



**UNIVERSITY STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**
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USGA Senate Meeting Agenda/Minutes [in red]
Date/Location: February 9th, 2022 - via Zoom
Start Time: 5:33 pm
End Time: 6:28 pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Induct New Senators
- III. University Committees
 - A. MHEC
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - B. USMSC
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - C. Diversity Advisory Committee
 - 1. Event yesterday was recorded, Dr. F-B's event today was also recorded
 - D. Shuttle Committee
 - 1. Did not meet yesterday
 - E. Parking and Transportation Committee
 - 1. Did not meet yet
 - F. Student Fees Committee
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - G. Council for the Arts & Culture
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - H. Sustainability Committee
 - 1. Nothing to report
- IV. School Reports:
 - A. Graduate (4/6)
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - B. Graduate Nursing (0/3)
 - C. Undergraduate Nursing (2/5)
 - 1. Construction affecting cross-walk by School of Nursing/Shock Trauma
 - D. Dentistry (2/4)
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - E. Dental Hygiene (2/2)
 - 1. Nothing to report

F. Law (3/4)

1. Renew concerns about Gallagher and health insurance

G. Medical Research & Technology (2/2)

1. Nothing to report

H. Medicine (3/4)

1. Nothing to report

I. Pharmacy (3/4)

1. Lack of communication between construction crew at North Pine street next to the Lexington garage, and the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

- There was an incident last month where the construction crew shut down the water pipe without informing a representative at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP). This caused a shutdown water at the Pascault row apartment for a day, which negatively impacted many pharmacy students
- Pharmacy students are also growing frustrated over the lack of street parking at North Pine street due to construction

Is there anyone we can contact that can give the UMSOP updates about construction in the area? Who can we contact to voice our concerns?

2. Gym hours

Some students at the UMSOP are wondering if the UMB gym will open on the weekend this semester?

J. Physical Therapy (1/2)

1. Nothing to report

K. Social Work (2/6)

1. Nothing to report

V. Affiliated Groups Reports

a. ISO (0/1)

b. MSSA (1/1)

- i. Social event this Friday, see website

c. PJS (0/1)

d. USAD (1/1)

- i. UMB Engaged approval for Black Professionals on the Rise event on 2/23

e. GMB (0/1)

f. IA (1/1)

- i. Holi celebration on 3/18, unsure about COVID restrictions

g. CSSA (0/1)

h. UMB HA (1/1)

- i. If interested, please complete the following application:

<https://forms.gle/a2bXUfT3ma7NWt9t6>

- ii. Applications due Feb 21st 5pm

i. QSA (0/1)

j. NAMI (1/1)

- i. Random Acts of Kindness Week next week: will set up boxes with letters in gym, counseling center, SMC (Letters for Our Elders) for students to participate throughout the week
 - ii. 2/28: Journey through Schizophrenia workshop
- ii. Officer Reports:
- A. President's report
 - 1. Responses to questions asked at last Community Discussion
 - a) Student Health Insurance Enroll/Waive questions
 - (1) Coverage is effective August 1st through January 31st (The 6-month premium is charged to your student account in Fall) and February 1st through July 31st (The 6-month premium is charged to your student account in Spring). **The Enrollment/Waiver Form only needs to be completed once, and is still valid for the Spring semester.**
 - b) Law Students - Rule 19 questions/concerns
 - (1) Please contact Associate Dean Eisenburg if you are interested in Rule 19 certification so they can learn more about your placements and consider whether they should ask the Curriculum Committee to reconsider our approach.
 - c) Questions related to Bank Mobile and disbursement of funds
 - (1) Please have them email Nicole Vallar (nvallar@umaryland.edu) directly and CC the studentaccountmgmt@umaryland.edu.
 - d) Info on Naloxone/Narcan in MD
 - (1) List of pharmacies carrying naloxone can be found at this website: NaloxoneMD.org .
 - e) COVID-19 Dashboard question response
 - (1) On-Campus Vaccination Rates data (employees and students) is what is currently [published here](#). This change was a combo of meeting USM expectations on reporting, reliability of data sources, availability of COVID data from official sources, etc.
 - (2) For awareness, COVID cases continue to decrease on campus, in the city, and state, with no reported serious illness or hospitalization among UMB employees or students recently.
 - f) Link to recording:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/campuslifeUM/videos/>
 - 2. Black History Month Programs
 - a) **Feb. 9 from 12pm-1pm: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Update Forum (with Dr. Forbes Berthoud and her new team)**
 - (1) Register [here](#). Passcode: EDIforum
 - b) **Critical Conversations Dialogue Program** (See below for dates | Via Zoom - [Register Here](#)) sponsored by the Intercultural Center

