- Special Order – Presidential Briefing
  - o President Loh spoke about the Review of Shared Governance Procedure Implementation report.
  - o President Loh expressed his commitment to shared governance and noted the importance of informed engagement.
  - o President Loh noted that the Senate looks at University-wide issues and that governance should be from a university-wide perspective.
- Senate Chair's Report
  - o <u>Committee Volunteer Period</u>
    The volunteer period for Senate standing committees had recently opened. Chair Brown encouraged senators to reach out to the campus community about participating in shared governance and encourage volunteers to serve on a committee by going to the website: www.senate.umd.edu. He especially encouraged faculty to volunteer and engage their colleagues as well. The deadline to volunteer is April 30, 2016.
  - o <u>Remaining Senate Meetings</u>
    - ▪ Chair Brown reminded Senators that there are now two more Senate meetings this academic year. The next meeting is an extra meeting that has been added to the schedule on April 28th. This will now be the last business meeting of the semester for any outgoing Senators. Chair Brown noted that the Senate would have several time-sensitive issues presented at this meeting and expressed the importance of a quorum to conduct business.
    - ▪ The May 5th Transition Senate Meeting will be for all continuing and incoming senators. On May 5th, the Senate will elect its next Chair-Elect, Jordan Goodman will take over as Chair, and the Senate will then vote for the elected committees of the Senate. The names of candidates running for the various committees and their candidacy statements will be distributed on April 21st.
- Review of Shared Governance Procedure Implementation (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-09) (Information)
  - o Chair Brown reminded Senators that the Senate leadership developed a series of actionable procedures to increase communication, inclusiveness, transparency, engagement, awareness, and trust. These procedures were intended to improve not only communication and relationships between the Senate, SEC, and the administration, but also to improve our working efficiencies and enhance the awareness of the campus community on the impact that the Senate's activities have on their daily lives and the importance of shared governance.
  - o The SEC was charged with conducting a review of these procedures.

- o Chair Brown noted that the report included in your materials is an information item that details the results of that review.
  - o While engagement between the Senate and the administration, and between the Senate and the campus community, has improved over the past year, more work still needs to be done.
  - o The procedures put in place this year should be reviewed, revised, and expanded to meet the needs of the campus and its constituents. The Senate leadership should continue to work with the administration to improve procedures to enhance shared governance at the University and continue to develop new ways to engage the campus community in the work of the Senate.
- PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-27)
  - o The Senate approved the new undergraduate degree program in Public Policy.
- Suggested Revision to the Academic Clemency Policy (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-29)
  - o The Senate approved the revised policy.
- Revision of the University of Maryland Undergraduate Student Grievance Procedure (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-22)
  - o The Senate approved the revised policy.
- Review of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-56)
  - o The Senate approved the revised Plan of Organization.
- Relevant Links
  - o Review of Shared Governance Procedure Implementation (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-09) (Information) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/042016/Shared _Governance_Implementation_15-16-09.pdf
  - o PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy (Senate Doc. No. 15-16-27) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/042016/PCC_P UAF_EstablishBAinPublicPolicy_15-16-27.pdf
  - o Suggested Revision to the Academic Clemency Policy (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-29) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/042016/APAS_ Clemency_14-15-29.pdf
  - o Revision of the University of Maryland Undergraduate Student Grievance Procedure (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-22) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/042016/Ed_Aff airs_Grievance_Procedure_14-15-22_spring2016.pdf
  - o Review of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-56) http://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2015to2016/042016/ERG_ MFRI_Plan_of_Org_10-11-56.pdf