Orientation: Senators, Senate Meetings, and Shared Governance

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Senate's Role

- The Senate advises the President of the University
  - Policy Matters
  - Guiding Documents
  - Academic Programs
Role of Senators

- Put forward recommendations to the President for his review and approval;
  - Senators review & vote on committee recommendations;
    - Review materials prior to Senate meetings
    - Attend Senate Meetings
    - Discussion
    - Vote
  - Submit proposals

Materials
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Senate Materials

- Materials are posted publicly on the Senate website 1 week in advance of the meeting

- The Agenda identifies (Information) and (Action) items
Meeting Elements

- Call to Order
- Minutes (Action)
- Chair's Report (Information)
- Committee Reports (Action)
- Special Order Presentations (Information)
- New Business (Info/Action)
Senate Meetings

- 2022-2023 Senate Meetings will be held on Zoom*

  - *The President's State of the Campus Addresses will be held in person with a virtual option (November & March)

- Senators who are unable to attend a meeting or plan to arrive late MUST submit an excused absence form at https://senate.umd.edu/senate-meeting-excused-absences

- Excused absences subtracted from total when calculating quorum
Committee Reports

- Transmittal - Overview
- Report
  - Background
  - Current Practice
  - Committee Work
  - Recommendation*
  - Policy Revisions*
- Appendices

*voted on
Recommendations

• **Policy Revisions**
  • The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends that its proposed revisions to the University of Maryland Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Grievances (II-4.00[A]) be revised as shown immediately following this report.

• **Administrative Recommendations**
  • The University **should** update any references to the policy in other associated policies.

  • The University **should consider** whether current smoking cessation resources will be adequate to meet the needs of incoming cohorts of students disproportionately affected by vaping and e-cigarette use.
Discussion

• Senators discuss and debate the merits of the committee's recommendations;

• Senators can:
  • Ask questions;
  • Speak in support of or against the proposed recommendations; and
  • potentially make a motion to amend a recommendation prior to the vote.
**Voting**

- All Senators must use Point Solutions (formerly TurningPoint) to vote at Senate meetings

  - Senators may use the Point Solutions web app (ttpoll.com) or the mobile app to vote;

  - Senators must sign in on Point Solutions

  - Enter the Session ID - Different for each meeting, found in red bold font on the slide presentation, and only available at the Senate meeting.

- Click Join Session
Quorum Slide

- Will only be available at the start of the meeting;
- Only used for quorum and not attendance purposes;
- After Clicking "Join Session" in Point Solutions, Senators will see a slide asking them to press 1 if they are present.
- Your choice has been submitted when the circle or box with the 1 becomes blue and is filled in.
Voting Slide

- Following the presentation of committee recommendations and any associated discussion, Senators will vote on each Action item on the agenda.
  - Use Point Solutions to select:
    - 1 - In Favor
    - 2 - Opposed
    - 3 - Abstain
  - Can make changes until the voting period on that item closes;
  - Last button pressed will be vote cast;
  - Results will be displayed on the screen immediately after the voting ends.
This Year

- UMD Plan of Organization for Shared Governance Review
- Interim Policy on the Naming of Facilities and Programs
- Student Codes of Conduct
- Revision to the Final Exam Provision in the UMD Policy on the Conduct of Undergraduate Courses and Student Grievance Procedure
- Promoting Mental Health & Equity in the Excused Absence Policy
- Revisions to the Disability Policy
- Development of Policies on Service & Emotional Support Animals
- College Plans of Organization