



Senate Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE SENATE MEETING

At the October 2, 2018, Senate meeting, Chair Walsh encouraged all outgoing Senators to volunteer to serve on the Nominations Committee and announced that the Staff Affairs Committee is accepting nominations for the Board of Regents' Staff Awards until November 16, 2018. Senators heard a presentation on the Purple Line from Vice President of Administration & Finance, Carlo Colella.

The Senate considered recommendations made by the APAS Committee regarding Undergraduate Admissions Procedures Related to Criminal Background (Senate Document #16-17-29). The Senate voted to approve one amendment to the recommendations, and approved the proposal as amended.

Chair Walsh announced that a subcommittee headed by Chair-Elect Dr. Pam Lanford has been created by the SEC to review and make recommendations regarding the Board of Regents investigations of the Athletics Department. The subcommittee is comprised of SEC members and will report to the SEC on its findings.

Chair Walsh and the Senate recognized and congratulated the Department of Kinesiology, which is celebrating its 125th Year Anniversary during the 2018-2019 academic year.



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.



"The University Senate is an amazing glimpse at the life and operations of a complex research university and community like Maryland. And the opportunity it provides to connect with colleagues and students deeply invested in our University is unmatched. Participating in our shared governance and representing my colleagues has been a tremendous privilege."

—Fulvio Cativo

Staff Senator & Chair of the Staff Affairs Committee

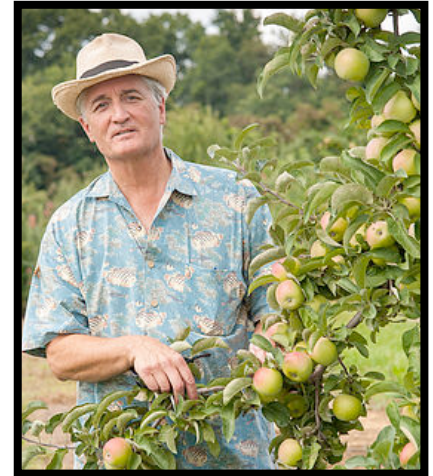
From the Senate Chair

October is always a busy month, and our October Senate meeting followed by a Food Safety and Security Conference kept me in Stamp Union much of the week. At the Senate meeting, I had the pleasure of announcing the USM Board of Regents' Staff Awardees. It was particularly gratifying as four of the awardees were from units on this campus. The 2018 winners from College Park were Cheryl Hill, University of Maryland Extension; Sara Lopez, Dining Services; Luis Alfonzo, Facilities Management; and Gary Seibel, Department of Environmental Science and Technology.

I also had the pleasure of announcing the start of a new Board of Regents Staff Award cycle for 2019. To be eligible, nominees must be an exempt or non-exempt staff member who has been with the University for at least five years. Awards are given in these five categories: 1) Exceptional Contribution to the Institution and/or Unit to which a person belongs; 2) Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment; 3) Extraordinary Public Service to the University or Greater Community; 4) Effectiveness and Efficiency; and 5) Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice. Nominations can be submitted by students, staff, and faculty members. If you know of someone who deserves to be nominated, visit the [Senate website](#) or contact the Senate Office. The Senate Office can help with the nomination process by putting you in touch with a coach to help assemble an effective nomination packet.

In addition to acknowledging the awardees at the meeting, we had a Presidential Briefing, an excellent Purple Line update from VP Carlo Colella, and a lengthy discussion of the Undergraduate Admissions Procedures Related to Criminal Background. That final action item stimulated a lengthy discussion, was amended, and then was approved after the meeting was extended. I would particularly like to thank Thomas Cohen, APAS Committee Chair, for his clear presentation of the committee's recommendations and his patient and thoughtful responses to questions from the Senate floor.

Don't forget: November is the President's State of the Campus address. See you then.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Walsh".

Chris Walsh

Committee News



The Senate's ten standing committees are beginning their work for this year. Committees have begun reviewing both new and continuing charges. The APAS Committee is working on two charges: the Student Course Evaluation Improvement Project (Senate Document #16-17-24) and a Policy on Repeating Undergraduate Courses (Senate Document #18-19-09). The Faculty and Staff Affairs Committees are both reviewing interim procedures relating to family and medical leave for faculty and staff. Campus Affairs is looking into Procedures related to the University's use of Physical Facilities (Senate Document #18-19-10). The ERG Committee is reviewing the Plan of Organization for the University Libraries (Senate Document #18-19-08).

The background of the poster features a vertical strip on the left and right sides showing vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the center, there is a black rectangular area containing white text. A red horizontal band crosses the middle of the poster, containing white text. Below this band, the black area continues with more white text. At the bottom, the URL is written in red text. The overall design is clean and professional, with a seasonal theme.

2018 BOARD OF REGENTS' STAFF AWARDS

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

ALL MATERIALS DUE NOVEMBER 16

**THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS
SYSTEM-WIDE RECOGNITION
FOR EXCEPTIONAL STAFF**

**WINNERS RECEIVE A
\$2,000 STIPEND**

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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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff Affairs Committee - 10/08/18

Campus Affairs Committee - 10/11/18

APAS Committee - 10/12/18

Educational Affairs Committee - 10/19/18

Student Conduct Committee - 10/19/18

Senate Executive Committee- 10/29/18

Senate Meeting- 11/7/18

Faculty Affairs Committee - 11/08/18

CURRENT SENATE LEGISLATION

[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](#)

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

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

[Student Course Evaluation Improvement Project](#)

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

[Revision of the Code of Academic Integrity](#)

[Senate Document #17-18-08](#)

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