



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the February 5, 2019, Senate meeting, Julia Strange (Assistant Director of Prevention and Chair of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee) provided an update on Sexual Assault Prevention at the University of Maryland, including implementation of several recommendations made by the Joint President/Senate Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force (SAPTF).

Senators reviewed and voted to approve the Libraries Plan of Organization as well as 5 PCC items, among them a PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computation and Mathematics for Biological Networks (COMBINE) (Senate Document #18-19-28) and the PCC Proposal to Establish a Masters of Science in Geospatial Information (Senate Document #18-19-26).

The Senate also discussed the search for a new University president. Chair Walsh provided an overview of the Senate Executive Committee's (SEC) process for selecting nominees for the presidential search committee. He also referenced a **letter from Chancellor Caret** outlining next steps in the search process and noting that he planned to add an academic dean as vice-chair. The Senate approved a **resolution** urging President Loh to designate he Senate Chair as an ex-officio member of his Cabinet. The Senate considered a second resolution on the presidential search but ultimately voted to charge the SEC with continuing the review.



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.



"My first year serving as a Senate committee member has been informative and allowed me to engage with members from the larger campus community, focused on a common goal, in a way that I have found rewarding. I hope that more people, no matter their position on campus, will engage in our shared governance structure and serve on a Senate committee."

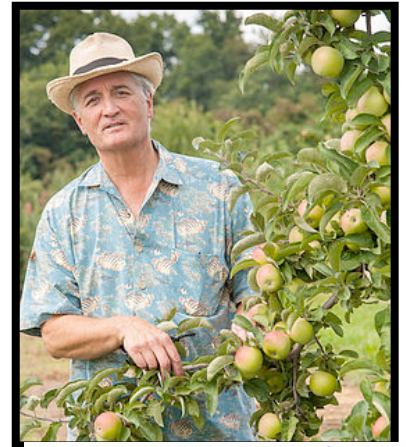
—Blessing Enekwe, Ph.D.
Exempt staff member of the Student Conduct Committee

From the Senate Chair

While the past two months have been quiet for the full Senate, much work went on behind the scenes in our many Senate committees. A good example of the valuable work that occurs before proposals are placed on the Senate agenda happened at our February Senate meeting. The rapid passage of the five proposals presented by PCC Chair Dr. Janna Bianchini marks the culmination of many committees' efforts.

Last summer's tragic death of football player Jordan McNair, and the reports on the team's culture led to a crisis for the University. The SEC was charged with reviewing the reports and making recommendations. The SEC appointed a subcommittee that worked to digest the two reports and draft a series of recommendations. Their final recommendations were sent to the President and shared with the Senate. This was a major undertaking for those involved; Pam Lanford, Dan Falvey, Harry Huntley, and Amy Zimmer deserve our thanks for this effort.

The SEC took time to fulfill the Senate's charges to compile nominees for the presidential search committee. They polled the Senate to create a slate for Chancellor Caret to consider while forming the Presidential Search Committee. We are pleased to report that the search process will begin soon. The Chancellor will begin by visiting the campus to hear our thoughts on the search. He plans to meet with a variety of leadership and then schedule an open forum for campus. The visits will inform the search process and help shape the characteristics needed in the next president, so they will continue to improve the quality of this institution we all cherish.



Chris Walsh



Committee News

The Senate's ten standing committees continue to make progress on various charges. The APAS Committee is reviewing a proposal to Establish a Policy on Repeating Undergraduate Courses. The EDI Committee continues to review the University's policy and procedures on Non-Discrimination, as well as its policy on Inclusive Language. The ERG Committee is considering changes to the College of Information Studies' Plan of Organization and considering the creation of a new committee on planning and resources.



Nominees Needed!

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates to run for open positions on Senate-elected committees and councils for the 2019–2020 academic year. Specific information about the process, available positions, and deadlines is listed below.

Please nominate yourself or a fellow Senator via our [Google form](#) by February 15, 2019.

All incoming and continuing Senators who will be part of the 2019–2020 Senate are eligible to run for positions on the committees and councils listed below, unless otherwise noted. Nominees will be considered by the Senate Nominations Committee for placement on the slate(s) for election, but are not guaranteed a spot. All candidates will be asked to submit a short candidacy statement via email. Candidacy statements will be due by Friday, April 5, 2019. The elections will take place at the Senate meeting on May 7 2019.

Senate Executive Committee (SEC): Seven faculty members (with no more than two from any College/School), one exempt staff member, one non-exempt staff member, two graduate students, and two undergraduate students from the 2019–2020 Senate will be elected to serve for one year.

Senate Committee on Committees: Three faculty members, one non-exempt staff member, one graduate student, and one undergraduate student will be elected. Nominees must be Senators. Faculty and staff members will serve a two-year term while students will serve a one-year term.

University Athletic Council: Two faculty members will be elected and will serve a three-year term on the council. Nominees do not need to be Senators.

Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC): One faculty member, one exempt staff member, one non-exempt staff member, and one undergraduate student will be elected. The faculty and staff candidates do not have to be Senators and will serve three-year terms. The undergraduate member must be a Senator and will serve for one year.

Council of University System Faculty (CUSF): Two faculty representatives and one alternate faculty representative (who attends meetings when the full-time representatives are not available) will be elected. Members serve three-year terms and do not need to be Senators.

For more information, [click here](#).



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.

CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[Enhancing Senate Input on University Planning and Resources](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-20](#)

[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](#)

[Proposal to Establish a University Policy on Repeating Undergraduate Courses](#)

[Senate Document 18-19-09](#)

Click on any legislation item above for more details. To view all Senate Legislation: [Click Here](#)

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APAS Committee-2/18/19

Educational Affairs Committee-2/21/19

Staff Affairs Committee-2/28/18

Campus Affairs Committee-2/22/19

PCC Committee-3/1/19

Student Affairs Committee- 3/7/19

ERG Committee-3/11/19

EDI Committee- 3/12/19

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