Welcome to the 2011–2012 Senate Year!

Welcome to another exciting and dynamic year with the University Senate. We are excited to debut our new e-newsletter, as an additional step to foster communication with various constituencies on campus. It will be issued following each Senate meeting and will summarize the key activities that have occurred within the Senate over the previous weeks. While the details of Senate activities are readily available on the website, the e-newsletter will provide this information in a concise format. At a glance, you will be able to see notes from the Senate meetings, thoughts from the Senate Chair, and highlighted committee work. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available for those who do not have easy access to the Internet, thus providing recent news from the Senate across campus. The e-newsletter should be a source of information for both the seasoned Senate member and those newly involved. We look forward to reporting the work and accomplishments of the Senate throughout the year here in the e-newsletter. Enjoy!

For those interested in citizenship and collegiality, and in making a difference in life here in College Park, the Senate is the place to be.

– Martha Nell Smith, Chair-Elect
Here you can catch a glimpse into the work of the Senate Committees as they continuously research, review, and recommend policies and procedures for the University. Last year, Senate committees completed numerous reports that were presented to the Senate for debate and voting. For example, Student Conduct completed its work on a Medical Amnesty bill that had been under deliberation since 2007; its recommendations were passed and a new policy took effect last spring. Staff Affairs ensured the University was well-represented amongst system-wide nominees for the Board of Regents’ Staff Awards. Congratulations to Alan Santos, Cecelia Jordan, and Jeff McKinney for being selected as recipients! This year, several committees begin the semester with full agendas as they pick up where last year’s committees left off. Campus Affairs will wrap up its recommendations on a potential campus-wide helmet policy (take the helmet survey). APAS will further its review of a proposal on the creation of student-initiated courses, and the new Gen Ed Committee will begin its work with the General Education Program. Visit the Senate website for more information on Senate Committees and legislation.

From the Senate Chair

I am Eric Kasischke, Chair of the University Senate for the 2011/12 academic year, and a Professor in the Department of Geography in the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Maryland’s University Senate is unique from several perspectives—in particular the fact that it represents all constituencies on campus, and that it actively encourages ideas and inputs from anyone who wishes to bring forth an issue for consideration. I am very much looking forward to leading the Senate, and working with all Senators and members of the campus community in making it a productive year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Senate Office if you wish to bring an issue to our attention.

Eric Kasischke

Upcoming Meetings

9/6/11: Faculty Affairs Mtg
9/6/11: Staff Affairs Mtg
9/7/11: EDI Mtg
9/7/11: SEC Mtg
9/8/11: APAS Mtg
9/8/11: Campus Affairs Mtg
9/21/11: Senate Mtg

For a complete schedule Click Here
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 here: http://www.president.umd.edu/policies

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