

University Senate Meeting

February 5, 2025



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FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Go to **Top Hat** on a mobile device or at <https://app.tophat.com/e/>

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Quorum: 91

Senators & Deans: Press **1** in **Top Hat** to indicate that you are present for quorum purposes.

The meeting will start once we reach the Quorum number above.

1. Yes, present





Agenda

1. Call to Order

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2. Approval of the December 4, 2024 Senate Minutes (Action)



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3. Report of the Chair

Report of the Chair – Senate Office Updates

- The University Senate Assistant Director position has been filled.
- Victoria "Vicki" Fitzgerald joined the University Senate team on Monday, January 13, 2025, as the Assistant Director of the University Senate.



Report of the Chair – Senate Office Updates

- Vicki holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from McDaniel College, a Master of Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University (JHU), and is currently pursuing a Master's in Higher Education at UMD.



Report of the Chair – Senate Office Updates

- She brings a wealth of experience in program development, organizational leadership, and higher education policy implementation.
- Before joining UMD, Vicki held key positions at JHU's Krieger School of Arts and Sciences Office of Academic Advising and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Department of Computer Science.



Report of the Chair – Senate Office Updates

- Since joining UMD in 2017, she has made significant contributions, including leading the launch of the undergraduate Neuroscience program in 2020 and advancing strategic initiatives that support institutional excellence.



Report of the Chair – Senate Office Updates

- Her outstanding contributions have been recognized with accolades such as the 2023 Thelma M. Williams Advisor of the Year Award from UMD's College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences.
- We are excited for the expertise and dedication Vicki brings to our team and look forward to her impact in this new role.



Report of the Chair – Senate Faculty Elections

- The University Senate is preparing the annual elections for the 2025–2026 academic year, and we need your support in ensuring a smooth process within your schools and colleges.
- Faculty Senators (Tenured/Tenure-Track and Professional Track Faculty) are elected at the College/unit level.



Report of the Chair – Senate Faculty Elections

- Each Colleges/unit should conduct elections to replace outgoing Faculty Senators whose terms end in April 2025, as well as any continuing Senators who will be on sabbatical or retiring next year.
- Election results must be reported to the Senate Office by Friday, February 7, 2025.



Report of the Chair – Senate Faculty Elections

- The details and information have been emailed to College Leadership already.
- Newly-elected faculty Senators will be eligible for nomination for our elected committees and councils and leadership positions for the 2024-2025 academic year.



Report of the Chair – Senate Faculty Elections

- If you are a current faculty member and have questions about your school's election process, please contact your department or unit leadership.



Report of the Chair – Senator Elections

- The candidacy period for the staff, student, and single-member constituency elections for the 2025-2026 Academic Year will end on February 14, 2025. .
- All candidates who wish to run for a Senate seat should submit their applications by February 14, 2025 via the University Senate “Take Action” webpage.

<https://www.senate.umd.edu/senate/startCandidacyApplication>



Report of the Chair – Senator Elections

- Elections for these constituencies will begin on February 17, 2025.
- If you are a member of one of these constituencies, we encourage you to vote for your Senators at that time.



Report of the Chair – Nominations for Elected Committees and Councils

- The Nominations Committee will hold its first meeting of the Spring semester on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
- The Committee is tasked with identifying potential nominees for the Senate's elected committees and councils, including the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, the Athletic Council, and the Council of University System Faculty.



Report of the Chair – Nominations for Elected Committees and Councils

- Senators will receive an email in the coming days soliciting self-nominations and nominations of their colleagues.
- It is important to continue to have strong nominees running in all of these elections, and I encourage you to consider running or nominating your colleagues for these important positions.



Report of the Chair – Senate Executive Committee Meeting

- Under the Senate's Bylaws and procedures, the Senate Executive Committee can vote on behalf of the Senate for certain items, one of which is technical revisions to policy.
- Technical revisions reflect minor enough edits, or compliance-related matters.



