



CALL TO ORDER

Senate Chair Lanford called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2019 SENATE MINUTES (ACTION)

The minutes were approved as corrected ([in blue](#)).

Senators raised concerns about the student athletic fees, the use of homophobic slurs in the football program, [the health and safety of student athletes, and overly soft academic offerings](#), and inquired about the model for paying student athletes, legislation that would provide student athletes with the right to collective bargaining, scholarship fund has been established to honor Jordan McNair, and how the Athletic Department solicits opinions from student athletes.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The [2019 BOR Staff Awards](#) recipients include two UMD staff - Margaret Gibbs, Counseling Center for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution and/or Unit to which the Person Belongs (non-exempt) and Valencia Tirado, Dining Services for Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment (non-exempt).

The presidential search committee is hosting two open forums for members of the campus community on September 24th at 10 am and 3 pm in the Hoff Theater in the Stamp Student Union. The search committee established a website <https://umd.edu/presidential-search> that contains information about the search committee, the search firm, the position profile, how to provide input to the search committee and how to nominate candidates.

The USM and the Board of Regents made a concerted effort to strengthen trust by emphasizing shared governance, transparency, and accountability by improving communication with campus stakeholders. The Chancellor and the Board Chair established active and open communication lines with the SEC and Senate Leadership.

The Regents appointed Louis Pope as Board Liaison for our campus. He will develop relationships and maintain regular communication with campus leadership and stakeholders in order to gain insight into the institution's priorities and challenges to help the full BOR understand our institution.

The Chancellor search is underway and the search committee anticipates naming a successor by December 2019 to prevent impacting the search for our president.

The University will have a "Commission Liaison Guidance Visit" (CLVG) on September 25th by two Middle States staff members to explain what we should include in the report that we are expected to write by March 1, 2020. They will meet with the University's leadership, members of the Board of Regents, USM leadership, and the Senate leadership. A small peer-review team will visit in early April 2020 to assess our progress and the Commission will meet in June 2020 to determine whether it would be appropriate to lift the warning.

The [Special Committee on University Finance \(SCUF\)](#) was appointed and it will be chaired by Katharine Abraham, Director of the Maryland Center for Economics and Policy and Professor, Department of Economics.

SPECIAL ORDER

Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary & Director, University Senate

Orientation: Senators, Senate Meetings, and Shared Governance

Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary & Director, provided an overview of the role of Senators, the operations of Senate meetings, and the University's principles of shared governance. She provided information on the role of the Senate, including advising the President on policy matters, guiding documents, and academic programs. Montfort stressed the importance of active participation by Senators by coming to meetings prepared having reviewed all the materials in advance and engaging constituents before meetings. She concluded by providing an overview of the issues before the Senate this year and noting that all Senate legislation can be tracked on the Senate website at <http://www.senate.umd.edu/senateBills/>.

2018-2019 SENATE LEGISLATION LOG (SENATE DOCUMENT #19-20-01) (INFORMATION)

Lanford explained that the legislation log had been provided to the Senate as an informational item. It gives an overview of the work completed by the Senate last year and includes any pending items that will carry over to this year.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 COMMITTEE & COUNCIL SLATES (SENATE DOCUMENT #19-20-02) (ACTION)

Laura Dugan, Chair of the Committee on Committees, provided background on the selection process and made a motion to approve the standing committee and council slates as presented

Lanford asked whether there was discussion on the slates; hearing none, she called for a vote of the Senate. The result was 110 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions. **The motion to approve the revised slates as presented passed.**

PCC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A DOCTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SENATE DOCUMENT #19-20-12) (ACTION)

Betsy Beise, member of the PCC Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Doctorate of Public Health (Senate Document #19-20-12) and provided background information on the proposal.

Lanford opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

A Senator noted that while diversity efforts were highlighted in the proposal, the same level of detail was not provided in comparison to the required library resources. They noted that diversity efforts should be a more detailed aspect of the proposal. While representatives of the college expressed the value that they place in their diversity efforts in their admissions process and curriculum, Chair Lanford noted that the concern was an important point that should be addressed in the overall process but not as it pertains to this particular proposal.

Hearing no further discussion, Lanford called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 103 in favor, 4 opposed, and 8 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

REVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES (SENATE DOCUMENT #18-19-10) (ACTION)

Jo Zimmerman, Chair of the Campus Affairs, presented the Review of the University of Maryland, College Park Procedures for the Use of Physical Facilities (Senate Document #18-19-10) and provided background information on the proposal.

Lanford opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, she called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 100 in favor, 6 opposed, and 3 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

A Senator inquired about whether the finalists for the president and chancellor's searches would provide open forums for the campus community. Lanford responded that the Board of Regents is responsible for those searches and noted that both would be closed searches. This is common practice in most upper-level administrative searches that allow universities to attract top candidates that may not apply without the promise of anonymity.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.