

SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

April 7, 2016

- Special Order – Presidential Briefing
 - The final report of the Lincoln Project was released with information on the public research university funding model (see relevant links section for links to the reports).
 - The State budget has been approved with a merit increase for faculty and staff and a completely funded capital budget for UMD.
 - Governor Hogan allowed SB1052 – the Strategic Partnership Act of 2016 to become law.
- Senate Chair's Report
 - Committee Volunteer Period

The volunteer period for Senate standing committees had recently opened. Chair Brown encouraged senators to reach out to the campus community about participating in shared governance and encourage volunteers to serve on a committee by going to the website: www.senate.umd.edu. He especially encouraged faculty to volunteer and engage their colleagues as well. The deadline to volunteer is April 30, 2016.
 - Remaining Senate Meetings

Chair Brown reminded Senators that there are now three more Senate meetings this academic year. The next meeting will be held on April 20th, and an extra meeting has been added to the schedule on April 28th. This will now be the last business meeting of the semester for any outgoing Senators. Chair Brown noted that the Senate would have several time-sensitive issues presented at this meeting and expressed the importance of a quorum to conduct business.

The May 5th Transition Senate Meeting will be for all continuing and incoming senators. On May 5th, the Senate will elect its next Chair-Elect, Jordan Goodman will take over as Chair, and the Senate will then vote for the elected committees of the Senate. The names of candidates running for the various committees and their candidacy statements will be distributed on April 21st.

- Update to the Strategic Plan for the University of Maryland (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-26)
 - Provost Rankin provided an overview of the Strategic Plan Update.
 - [The Senate approved five amendments to the Strategic Plan Update.](#)
 - [The Senate approved the Strategic Plan Update as amended.](#)
- Relevant Links
 - Public Research Universities: Recommitting to Lincoln's Vision—An Educational Compact for the 21st Century, published by American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, 2016 (This is the booklet that Dr. Loh held up at the meeting)
<http://www.amacad.org/content/publications/publication.aspx?d=22180>

- Public Research Universities: Resources (This page has additional information, and it includes links to the other booklets that Dr. Loh mentioned at the meeting)
<http://www.amacad.org/content.aspx?d=22190>
- Public Research Universities: Recommitting to Lincoln's Vision: An Educational Compact for the 21st Century (this is a video and has the recommendations that Dr. Loh mentioned)
<http://www.amacad.org/content.aspx?d=22174>
- Volunteer to Serve on a Senate Committee
<https://www.senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=startVolunteerApplication>
- Update to the Strategic Plan for the University of Maryland (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-26)
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/040716/Strategic_Plan_Update_15-16-26.pdf
Strategic Plan Update amendments
http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/040716/Proposed_Amendments.pdf
- Approved Strategic Plan Update as amended.
https://www.senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBillFile&offId=15-16-26&slid=2&f=Strategic_Plan_Update_15-16-26_Senate_Approved.pdf