



Senate E-newsletter

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Notes from the April Senate Meeting

At the April 4, 2012 Senate meeting, the Senate reviewed four proposals from the **Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee** to create new academic programs at the University of Maryland. Senators voted in favor of establishing two programs in the School of Public Health: a **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Principles of Public Health** and an **Executive Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy**. Both programs were designed for the Public Health Professional. Additionally, the

Senate voted in favor of establishing a **Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies**; this major was crafted as an interdisciplinary liberal arts program for students to become conversant with the evolution of cinema and its diverse genres, authors, movements, practices, and products. Lastly, Senators voted in favor of establishing an area of **concentration in conducting** for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree Program. The new formal Concentration encompasses three informal specializations: Choral Conducting, Orchestral Conducting, and Wind Conducting.



The Senate is one of the largest and most powerful 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.*



Participation in the Faculty Affairs Committee enabled me to contribute to the new policy for non-tenure track instructional faculty. Academic life requires fair treatment of all those who engage in intellectual work. Shared governance is the key to securing a harmonious community.

- Nelly P. Stromquist, Faculty Senator



The Senate Committees had another productive semester and are currently wrapping up their work for the 2011-2012 academic year. The **Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee** finished its review of the revised **College of Education Plan of Organization**, while the **Academic Procedures & Standards (APAS) Committee** completed its report for changing the minimum average in all courses applied to undergraduate major requirements. The **Student Affairs Committee** forwarded its response to the **Proposal to Change the Committee on the Review of Student Fees (CRSF) Operating Procedures**.

Additionally, the **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee**

received a reply from the Chancellor's Office regarding its recent report on **Same-Sex Domestic Partner Benefits**; the Chancellor accepted the EDI Committee's recommendations and will work to ensure that employees in same-sex relationships have University System of Maryland benefits equal to those of other employees. In a letter to President Loh, the Chancellor reiterated his assurance that he will take all measures needed to achieve that goal by the end of 2012.



Committee News



From the Senate Chair

leave policy, providing Senate representation to members of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, the revised Plan of Organization for the College of Education, and changes to the procedures used by the Committee on the Review of Student Fees. We expect a lively debate on a number of these proposals, and encourage all Senators and interested members of the University community to participate in the next meeting of the Senate.

Eric Kasischke

While the University Senate discussed and voted to pass a small number of proposals at its 4 April meeting, there are a number of very important proposals that have recently been forwarded from various Senate committees. These proposals will be discussed and voted upon at the Senate's 19 April meeting, including recommendations for: creation of a new faculty parental

Upcoming Meetings

4/17/12: SEC Mtg

4/19/12: Senate Mtg

4/23/12: Ed. Affairs Mtg

4/23/12: Staff Affairs Mtg

4/23/12: ERG Mtg

4/24/12: Gen Ed. Mtg

4/26/12: SCC Mtg

For a complete schedule
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Submit a Proposal to the Senate

Current Senate Legislation:

Transition Meeting Slate 2012
Senate Document 11-12-37

Proposed Policy for Parental Leave for Staff
Senate Document 11-12-35

Implement a Retroactive Withdrawal Policy at UMD
Senate Document 11-12-30

Expansion of Promoting Responsible action in Medical Emergencies
Senate Document 11-12-22

Proposal to Clarify and Improve Student Class Selection
Senate Document 11-12-11

Student-Initiated Courses (SICs)
Senate Document 10-11-38

Academic Integrity
Senate Document 08-09-20

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

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.

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

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