SENATE MEETING SUMMARY
October 7, 2015

- Presidential Briefing
    - President Loh provided a briefing on two suggested topics provided by senators.
        - *The Administration's view of the role of the Senate on campus.*
            - President Loh stated that shared governance is academic democracy. He said that the administration is committed to a vibrant and strong shared governance model at our university. He encouraged senators to improve shared governance by enhancing social capital such as communication, trust, and respect and through education. He noted that shared governance is working together in the governance of the university but is not equal decision making authority.
        - *The concern that adding sports to the primary mission of research and education is inappropriate.*
            - President Loh noted that Athletics is not part of the mission of the University but is the most visible part of the University. He suggested that it was the "front porch" to the University, serving as a starting point for conversations that lead to donations in the academic arena.

- Senate Chair's Report
    - Nominations Committee: Outgoing senators with a term year of 2016 received an email message from the Senate Office requesting volunteers for the Nominations Committee. This important committee is charged with soliciting nominations from the membership of the Senate for the Executive Committee, Chair-Elect, the Committee on Committees, and other University-wide committees and councils up for election at the annual transition of the Senate in May. Senators interested in serving can send an email to senate-admin@umd.edu.
    - Next Meeting: President Loh will present his State of the Campus Address at the next Senate meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. This meeting will be held in the Colony Ballroom of the Union to accommodate a larger audience.
    - Senate Legislation: The SEC charged the ERG Committee with considering whether a representative of the Division of IT should be added to the University Library Council - Modify the Membership of the University Library Council to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-05)

- PCC Proposal to Establish a New Area of Concentration in International Relations for the Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-06)

- o The Senate voted to approve the new area of concentration.

- [Review of the Policy on Intellectual Property (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-36)](#)
    - o Senators raised concerns about several areas of the policy including the treatment of software, the onerous nature of the waiver process for graduate students, and the revenue sharing model. Senators also suggested that more time was necessary to consider the impact of policy revisions on specific disciplines.
    - o Senators approved a motion to recommit the revised policy back to the IP Policy Subcommittee for further consideration and feedback from relevant constituencies.
    - o Senators who did not have an opportunity to provide feedback at the meeting can email feedback to senate-admin@umd.edu so that it can be compiled and submitted to the IP Policy Subcommittee.

- New Business
    - o Jordan Goodman, Chair-Elect of the Senate, made a motion to charge the SEC with reviewing the recommendations for shared governance outlined in the Chair's Report from September 10, 2015, and report back to the Senate on their findings no later than the April 2016 Senate meeting. Specifically, the SEC should be charged with determining: Is there is improved engagement with the President and Provost? Is there is improved opportunity to provide informed input and feedback for substantive issues that impact faculty, staff, and students? Is there is an improvement in awareness and communication within the campus, colleges, schools, and units regarding the activities of the Senate? Has this led to increased engagement?
    - o Senators voted to approve the motion to charge the SEC with this review.

- Relevant Links
    - o 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://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=529&context=c
    - o PCC Proposal to Establish a New Area of Concentration in International Relations for the Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-06) http://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=530&context=c
    - o Review of the Policy on Intellectual Property (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-36) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/100715/Intellectual_Property_Policy_10-11-36.pdf