



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the May 5, 2016 Annual Transition Meeting of the Senate, the Senate welcomed all new Senators and conducted special elections for the 2016–2017 Senate Chair–Elect, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), the Committee on Committees, the Athletic Council, the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF), and the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Election results have been posted on the Senate website.

After the special elections, Provost Rankin gave a special order on the proposed new cybersecurity initiative. She explained the structure of the new Maryland Institute for Global Cybersecurity, how it would work with existing cybersecurity programs, the development of executive programs, and the increase in applied research.

During the discussion, Senators asked about funding and expressed concerns about focusing research on cybersecurity and potentially taking away from other research in computer science and related fields.



The Senate is one of the largest and most influential governing bodies on campus.

University Senate = Shared Governance. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators work together to better our University.

The Senate debates and votes on policy–related issues and other governing aspects of the University. The Senate **directly** advises the University President.



"Participating in Senate meetings and committees drew me into a very interesting and much broader view of the University. I have particularly enjoyed meeting many people from all across campus, understanding their concerns and points of view, and working to improve the University."

–Andrew Harris

Faculty Senator and Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee

From the Senate Chair

The Senate is both a legislative and advisory body. We are tasked with approving policies and programs. We also serve to provide a forum where issues important to the campus as a whole, as well as to the faculty, staff, and students, can be discussed. We provide an important part of the shared governance on the campus. However, our effectiveness depends on providing informed input. To this end, we are going to take the “flipped classroom” approach where Senators are expected to read the materials ahead of time, discuss it with other Senators and their constituents, and then come prepared for more interaction at the Senate meeting. To facilitate this, we are working on providing an online discussion forum so that discussions can take place before the meetings. In order for this to work, it will take a partnership, where the Senate leadership works with the administration to provide Senators with more timely information before the meetings and Senators actively participate. Our goal is to raise the level of engagement with Senators and the Senate, the Senate and the administration, and Senators and their constituencies so that we can become a more effective voice for the campus community.



Jordan Goodman

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'J. Goodman'.

Welcome New Senators!

Congratulations to all new Senators! The Senate Office and the Senate Leadership look forward to working with you this upcoming year as we continue to improve shared governance on campus. This summer, we will be scheduling constituent-based orientation sessions which will allow Senators to get to know each other and to talk about how they can be most effective during their time in the Senate. At the September Senate meeting, we will have an orientation for all Senators to explain Senate processes and any new procedures for the 2016–2017 Senate term. On the next page, you will find a schedule of all the Senate meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings as we continue to consider important issues related to University policy next year.

All new Senators should have received an appointment letter and a Senator pin. If you have not received one or both of these items, please contact the Senate Office at senate-admin@umd.edu.



SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE

Any member of the campus community may submit a proposal to the University Senate to review University policies* and procedures or to suggest the creation and establishment of new ones. To submit an idea or proposal to the Senate, click on a link below to download a blank proposal form in Word or as a PDF.

[Proposal Form \(Word Version\)](#)

[Proposal Form \(PDF Version\)](#)

[Sample Proposal](#)

* A manual of current University policies can be found at:
<http://www.president.umd.edu/policies>

2016-2017 Senate Schedule

Fall 2016

September 7, 2016 (Wednesday) - Atrium

October 6, 2016 (Thursday) – Prince Georges Room

November 2, 2016 (Wednesday) – Colony Ballroom *President's State of the Campus Address

December 6, 2016 (Tuesday) - Atrium

Spring 2017

February 9, 2017 (Thursday) – Prince Georges Room

March 8, 2017 (Wednesday) – Atrium

April 6, 2017 (Thursday) – Colony Ballroom

April 19, 2017 (Wednesday) - Atrium

May 4, 2017 (Thursday) – Colony Ballroom *Transition Meeting

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CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-03](#)

[Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge](#)

[Senate Document 15-16-31](#)

[Senate Candidates Contact Information Requirement](#)

[Senate Document 15-16-19](#)

[Consideration of a University of Maryland Weapons Policy](#)

[Senate Document 15-16-11](#)

[Review of Faculty Leave Policies](#)

[Senate Document 14-15-31](#)

Click on any legislation item above for more details. To view all Senate Legislation: [Click Here](#)