



CALL TO ORDER

Senate Chair Lanford called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2019 SENATE MINUTES (ACTION)

The minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- Lanford, Dugan, and Montfort attended the annual Big10 Academic Alliance Governance Leaders Conference October 17-19, 2019 at the University of Michigan. Some of the topics discussed at the conference included Admissions and Enrollment Trends in Higher Education, #MeToo in Higher Education: Managing Allegations Against Professors, Entering the Online Education Space: Opportunities and Challenges, Faculty Life: Facilitating Collegiality, Community, and Wellness. Best practices on a variety of issues in higher education were also shared
- The Staff Affairs Committee is currently accepting nominations for this year's [Board of Regents' Staff Awards](#). These annual awards are the highest System-wide recognition of the exceptional work done by staff members across the USM. Exempt and non-exempt staff who have been with the University for at least 5 years are eligible to be nominated in one of five categories. There are coaches available to help nominators gather the necessary materials, and any member of the university community, including students, can nominate an eligible staff member. Nomination packets are due to the Staff Affairs Committee by Friday, November 15.
- Because this is President Loh's final year, the Senate leadership and President Loh agreed that it would be more fitting for him to do a Farewell Address at the May Senate meeting instead of his normal State of the Campus address.

SPECIAL ORDER: BOB DOOLING, CHAIR, RESEARCH COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE -- [DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENDORSEMENT POLICY](#)

Bob Dooling, Chair of the Research Council Endorsement Policy Subcommittee presented the draft Endorsement Policy and provided background and context on the impetus and development of the draft policy. He noted that the policy merely codifies and centralizes various existing guidelines and solicited feedback from Senators.

Senators did not raise any concerns or ask any questions. Chair Lanford noted that the final Endorsement Policy will be brought to the Senate for a vote at the February Senate meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER: CARLO COLELLA, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE -- [CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY](#)

Carlo Colella, Vice President for Administration & Finance provided an overview of the University's commitment to climate action and its goals including: achieving carbon neutrality, excellence in Smart Growth, minimizing waste, sustainable water use, educating students on sustainability, and advancing sustainability locally and globally.

- Climate Action Plan has reached 50% reduction in GHG emissions by 2020 and plans to be Carbon Neutral by 2050
- Reduce UMD's carbon footprint by eliminating activities that produce CO₂ and mitigating the impact through off-site actions
- 100% renewable purchased electricity (solar panels); net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from new buildings (Iribe); offsetting 100% of air travel emissions; offsetting 100% of undergraduate student commuting emissions;
- Remaining sources of GHG emissions: Central Energy Plant, commuters, fleet vehicles, boilers, generators, etc. - NextGen energy system utility modernization

Senators made suggestions related to providing a specific lane for bikes and scooters; encouraging Pepsi to provide alternatives to plastic bottles in vending machines; engaging members of the campus community with disabilities or from underrepresented groups in the discussions on transportation; behavioral changes to reduce food waste; collaborating with platinum-rated schools; reconsidering the mandatory sustainability fee for undergraduate students; and moving the carbon neutrality deadline up to 2025 or 2030.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON HAZING (V-1.00[K]) (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-20](#)) (INFORMATION)

Chair Lanford explained that all three items were technical revisions that were a result of the changes to the Code of Student Conduct approved by the Senate last year. She stated that the Senate Office has instituted a new process for technical amendments to policy to be documented and tracked so the Senate is made aware of those changes and so there is an official record. Lanford noted that the revisions have already been approved by the President because they are associated with a prior Senate vote and do not require any further Senate action.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICY ON EXCUSED ABSENCE (V-1.00[G]) (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-21](#)) (INFORMATION)

Lanford presented the Technical Revisions as an informational item.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE POLICY ON PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE ACTION IN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES (V-1.00[J]) (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-22](#)) (INFORMATION)

Lanford presented the Technical Revisions as an informational item.

TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK POLICY ON APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, AND PERMANENT STATUS OF LIBRARY FACULTY (II-1.00[B]) (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-23](#)) (INFORMATION)

Chair Lanford stated that this item is a technical amendment to the Policy on Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status of Library Faculty was necessary to clarify that the process requires 6 letters to be “requested” instead of requiring 6 letters to be received. This principle aligns with the University’s Appointment, Promotion, & Tenure Policy. There may be instances where a case needs to move forward with five letters instead of six; such situations are rare and are handled on a case by case basis in both the permanent status and APT processes. The technical amendment reflects the flexibility needed to address those situations. This amendment has also been approved by the President because it is merely a clarification so it does not require any further Senate action.

PCC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN REAL ESTATE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-14](#)) (ACTION)

Betsy Beise, member of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee presented the proposal and provided background information.

Senators did not discuss the proposal but voted to approve the proposal with **91 in favor, 5 opposed, and 3 abstentions.**

PCC PROPOSAL TO RENAME THE POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN “SURVEY STATISTICS” TO “FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEY STATISTICS” (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-18](#)) (ACTION)

Betsy Beise, member of the PCC Committee presented the proposal and provided background information.

Senators did not discuss the recommendations but voted to approve the proposal with **93 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention.**

PCC PROPOSAL TO RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN “FILM STUDIES” TO “CINEMA AND MEDIA STUDIES” (SENATE DOCUMENT [#19-20-19](#)) (ACTION)

Betsy Beise, member of the PCC Committee presented the proposal and provided background information.

Senators did not discuss the recommendations but voted to approve the proposal with **93 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.