

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY February 11, 2016

- Senate Chair's Report
 - The Senate leadership has been meeting with senator constituency groups to discuss methods for communication with their constituents, how we can do a better job of communicating with senators, and what the Senate could do better. Meetings with staff and undergraduate student senators have already been held, and those for faculty and graduate student senators are being scheduled.
 - Maryland Dialogues on Diversity and Community: The Maryland Dialogues are a series of events for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to gain a better understanding of these issues and to develop action plans for improvement both locally and nationally. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion also announced a grant program that will provide funding for student groups who initiate programming in support of diversity and inclusion. Detailed information can be found at: <http://umd.edu/MarylandDialogues/>
 - Budget Article: The American Academy of Arts & Sciences recently published an article entitled, [*Public Research Universities: Understanding the Financial Model*](#). This provides some helpful information on the changing landscape of funding models for public research universities.
 - Senate Elections: The candidacy period for all staff, student, and single-member constituency senators for 2016-2017 ended on February 5th. The election period will run from February 22nd through March 4th. We hope that you will vote during the upcoming election period. You can find more details about the timeline and process under the "Elections" tab on the Senate website.
 - [Senate Elected Committees/Councils](#): All senators should have received an email from the Senate Office detailing available positions on senate-elected committees/councils for 2016-2017. This includes the Senate Executive Committee, Committee on Committees, Athletic Council, Council of University System Faculty (CUSF), and the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). We are looking for individuals interested in serving on these important bodies. Visit the Senate website for more information on how to nominate yourself or a colleague.
 - Spring Senate Meetings: Chancellor Caret will be addressing the Senate at the March 9th Meeting, so we have moved that meeting to the Colony Ballroom. We are anticipating a significant amount of work from our committees over the remainder of our meetings. The April 20th meeting will be the last for any outgoing senators. The May 5th meeting is the transition meeting where new senators will be seated.

- [PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Business Analytics \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-16\) \(Action\)](#)
 - The Senate approved the proposal.
- [Modify the Membership of the University Library Council to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology \(Senate Doc. No. 15-16-05\) \(Action\)](#)
 - The Senate approved the recommendation.
- Special Order of the Day - Elizabeth J. Beise, Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs
[Draft Strategic Plan Update: Overview of Campus Feedback and Senate Discussion](#)
[Draft Strategic Plan](#)
 - Approximately 20 senators provided feedback on the various sections of the Draft Strategic Plan.
 - Chair Brown noted that the audio from the discussion would be provided to the Provost.
 - Chair Brown announced that the Senate would host a forum with Provost Rankin to allow for additional feedback on Thursday, February 18, 2016, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union.
 - Chair Brown stated that all of the feedback would be considered by the Strategic Plan Working Group before the Strategic Plan Update is finalized and brought back to the Senate for a final vote later this semester.
- Relevant Links
 - Maryland Dialogues on Diversity and Community
<http://umd.edu/MarylandDialogues/>
 - Budget Article: *Public Research Universities: Understanding the Financial Model*
http://www.senate.umd.edu/news/PublicResearchUniv_FinancialModel.pdf
 - Senate Elected Committee/Council Nominations
<http://www.senate.umd.edu/news/archives/2016CallForNominees.cfm>
 - PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Business Analytics (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-16)
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/021116/PCC_Establish_MS_in_BusinessAnalytics_15-16-16.pdf
 - Modify the Membership of the University Library Council to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-05)
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/021116/ERG_IT_Rep_on_ULC_15-16-05.pdf
 - Draft Strategic Plan Update
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/021116/Draft_Strategic_Plan_Update_12-10-15.pdf

- Draft Strategic Plan Update: Overview of Campus Feedback and Senate Discussion
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/021116/strategic_plan_update.DRAFTFEEDBACK-11Feb2016.pptx