Senate Chair’s Report

* The first [Senate](https://www.senate.umd.edu/senate-meetings) meeting of the spring semester will be on February 7, 2018.
* The [candidacy/election](https://www.senate.umd.edu/elections) process for all staff, student, and single-member constituency senators for 2018-2019 will begin on January 16, 2018.

[Nominations Committee Slate 2017-2018 (Senate Document #17-18-15)](https://www.senate.umd.edu/sites/default/files/resources/billDocuments/17-18-15/stage3/Nom_Com_Slate_17-18-15.pdf)

* The Senate voted to approve the Nominations Committee slate.

[Code of Student Conduct Revision (Senate Document #16-17-08)](https://www.senate.umd.edu/sites/default/files/resources/billDocuments/16-17-08/stage6/SCC_Code_Student_Conduct_16-17-08.pdf)

* Senators discussed the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct. They debated the proposed change to have attorneys serve in an advisory role, which would align the Code with the sexual misconduct and academic integrity review processes. They also discussed the change in the standard of evidence from clear and convincing to a preponderance of the evidence.
* After hearing all of the discussion, the Senate overwhelmingly voted to approve the revised Code of Student Conduct.

Special Order: [Multi-Factor Authentication Update](https://www.senate.umd.edu/sites/default/files/resources/MeetingMaterials/120717/MFA_Presentation.pdf)

* Jeffrey Hollingsworth, Interim Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer, provided an update regarding the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) implementation process. He collected feedback from the Senate and answered questions related to the MFA implementation.

New Business

* Senator Katz announced that students can now borrow professional exam prep study guides for 4-hour periods through the UMD Libraries [Top Textbook Service](https://www.lib.umd.edu/access/top-textbooks).

Relevant Links

* Spring Senate Meetings 2018

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