



Senate E-newsletter

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Notes from the March Senate Meeting

At the March 8, 2012 Senate meeting the Senate voted in favor of changing the name of the PhD in Public and Community Health to the **PhD in Behavioral and Community Health**. The name change was intended to better convey the nature of the work conducted within the program and to more accurately reflect the focus on health behavior. In addition, the Senate voted in favor of a new **policy on the employment of Adjunct Faculty**; this policy would be a campus level version of the recently created **University System of Maryland policy on**

Adjunct Faculty. The Senate also voted in favor of an update to the University **Policy on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure of Faculty** that would activate the **Clinical Faculty titles**. These titles would apply to faculty engaged exclusively or primarily in clinical teaching. Lastly, the Senate Bylaws were recently revised by the Senate **Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee** with a number of title updates. The Senate voted in favor of all the suggested **title changes in the Senate Bylaws**.



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.*



Serving on the Senate provides an opportunity to have greater awareness about issues going on at the campus level. Senators can then serve as a bridge between that level and our local departments, as we engage in the shared governance process.

– Cheryl Holt, Faculty Senator



The Senate Committees are approaching the deadline for sending their business to the **Senate Executive Committee (SEC)** and Senate floor for the 2011-2012 academic year. The **ERG Committee** is completing their review of the **Department of Athletics request for representation on the Senate**. The **Educational Affairs Committee** is discussing their recommendations to **clarify and improve the student class selection process**. The **Nominations Committee** has been soliciting nominations from the membership of the Senate to create a slate of candidates for the SEC and other University committees and councils; the elections for these entities will take place at the May 3rd Transition Meeting of the Senate. The **Student Affairs Committee** is completing their report on the **Proposal to Change the Committee on the**



Committee News

Review of Student Fees (CRSF) Operating Procedure. The **Campus Affairs Committee** has set a date for the annual Campus Safety Forum - Thursday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m. This year's Safety Forum will address the topic of sexual assault and will feature a panel of guest speakers.



From the Senate Chair-Elect

other systems of reward in order to insure more equity and begin to address salary compression, a persistent issue. So the Faculty Affairs Committee has been charged with reviewing these alternative methods of compensation. This is a very important step forward regarding our reward system on this campus, so stay tuned! We continue to work on parental (not simply maternal) leave policies for both faculty and staff.

Martha Nell Smith

The March University Senate meeting featured our continued attention to policies on non-tenure track and adjunct faculty, with particular focus on working conditions and fair compensation. University colleagues can track our work on these crucial issues on the Senate website. Concomitantly, for tenure-track and tenured faculty, the Provost is working with the Senate leadership to study step and

Upcoming Meetings

3/26/12: Staff Affairs Mtg

3/26/12: APAS Mtg

3/27/12: EDI Mtg

3/27/12: Gen. Ed. Mtg

3/27/12: Educational Aff. Mtg

3/28/12: SCC Mtg

4/4/12: Senate Mtg

For a complete schedule
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Submit a Proposal to the Senate

Current Senate Legislation:

Proposed Policies for Parental Leave for Faculty
Senate Document 11-12-32

Representation of the Dept. of Athletics on the Senate
Senate Document 11-12-23

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

Proposal to Change the Committee on the Review of Student Fees (CRSF) Operating Procedures
Senate Document 11-12-12

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

Reform of the University APT Committee Procedures
Senate Document 11-12-03

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 \(Word Version\)](#)

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[Sample Proposal](#)

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

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