SENATE MEETING SUMMARY
April 6, 2017

- Special Order: Presidential Briefing
  - President Loh took questions from Senators on a variety of topics including the future of the Purple Line, the state legislative session, student groups at the University, and the importance of voting.
- Senate Chair's Report
  - The Senate Chair spoke about the importance of federal research funding to the University. He encouraged Senators to attend the March for Science in Washington, DC on April 22nd and the Celebration of American Science & Engineering (CASE) on campus on April 21st. For the full text of his remarks, please see the First April Senate Newsletter.
  - Members of the campus community can sign up to serve on a Senate committee in 2017-2018 through May 1st. There are openings for faculty, staff, and students. For information on how to submit your application, please visit the Senate website.
  - The April 19th Senate meeting is the last meeting for outgoing Senators. All incoming and continuing Senators will be seated at the Senate Transition Meeting on May 4th. At the May 4th meeting, Senators will vote for the Chair-Elect, the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Senate-elected membership of various councils.
  - Vin Novara, past Senate Chair, will serve as Senate Parliamentarian for the remainder of the semester.
- Review of the Policy on Intellectual Property (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-36) (Action)
  - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- The University of Maryland Climate Action Plan 2.0 (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-30) (Action)
  - The Senate voted to approve the revised Plan.
- Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-03) (Action)
  - The Senate voted to approve the proposal.
- Special Order of the Day, William Bowerman, Professor & Chair, Environmental Science & Technology & Chair, Information Technology Council
  ITC Report for 2016-2017
  - William Bowerman gave an overview of the work of the IT Council this year.
  - He explained the progress that has been made in improving wireless service on campus, creating IT Council bylaws, and improving classroom technology.
  - He encouraged Senators to serve on the IT Council as some members are rotating off this year.
- Relevant Links
  - April Senate Newsletter: http://pub.lucidpress.com/Apr1Senate17/
  - March for Science: https://www.marchforscience.com/

- Celebration of American Science & Engineering: http://case.umd.edu/
- Overview of the Senate Committees:
  https://senate.umd.edu/committees/index.cfm
- Sign Up to Volunteer for a Senate Committee:
  https://senate.umd.edu/committees/volunteer.cfm
- Review of the Policy on Intellectual Property (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-36):
  https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=177
- The University of Maryland Climate Action Plan 2.0 (Senate Doc. No. 16-17-30):
  https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=613
- Policies and Procedures Governing Preferred/Primary Names and Sex/Gender Markers in University Databases:
  https://senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=437
- IT Council Presentation:
  https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/040617/IT_Council_Presentation.pdf