



# Senate Newsletter

## NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the October 5, 2017, Senate meeting, Chair Falvey encouraged all outgoing Senators to volunteer to serve on the Nominations Committee and announced that the Staff Affairs Committee is accepting nominations for the Board of Regents' Staff Awards until November 17, 2017. The Senate then voted in favor of a resolution honoring the Senate's late Parliamentarian, Professor Emeritus Kenneth G. Holum.

The Senate voted to approve proposals for new post-baccalaureate certificates in financial risk management (#17-18-09) and in leading and managing healthcare transformation (#17-18-10).

Marcio Oliveira, Assistant Vice President from the Division of Information Technology, presented on the interim web accessibility policy approved by the President on September 12, 2017, pending Senate review. Warren Kelley, co-chair of the Joint President/Senate Inclusion & Respect Task Force, presented on the task force's charge and process, and solicited feedback from Senators.

Chair Falvey and the Senate recognized the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, which is celebrating its 50th Year Anniversary during the 2017-2018 academic year.



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.



"It has been an honor to represent the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and to serve on the Senate Executive Committee this year as an Undergraduate Representative. The University Senate has given me the unique opportunity to work closely with faculty, staff, and administration on pressing issues affecting the University and has given me a greater appreciation for our highly-valued system of shared governance. The Senate is a collaborative working environment and serves as a way for the campus community to be heard, to take action, and to make a positive difference within the University!"

—Lillia Damalouji

Undergraduate Student Senator & Senate Executive Committee member

# From the Senate Chair

I want to call your attention to two items. First, the USM Board of Regents' Staff Awards Nominations are due in the Senate Office on Friday, November 17. These awards provide both a high level of recognition and a cash stipend (\$2000) to recognize staff members who have made exceptional contributions to the University. The success of our university would be impossible without the efforts of many dedicated, and often underappreciated, staff members. This award is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge these important contributions to our mission. Last year's awardees from our campus were Audrey Stewart from Facilities Management (and a long-serving member of the Senate and the SEC!) and Jenna Beckwith from the University Health Center. To be eligible, nominees must be exempt or non-exempt staff who have been with the University for at least 5 years. Two awards will be given in each of the following categories: 1) Exceptional Contribution to the Institution and/or Unit to Which the Person Belongs; 2) Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment; 3) Extraordinary Public Service to the University or Greater Community; 4) Effectiveness and Efficiency; and 5) Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice. If you know of any exceptional staff member who would be appropriate for any of these awards, contact the Senate Office. They can put you in touch with coaches who will help you assemble an effective nomination packet.



Second, if your Senate term ends this academic year, please consider serving on the Senate Nominations Committee. This important group solicits nominations for Senate-elected positions, including Chair-Elect, Senate Executive Committee, and several other committees and councils. These elections are held at our Transition Meeting in May, so the work of the Nominations Committee consists of 2-3 meetings held from late January to March. Eligible Senators should have received an email from the Senate Office with a link to a Google form that you can fill out. Contact the Senate Office for more information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Falvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

**Daniel Falvey**

## Committee News



The Senate's ten standing committees are beginning their work for the year. Committees have begun reviewing both continuing and new charges. The APAS Committee is working on two charges on student course evaluations and admissions processes related to criminal backgrounds. The EDI Committee is reviewing a proposal on gender-inclusive facilities on campus. The Faculty Affairs Committee was recently charged to consider the faculty grievance policy. The Educational Affairs Committee is reviewing a new charge on Limited Enrollment Program expectations. In addition, the Committee on Committees will meet this month to consider candidates for the Nominations Committee.

Find out more about Committee Work on each [committee's page](#) or [search current legislation](#) online!



# **2018 BOARD OF REGENTS' STAFF AWARDS**

## **NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!**

**ALL MATERIALS DUE NOVEMBER 17**

**THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS  
SYSTEM-WIDE RECOGNITION  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL STAFF**

**WINNERS RECEIVE A  
\$2,000 STIPEND**

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION AT**

**TER.PS/BORSA**

# Senate Parliamentarian Kenneth G. Holum

## 1939-2017

Senate Parliamentarian Kenneth G. Holum passed away on the morning of September 20, 2017. At the October 5, 2017, Senate meeting, the Senate voted to recognize Dr. Holum and record its appreciation for his enduring contributions to the University and to the Senate.

Professor Holum became a faculty member at the University in 1970 and was appointed as full Professor in 1997. Upon his retirement in 2014, he was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. His field was Ancient Mediterranean History, and he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the Ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome. His research interests were the Mediterranean world in Late Antiquity (fourth – seventh centuries) and the history and archaeology of Greek and Roman cities.



Professor Holum served his profession as director of the Combined Caesarea Expeditions, a project that he organized in 1988 to excavate Caesarea Maritima, a Roman, Islamic, and Crusader city on the coast of Israel. Between 1998 and 2003, he led sixteen consecutive summer fieldwork seasons at the site, each engaging more than a hundred student excavators, many of them from the University of Maryland, and an international staff of professional archaeologists. In 2006, he received the P.E. MacAllister Field Archaeology Award of the American Schools of Oriental Research in recognition of outstanding career contributions to the discipline of ancient Near Eastern archaeology.

Professor Holum received a number of grants and awards, including a Lady Davis Visiting Professorship in Jerusalem, a fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; a Senior Fellowship from the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem; three fellowships from Harvard's Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies; and a large research award from the Joseph and Mary Keller Foundation.

During his distinguished career at the University of Maryland, Professor Holum actively contributed to the University community as a dedicated teacher and mentor, and held numerous leadership roles in the History department. He also made great contributions to the University Senate; he served as University Senate Chair in 2008–2009, and was appointed as Senate Parliamentarian in 2013. During his tenure as Parliamentarian, Dr. Holum served as a valued advisor to the Senate leadership, to Senators, and to all Senate committees.

Professor Holum leaves behind a legacy as a brilliant scholar, dedicated teacher and mentor, and strong advocate for shared governance who exemplified this University's mission to provide excellence in teaching, research, and service.



## 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.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Senate Executive Committee- 10/18/17**

**Student Conduct Committee - 10/18/17**

**APAS Committee - 10/20/17**

**Faculty Affairs Committee - 10/23/17**

**EDI Committee - 10/23/17**

**Staff Affairs Committee - 10/23/17**

**Campus Affairs Committee - 10/25/17**

**Educational Affairs Committee - 10/27/17**

**Senate Meeting- 11/1/17**

## CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[Providing Gender Inclusive Facilities](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-32](#)

[University Expectations for Limited Enrollment Programs](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-36](#)

[Revisions to the UMD Policy on Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status of Library Faculty](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-28](#)

[Student Course Evaluation Improvement Project](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-24](#)

[Code of Student Conduct Revision](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-08](#)

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