

## **University Senate**

May 4, 2009

### **Members Present**

Members present at the meeting: 82

### **Call to Order**

Senate Chair Holum called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

### **Election of the Chair-Elect**

Chair Holum introduced both Thomas Cohen and Linda Mabbs as the candidates for this position. He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing no additional nominations, he requested that all voting Senators vote on the chair-elect. He notified the Senate that the Senate staff would count the ballots and provide the results shortly.

Chair Holum introduced Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary & Director and Marvin Breslow, Parliamentarian.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Holum asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

### **Report of the Outgoing Chair, Kenneth G. Holum**

Chair Holum commented on the media attention for some of the issues before the Senate including Prayer at Commencement and Medical Amnesty. He also gave an overview of the "routine" business of the Senate over the past year. Holum called for the Senators to experience the Senate. Holum thanked President Mote for his work with the Senate. In addition, he thanked Reka Montfort and the Senate Staff as well as Marvin Breslow and Elise Miller-Hooks for their support throughout the year.

### **Announcement of the Results of the Election for Chair-Elect**

Chair Holum announced that Linda Mabbs had been elected Chair-Elect.

### **Report of the Chair, Elise Miller-Hooks**

Chair Miller-Hooks thanked Holum for his service to the University. She gave an overview of Holum's term. Miller-Hooks commented on his dedication, enthusiasm and optimism throughout the year. She offered Holum a small gift. Miller-Hooks also surprised Holum by having Senator Balthrop and Chair-Elect Mabbs sing Happy Birthday to him.

Miller-Hooks noted that there were still vacancies for volunteers on several Senate committees. Miller-Hooks gave an overview of the University's system of shared governance. She encouraged the new Senators, especially the faculty, to participate in

the work of the Senate committees. She explained that a volunteer form was included in their packets so that they could participate.

Miller-Hooks also gave an overview of some of the issues that will come before the Senate in the upcoming year. Some of these include: review of the merit review process, proposal of a smoke-free campus, endorsement of the Climate Action Plan and a report from the General Education Taskforce.

### **Special Elections**

Chair Miller-Hooks gave instructions on the process for the special elections.

Miller-Hooks requested that all voting senators take out the ballots for the vote of the Senate Executive Committee and strike out Linda Mabbs as a candidate because the chair-elect is an ex-officio member of the SEC. Chair Miller-Hooks requested that senators complete their ballots.

Miller-Hooks asked all voting senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Committee on Committees. She asked senators to complete their ballots.

Miller-Hooks asked all faculty senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Athletic Council. She opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, she asked the faculty senators to complete their ballots.

Miller-Hooks asked all faculty senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). She opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, she asked the faculty senators to complete their ballots.

Miller-Hooks requested that all faculty, staff and undergraduate senators take out the ballots for the vote of the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). She then opened the floor to nominations from the floor. Senator Bell, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources nominated Senator Cassandra Corridon, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources as a write-in candidate for the committee. Hearing no further nominations, Chair Miller-Hooks asked all eligible senators to complete their ballots.

Chair Miller-Hooks announced that Reka Montfort would announce the results of the special elections via email following the meeting. She explained that the new members of the SEC will be meeting that coming Wednesday.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **ERG Committee Report-Eligibility Timeline for Staff Elections (Senate Document number 08-09-13) (Action)**

Chair Baron was not in attendance at the meeting. Miller-Hooks requested that another member of ERG make the motion in her place. She gave a brief overview of the report. She explained that the committee would like add the following amendments to the Senate Bylaws:

**2.1.c of the Bylaws: “Staff candidates for the Senate must have been employed at the University of Maryland College Park for 12 months prior to standing as candidates for Senate. Staff members may not stand for Senate elections while in the probationary period of employment.”**

**2.1.d of the Bylaws: “Such ex officio members should also have been employed by the University of Maryland College Park for 12 months prior to standing as candidates for the Senate.”**

Senator Wells, Faculty, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, made a motion to accept the amendments.

Miller-Hooks called for a vote. The result was unanimous in favor of the amendment. **The motion passed.**

**ERG Committee Report - Proposal to Approve the College of Agricultural & Natural Resources’ Plan of Organization (Senate Document Number 07-08-03)  
(Action)**

Chair Baron was not in attendance at the meeting. Miller-Hooks gave a brief overview of the committee’s charge and work.

Senator Falvey, Faculty, College of Chemical & Life Sciences, made a motion to approve the Plan.

Senator Falvey, Faculty, College of Chemical & Life Sciences, proposed an amendment that the range “40-45” in the APT section of the Plan be changed to “40”. The amendment was seconded. Miller-Hooks called for a vote on the amendment. The result was unanimous in favor of the amendment. **The amendment passed.**

Miller-Hooks called for a vote. The result was unanimous in favor of the approving the Plan as amended. **The Plan was approved.**

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Senate Chair Miller-Hooks adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.