

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 4, 2025

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3:30 pm in Henson Science Hall 103. The Senate President was in the chair and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the February 25 meeting were approved as written.

President Lyn Lepre made announcements.

Provost Laurie Couch made announcements.

The Senate President made announcements.

The MOTION to postpone the FFOC report discussion to first on the agenda next week PASSED.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION to change Bylaws for the Honors Convocation Committee was WITHDRAWN.

Resolved that the Faculty Senate submit the proposed Bylaws amendment regarding the Honors Convocation Committee to the Faculty by March 25, 2025, to be voted on by April 1, 2025.

The proposed Bylaws amendment is to replace the text of Article VII, Section 15 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws. New language is in red.

Section 15. ~~Honors Convocation Committee~~ **Academic Honors Committee:**

The committee shall, with regard to the awarding of academic honors, have the following purposes:

A. Select recipients for the Achievement Key, the Campus Life and Who's Who awards, from a list of nominations made by the Faculty at-large;

~~B. Sanction the presentations of all awards at the annual Honors Convocation;~~

~~C. Select the speaker for the annual Honors Convocation; and~~

B. Decide whether new student awards shall be included in the annual 'Academic Awards & Recognition' booklet based on standards decided by the committee; and

C. Serve as an advisory body in matters related to Honor Societies and awards.

The committee shall have ~~six~~ **three** voting members: ~~six~~ **three** Faculty members elected at-large.

The goal of having only three faculty members on the committee shall be achieved by allowing the current members of the committee to serve out their terms. New members shall be elected once the number of committee members will drop below three.

Resolved further that the name of the committee be changed to 'Academic Honors Committee' on the Faculty Senate website and in future 'Academic Awards & Recognition' booklets.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION on LRAP's involvement with Blueprint for Maryland's Future PASSED.

The Long-Range Academic Planning Committee (LRAP) is charged with completing the following task and reporting back to the Faculty Senate no later than November 2025, with the report being submitted to the Faculty Senate President a week prior to the meeting.

LRAP will develop suggestions for how the University should plan academic offerings in light of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This should include suggestions related to the development, delivery, and tracking of dual enrollment courses; as well as how the University should address in-state and out-of-state student transfers.

The MOTION to adjourn PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56.

Erin Weber, Secretary
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