



# Senate E-newsletter

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## Notes from the April Senate Meeting

At the April 8, 2015 Senate meeting the Senate voted to approve two proposals presented by Greg Miller, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee: the PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Information Science and the PCC Proposal to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Operations Management to Operations Management and Business Analytics. Charles Wellford, Chair of the Plan of Organization Review Committee (PORC) presented the Revisions to the Senate Bylaws. These changes were

recommended following approval of the revised **Plan of Organization**. The Senate voted to approve the revisions. The Senate also considered the **Review of Mid-Semester and Early Warning Grades Policies and Procedures** presented by Charles Delwiche, Chair of the **Academic Procedures & Standards (APAS) Committee**. After a thoughtful discussion, the Senate voted to approve the new policy. In addition, David Mitchell, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, provided a Special Order Presentation on active shooter and threat prevention.



*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.*



*"During my 20 year tenure at the University, I have been honored to be appointed and serve on several Senate committees. These numerous committees have afforded me the opportunity to understand the complexity of how the Senate operates, in terms of Shared Governance, between faculty, staff, students, and administrators. Without Shared Governance, we at the University would not have a voice in the decision-making process of policies which affect our campus community as a whole."*

**-Audrey Stewart,  
Committee on Committees Member**







# Volunteer to Serve on a Senate Committee!

Do you want to be more involved with the University? Volunteer to serve on a Senate committee! Many of the details involved in campus policy are first formulated within the eleven standing Senate committees. Senate committees research and deliberate on campus concerns, and they report their findings and recommendations to the full Senate throughout the year. You can play an important role in shared governance by participating in the committee process. Please consider volunteering to serve on a Senate committee for the upcoming 2015–2016 academic year. The Committee Preference Period will be open **April 1 – April 30, 2015**.

To volunteer for a Senate committee, simply click on the “Volunteer for a Committee” button below to submit your application, or visit [www.senate.umd.edu](http://www.senate.umd.edu). You will be asked to log-in using your University directory ID & password and will then be routed to a committee preference form. On the form, you will be able to sign-up as a volunteer for committees with current vacancies in your constituency. Simply mark your top three committee choices and submit a statement about why you want to serve as a volunteer. Please note that selected faculty and staff members will serve two-year terms and students will serve a one-year term on committees. If you are a continuing member of a committee, you do not have to complete this form.

A list of all Senate committees and information about the work they do can be found at: <http://www.senate.umd.edu/committees/>

You do not have to be a Senator to serve on a Senate committee. All committee preference forms will be reviewed by the Senate-elected Committee on Committees at the end of the spring semester. All volunteers will be notified by July 1, 2015 regarding whether they have received a committee assignment. Terms will begin in fall 2015.

**The deadline to submit your committee preference form is April 30, 2015.** Please feel free to contact the Senate Office at [senate-admin@umd.edu](mailto:senate-admin@umd.edu) or 301-405-5805 with any questions or technical difficulties. Thank you for your continued interest in shared governance at the University of Maryland!







The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) is reviewing a new charge related to Faculty Leave Policies. The Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Committee is reviewing the Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases. Recently, the Academic Procedures and Standards (APAS) Committee began reviewing the Interim University of Maryland Policy and Procedures Concerning Credit for Prior Learning. The Student Affairs Committee began reviewing the Proposed Policy on Excused Absence. The Educational Affairs Committee is reviewing faculty responsibilities within the Undergraduate Student Grievance Procedure. The Campus Affairs Committee is continuing its review of the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program.



## Committee News



### From the Senate Chair

Our Senate meeting on April 8, 2015 was a special one. First, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to approve the revised Bylaws by which we will operate under our new Plan of Organization for Shared Governance. The revised Plan of Organization was passed at the February Senate meeting and was validated by an institution-wide referendum, gaining approval by a

majority of faculty, staff, and students, and being approved by the President. The Bylaws were the final piece in the package that will help to guide our campus for the next decade. Our sincere thanks go to Charles Wellford for his leadership of the committee, and the many members who labored over many months to produce these documents.

A special order at the meeting was provided by Chief David Mitchell, who was accompanied by officers of our University of Maryland Department of Public Safety. The Chief presented an overview of campus safety and security issues and the equipment and training that his officers use to maintain a constant state of readiness for any emergencies that may arise. He was assisted in equipment demonstrations by Sgt. David Fields, MPO Michael Weller, and Sgt. Roseanne Hoaas. The Chief provided an assessment of the changing nature of campus threats and the tactics that have evolved to respond to them. It was apparent from the presentation that the Chief and his force are dedicated professionals to whom we owe our gratitude for their dedication and service in keeping our campus community safe.

-Senate Chair, Donald Webster

### Upcoming Meetings

- 04/13/15: Staff Affairs Mtg
- 04/21/15: Campus Affairs Mtg
- 04/22/15: Ed Affairs Mtg
- 04/23/15: Senate Mtg
- 04/24/15: Faculty Affairs Mtg
- 04/24/15: ERG Mtg
- 04/27/15: EDI Mtg
- 04/28/15: SEC Mtg
- 04/29/15: Student Affairs Mtg

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# Submit a Proposal to the Senate

## Current Senate Legislation:

Consideration of a New  
Post-Doctoral Title  
Senate Document 14-15-28

Revision of the University of  
Maryland Undergraduate Student  
Grievance Procedure  
Senate Document 14-15-22

Addition of a User Experience  
Working Group to the IT Council  
Senate Document 14-15-10

UM Guidelines for Appointment,  
Evaluation, and Promotion of  
Professional Track Faculty  
Senate Document 14-15-09

Public Access Automated External  
Defibrillator (AED) Program  
Senate Document 14-15-05

Policies and Procedures Governing  
Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/  
Gender Markers in University  
Databases  
Senate Document 14-15-03

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.

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

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

[Sample Proposal](#)

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

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