

March 30, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate Members

FROM: Kenneth G. Holum
Chair of the University Senate

SUBJECT: University Senate Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009

The University Senate will meet on Monday, April 6, 2009. The meeting will convene at **3:15 p.m.**, in **Room 0200, Skinner Hall**. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Senate Office¹ by calling 301-405-5805 or sending an email to senate-admin@umd.edu for an excused absence. Your response will assure an accurate quorum count for the meeting.

The meeting materials can be accessed on the Senate Web site. Please go to <http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/> and click on the date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the March 12, 2009, Senate Minutes (Action)
3. Report of the Chair
4. Report of the Senate Executive Committee
5. Special Order of the Day
*Interim Report of the Work of the Climate Action Plan Work Group
Matthias Ruth, Professor, Chair, Climate Action Plan Work Group*
6. Report of a Committee:
 - APAS Committee Report Regarding the Arbitrary & Capricious Grading Policy for Undergraduates (Senate Doc. No.06-07-51) (Action)
7. Report of a Committee:
 - PCC Proposals pertaining to the reorganization of the biological sciences graduate programs in the College of Chemical and Life Sciences; (Senate Document Number 08-09-23) (Action) including:
 - Proposal to rename the Ph.D. in Biology as the Ph.D. in Biological Sciences
 - Proposal to rename the Areas of Concentration in the Ph.D. in Biology

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- Proposal to rename the M.S. in Biology as the M.S. in Biological Sciences, and eliminate all Areas of Concentration
- PCC Proposals to rename the M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Natural Resource Sciences as the M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Plant Sciences (Senate Document Number 08-09-24) (Action)
- PCC Proposal to establish a Master of Fine Arts in Performance (Senate Document Number 08-09-22) (Action)
- 8. Report of a Committee:
 - Human Relations Committee Report-Prayer at Commencement (Senate Doc. No. 07-08-34)
- 9. Report of a Committee:
 - Faculty Affairs Committee Report- Resolution on Open Access to Scholarly Publications. (Senate Doc. No. 08-09-25) (Action)
- 10. New Business
- 11. Adjournment

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