Report of the Chair – Senate Executive Committee Meeting

- The SEC voted to approve three items as technical amendments to policies at the January 22, 2025 Meeting:
 - Technical and Legal Updates to VI-1.00 (B) University of Maryland Non-Discrimination Policy and Procedures (Senate Document #23-24-15)
 - Technical and Legal Updates to VI-1.60 (A) University of Maryland Policy and Procedures on Sexual Harassment and Other Sexual Misconduct (Senate Document #23-24-16)
 - Technical Approval of the Proposed Edits to the Faculty Grievance Policy (Senate Document #24-25-08)



Report of the Chair – Senate Executive Committee Meeting

- The materials for these three items were included in your materials today, for informational purposes. If you have any questions, please raise them now.



Report of the Chair – In Memoriam, Mark P. Leone, Former Senate Chair

- Senate Leadership is saddened to share that Professor Mark P. Leone, Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Anthropology passed away on December 11, 2024.



Report of the Chair – In Memoriam, Mark P. Leone, Former Senate Chair

- Professor Leone served as University Senate Chair in 2000 and served on various University Senate Committees such as the SEC and the Student Affairs Committee.
- Professor Leone was a major influence on the development of landscape archaeology, the archaeology of capitalism, the archaeology of African Americans, and public interpretations of archaeological sites.



Report of the Chair – In Memoriam, Mark P. Leone, Former Senate Chair

- An ‘In memoriam’ slide will be shared now to honor the former University Senate Chair.





Past Senate Chair

*Mark P.
Leone
1940-2024*





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4. PCC Proposal to Establish a
Master of Science in Information
(Senate Document #24-25-23)
(Action)

PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23)

- The College of Information proposes to establish a Master of Science in Information.
- This program will only be available to students in the Information Studies Ph.D. program.



PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23)

- This master's program will primarily be an exit option for doctoral students who are not able to complete the doctoral program.
- This degree may also, on a request-only basis, be awarded to doctoral students in good academic standing who desire to receive additional credentialing.



PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23)

- The M.S. curriculum will overlap with the Ph.D. coursework.
- Students will earn the master's degree by completing a minimum of 30 credits of coursework, including the following requirements: three foundational courses, nine credits of research methods, nine credits of electives in a specialization area, and a three- credit summative assessment.



PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23)

- There are no financial implications with this program as it will not require any new instruction, facilities, or equipment.
- There will be no recruitment costs and the college's current administrative infrastructure is sufficient to support the students who will choose this option.



PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23)

- The proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee at its meeting on December 6, 2024.
- The Program, Curricula, and Courses Committee moves that the proposal to establish a Master of Science in Information be approved.



Discussion

**PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of
Science in Information (Senate
Document #24-25-23) (Action)**



PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Information (Senate Document #24-25-23) (Action)

1. In Favor
2. Opposed
3. Abstain





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5. Special Order at 3:50pm
Shibley Telhami, Max Grossman
Co-Chairs of the Task
Force on Antisemitism and
Islamophobia,
*Antisemitism and Islamophobia
Task Force Report*

