
 - **Policy Revisions***
- Appendices

*voted on

Recommendations

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- **Policy Revisions**

- The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends that its proposed revisions to the University of Maryland Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Grievances (II-4.00[A]) be revised as shown immediately following this report.

- **Administrative Recommendations**

- The University **should** update any references to the policy in other associated policies.
- The University **should consider** whether current smoking cessation resources will be adequate to meet the needs of incoming cohorts of students disproportionately affected by vaping and e-cigarette use.



Policy

Discussion

- Senators discuss and debate the merits of the committee's recommendations;
- Senators can:
 - Ask questions;
 - Speak in support of or against the proposed recommendations; and
 - potentially make a motion to amend a recommendation prior to the vote.

Voting

- All Senators must use Point Solutions (formerly TurningPoint) to vote at Senate meetings
 - Senators may use the Point Solutions web app (tppoll.com) or the mobile app to vote;
 - Senators must sign in on Point Solutions
 - Enter the Session ID - Different for each meeting, found in red bold font on the slide presentation, and only available at the Senate meeting.
- Click Join Session

**Quorum
Slide**

**Voting
Slide**

Quorum Slide

- Will only be available at the start of the meeting;
- Only used for quorum and not attendance purposes;
- After Clicking "Join Session" in Point Solutions, Senators will see a slide asking them to press **1** if they are present.
- Your choice has been submitted when the circle or box with the **1** becomes blue and is filled in.

Present

Voting Slide

- Following the presentation of committee recommendations and any associated discussion, Senators will vote on each Action item on the agenda.
 - Use Point Solutions to select:
 - 1 - In Favor
 - 2 - Opposed
 - 3 - Abstain
 - Can make changes until the voting period on that item closes;
 - Last button pressed will be vote cast;
 - Results will be displayed on the screen immediately after the voting ends.

Vote

Results

This Year

- UMD Plan of Organization for Shared Governance Review
- Interim Policy on the Naming of Facilities and Programs
- Student Codes of Conduct
- Revision to the Final Exam Provision in the UMD Policy on the Conduct of Undergraduate Courses and Student Grievance Procedure
- Promoting Mental Health & Equity in the Excused Absence Policy
- Revisions to the Disability Policy
- Development of Policies on Service & Emotional Support Animals
- College Plans of Organization

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