(1) Student Dialogue Dates: Thursdays 02/17, 02/24, 03/3, 03/10 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM

c) See flyer in Senators folder for additional events (also in my recent campus-wide email)

3. Supporting testimony for Maryland FUTURE Act bill

a) Fact Sheet on Legislation:

■ Climate Partners FUTURE Act 1 pager .docx (2).pdf

b) HBo729/SB471 bill

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hbo729f.pdf>

c) Testimony Draft: ■ FUTURE Act USGA Testimony Draft

d) Incorporated feedback from UMB Office of Sustainability to ensure accuracy of information

e) Important notes:

(1) The House delegate sponsoring the bill has stated that the State of MD will be cost sharing decarbonization infrastructure (the percentage is still being worked out) with USM – should relieve the cost burden on USM. This will not cover carbon offsets.

B. Vice President's report:

1. Will be scheduling a Pennington committee soon
2. Please Update on any new senators or status of open seats

C. Treasurer's report:

1. Updates on UMBEngaged Process – see this week's campus-wide email with document explaining process

a) **Link to USGA Funding Request Form:**

<https://cglink.me/2nF/s60885>

b)

(1) Fill this out **before** "Create Event" form

(2) Link to OFR funding presentation video to follow shortly

c) **Link to Post-Event Reimbursement form:**

<https://cglink.me/2nF/s62119>

2. OFR Requests

a) One so far, but waiting on the UMBEngaged Form

D. Secretary's report:

1. Senate Retreat: Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 am via Zoom (~1.5 hours)

2. Use the Food Pantry!!!

a) <https://clbs.wufoo.com/forms/m1r7ykdq15ixe54/>

E. DEI Officer Report

1. Listening tour and equity committee resolution draft - feedback needed

F. Programming Chair's report:

1. Nothing to report

G. Parliamentarian's report:

1. **Attendance Policy Rework:** A resolution changing the procedure in addressing chronic absences from USGA, hopefully making it more

equitable.

H. Webmaster's report:

1. Thank you to those who have filled out Bios
2. Please submit a bio if you haven't had the chance yet!
<https://forms.gle/5PyyNfQW1ApmhfmR8>

I. Ms. Rice's Report

1. Commencement: will not be able to invite graduates from 2020 or 2021 to participate

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

A. Dr. Alvarez's Report

1. Monitor UMB COVID recovery emails each Friday for guidance and changes
2. New changes to event approvals for indoor events w/150+ people
3. Commencement in person at UMBC, commencement speaker is Dr. Fauci

B. Voting

1. Written Testimony in support of HB0729/SB471 (Facilitating University Transformations by Unifying Reductions in Emissions, or FUTURE) bill
 - a) Reason for quick turnaround: notification was on Feb 7th (Monday) of the testimony submission deadline, which is Feb 11 (Friday) by 3pm
 - b) Motion to submit testimony - law school
 - c) Second - PT school
 - d) Senate voted to approve testimonial document, to be submitted by Friday
2. **Attendance Policy Rework**: A resolution changing the procedure in addressing chronic absences from USGA, hopefully making it more equitable.
 - a) Motion to approve - Hadley
 - b) Second - law school

VIII. Important Date:

A. Feb 16th Senate meeting

1. Campus Climate Survey Results (2019) - presentation by Dr. Jones Carney
2. OFR Presentation from Student Group postponed