

## SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

### May 4, 2017

- Election of the Chair-Elect
  - Christopher Walsh, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources was elected to be the next Chair-Elect.
- Special Elections
  - [Transition Meeting Election Results](#)
- Report of the Outgoing Chair, Jordan Goodman
  - Goodman stated that he has been impressed by the work of the Senate and its committees this year and thanked committee members for their service.
  - Goodman noted that many improvements have been made to the communication between Senators and their constituents, among Senators, and between the Senate and the administration but added that there is still work to be done.
  - Goodman gave examples of effective and ineffective models for shared governance on our campus.
  - Goodman expressed the value of the Senate as a forum for providing valuable perspectives in the decision-making process in order to increase buy-in from the campus community and broader understanding of decisions. He stated the importance of giving the Senate the appropriate context at an early stage in the process.
  - Goodman emphasized the importance of Senate input in setting budgetary priorities and academic planning.
  - Goodman encouraged Senators to strongly and clearly voice their opinions and work to engage their constituents.
  - Incoming Senate Chair Falvey thanked Goodman for his leadership and commitment to shared governance this past year.
  - Falvey also noted that the 2017-2018 Senate meeting schedule was available on the Senate [website](#).
- Special Order of the Day, Mary Burke, Assistant Vice President, University Relations [\*The Importance of Faculty in Donor Relations\*](#)
  - Burke explained the University's current fundraising goals and engagement strategies, including raising \$1.5 billion in support with a goal of \$200M in endowed faculty support.
  - Burke encouraged faculty members to work with their College/School development officers to identify donors and engage with them.
- Relevant Links
  - Transition Meeting Election Results: <https://senate.umd.edu/elections/transition.cfm>
  - 2017-2018 Senate Schedule: <https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/schedule.cfm>
  - The Importance of Faculty in Donor Relations presentation: [https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/050417/Faculty\\_Donor\\_Relations\\_Presentation.pdf](https://senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/2016to2017/050417/Faculty_Donor_Relations_Presentation.pdf)