



# Senate Newsletter

## NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the December 4, 2018, Senate Meeting, President Loh gave his State of the Campus Address. He praised the University's system of shared governance and noted that it is a unique form of academic democracy. President Loh reported on the University's major accomplishments during his tenure and provided an update on future projects, including plans for building new dorms and redevelopment efforts in the City of College Park.

Chair Walsh noted that elections for staff, student, and single-member constituency Senators for 2019–2020 will begin on January 22, 2019. He also reported that the Chancellor and the Board of Regents had acknowledged receipt of the Senate's Resolution Condemning the Actions of the Board of Regents.

The Senate voted to approve the UMD Policies and Procedures on the Disclosure of Student Academic Records (Senate Document #17-18-16). The Student Conduct Committee presented proposed revisions to the Code of Academic Integrity (Senate Document #17-18-08). Senators discussed and voted to approve the revised policy after amending the definition of self-plagiarism.

Proposals to establish a Bachelor of Science in Embedded Systems and the Internet of Things (Senate Document #18-19-19) and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (Senate Document #18-19-20) were also approved by the Senate.

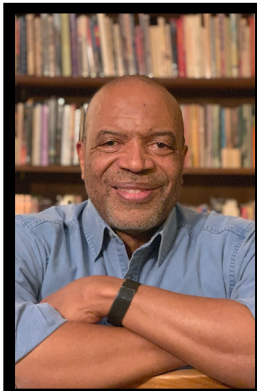


The Senate is one of the largest and most influential governing bodies on campus.

University Senate = Shared Governance. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators work together to better our University.

The Senate debates and votes on policy-related issues and other governing aspects of the University.

The Senate directly advises the University President.



"Periodically we become acutely aware of the importance of shared governance and knowing how decisions are made on campus. This year has been one of those times. The ERG Committee is largely responsible for ensuring all constituents and stakeholders have a voice in the decision-making process. In addition to learning a great deal about the makeup and organization of various units, I've been impressed, during my tenure, with how committee members – staff, students and faculty – take this charge seriously and are extremely diligent in making sure all groups are represented equitably."

–Wendell Hill III, ERG Committee Member

# From the Senate Chair

Every year in the Senate is different. This summer's tragic loss of Jordan McNair and the negative reports that ensued have led to a once-in-a-decade crisis for the University. In my 39 years on campus, I have seen a few of these, each of which has been brought on by an unexpected event.

While these crises lead to turmoil, history shows us that shared governance can bring positive solutions. It's my hope that our work will have a positive impact. Our efforts should improve things for athletics on this campus and possibly at other colleges and universities. As the semester comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their time and patience. We never expected to have to convene two additional Senate meetings and then extend the time of our December meeting. That extension was the only way we could accommodate President Loh's schedule and still complete the pressing business of the Senate. Your added time and attendance allowed us to approve two new programs, have a meaningful discussion on the concept of "self-plagiarism," and also pass the Revision of the Code of Academic Integrity (Senate Document #17-18-08). Completing these items at our December meeting helped us meet higher level deadlines with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), and ensure that the necessary revisions to the University policies on student records and academic integrity will be in place for the upcoming semester.



**Chris Walsh**

## Committee News



The Senate's ten standing committees continue to make progress on all the charges they have received this fall. The APAS Committee is continuing its review of a charge involving course evaluations. The Elections, Representation, and Governance Committee continues to review a proposal on Enhancing Senate Input on University Planning and Resources, as well as finishing Revisions to the University of Maryland Libraries Plan of Organization. The EDI Committee continues to review the Non-Discrimination Policy.





# Senate Elections

The University Senate Office holds elections through the Senate website each year to fill staff, student, and single-member constituency vacancies on the Senate. New staff Senators will serve a three-year term, and student Senators and Senators representing single-member constituencies will serve a one-year term. Senators representing full-time tenured/ tenure-track (T/TT) faculty and professional track (PTK) faculty are elected by each College or School and serve three-year terms.

Staff members will elect new Senators to replace those with terms ending this year in the categories of exempt and non-exempt staff from Divisions and exempt and non-exempt staff from the Colleges and Schools. Undergraduate students will elect representatives by College, based on their primary major. Graduate students will elect 10 representatives at-large. Student Senators can serve a total of 3 consecutive one-year terms.

Representatives of the single-member constituencies listed below are each elected for a one-year term from among their ranks and are eligible to be elected for 3 consecutive terms:

- part-time research, part-time teaching, adjunct, and all visiting faculty
- emeriti faculty
- head coaches
- post-doctoral scholars, post-doctoral associates, junior lecturers, and faculty assistants
- contingent II staff
- part-time undergraduate students
- part-time graduate students

The Senate elections are your opportunity to choose who you want to represent you on the largest governing body at the University of Maryland. Eligible campus community members will receive information via email on the sign-up and elections processes. We invite you to run for the Senate and vote in the Senate elections! Please visit the [Senate website](http://www.senate.umd.edu) for more information on how to run for the Senate or vote in Senate elections. Thank you for your continued interest in shared governance at the University of Maryland!

## Senate Election Schedule

January 22–February 8, 2019: Sign Up to Run for the Senate

February 25–March 8, 2019: Vote for Senators to Represent You



## SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE

Any member of the campus community may submit a proposal to the University Senate to review University policies\* and procedures or to suggest the creation and establishment of new ones. To submit an idea or proposal to the Senate, click on a link below to download a blank proposal form in Word or as a PDF.

[Proposal Form \(Word Version\)](#)

[Proposal Form \(PDF Version\)](#)

[Sample Proposal](#)

\* A manual of current University policies can be found here.

## SPRING 2018 SENATE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 5, 2019–Atrium

Wednesday, March 6, 2019–Colony  
Ballroom

Thursday, April 4, 2019–PG Room

Wednesday, April 24, 2019–Atrium

Tuesday, May 7, 2019–Atrium–Transition  
Meeting

## CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[Review of the University of  
Maryland Non-Discrimination  
Policy and Procedures](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-16](#)

[Review of the University of  
Maryland, College Park Procedures  
for the Use of Physical Facilities](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-10](#)

[Revisions the University of  
Maryland Libraries \(LIBR\) Plan of  
Organization](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-08](#)

[Student Course Evaluation  
Improvement Project](#)

[Senate Document 16-17-24](#)

[BOR Staff Awards 2018-2019](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-12](#)

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Legislation: [Click Here](#)

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