Discussion

**Special Order: Antisemitism and
Islamophobia Task Force Report**





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6. Special Order at 4:10pm

Will Reed

Assistant Provost for
Academic Planning

Middle States Accreditation

AY 23/24

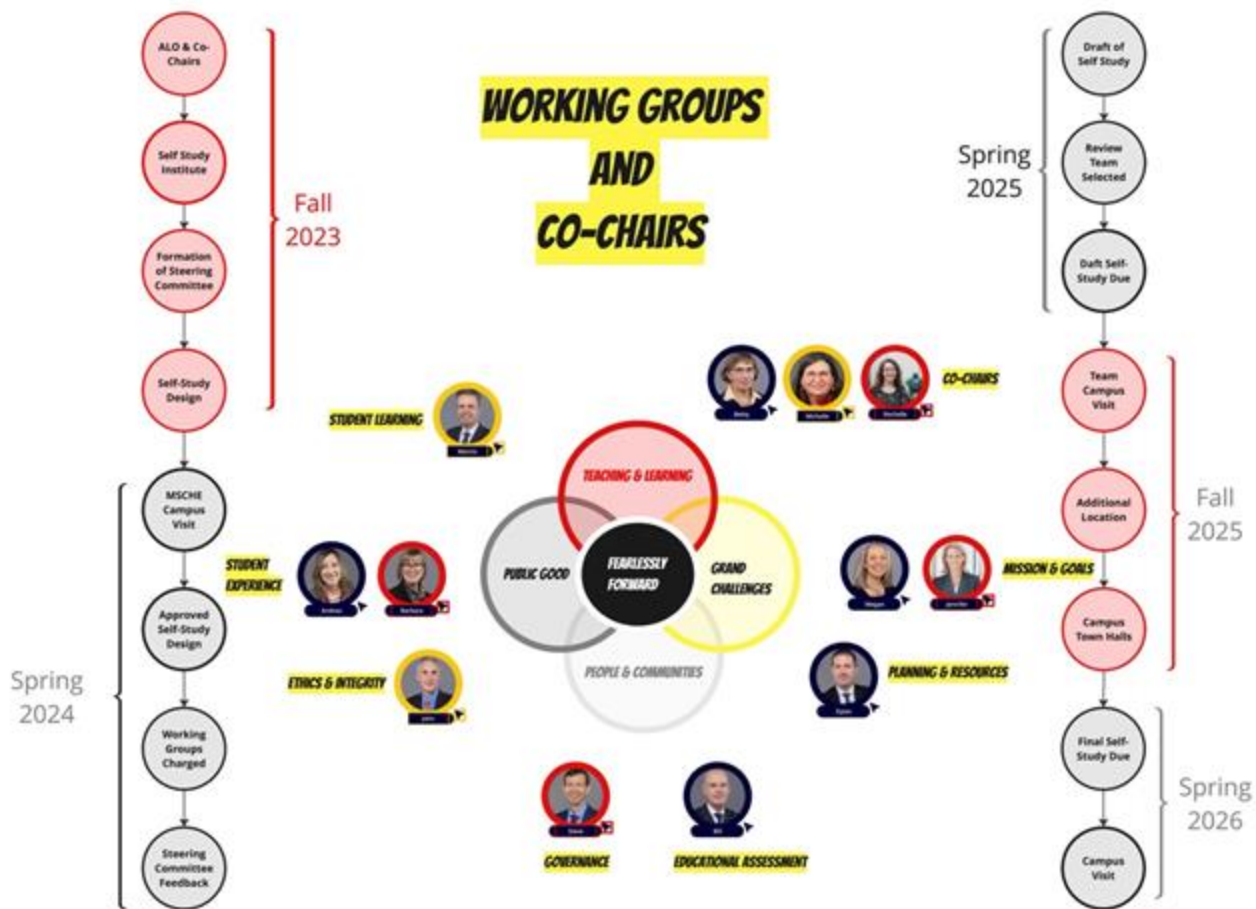
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Discussion

Middle States Accreditation





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7. New Business
*Adoption of Special Rule of
Procedure Regarding Resolutions
(Senate Document #24-25-26)*

Discussion

**New Business: Adoption of Special Rule of
Procedure Regarding Resolutions (Senate
Document #24-25-26)**



New Business: Adoption of Special Rule of Procedure Regarding Resolutions (Senate Document #24-25-26)

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3.5.d Items requiring a Senate vote shall be provided in writing with the materials given to each Senator before the meeting at which the vote will be taken. Any items brought as New Business will be put over for action at the next meeting upon a call for deferral by any Senator present, except that, if two-thirds of the Senators present vote against such deferral, a vote may be taken on an item brought as new Business at the same meeting where the item is brought as New Business.



New Business: Adoption of Special Rule of Procedure Regarding Resolutions (Senate Document #34-35-26) (Action)

1. In Favor
2. Opposed
3. Abstain



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8. Adjournment

**Thank you for
attending!**

