

## How to become a Staff Senator

The Staff Senate holds yearly elections for vacant or vacated Senator seats of exempt and non-exempt excluded employees. If you are represented by the Staff Senate, you are also eligible to run for a seat on the Senate if a vacancy occurs in your category. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Staff Senate you may nominate yourself or a co-worker may nominate you when the nomination forms are distributed in the spring.

Once all nominations are returned and the deadline has passed, the Staff Senate will announce the final election of Senators. Each eligible staff member will receive an election ballot to vote for the Staff Senator candidates. After all votes are received and tallied, the Senators with the largest number of votes will be offered a Senator position on the Staff Senate. Other nominees may be offered a position as alternates to serve on the Senate in the event that a regular Senator is unable to finish out their term.

Visit the Staff Senate Website at  
<http://www.umaryland.edu/ssenate>



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Senate**

## What is the Staff Senate?

### The Role of Staff Senate

The University's Staff Senate serves as an advisor and a channel of communication to the President and the President's cabinet in the areas of policy and procedures which affect the quality of the staff's work life and their level of contribution to the strategic goals of the campus.

### Staff Senate Mission Statement

The Staff Senate started meeting in 1994 and since has researched many areas of concern for UMB staff members. Topics of investigation and action include, but are not limited to: policies and procedures affecting eligible employees, work environment and staff morale, issues impacting wages, benefits and working conditions and Community/ Outreach activities.

The body of the Staff Senate consists of 20 staff members, Sixteen (16) members from the exempt staff category and four (4) members from the non-exempt excluded staff category.

### Staff Senator Terms of Service & Positions

Each Senator serves a two (2) year term. Four officers are elected from the Senate body to the Executive Committee to fill the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Member At Large. The final seat on the Executive Committee of the Staff Senate is the Past Chair, which is filled by the individual who served as Chair during a previous Senate term.

### Staff Senate and the Council of University System Staff

The Senate is also responsible for filling the three representative seats from the University on CUSS (Council of University System Staff).

### Staff Senate Volunteer Work and Committees

The Staff Senate has sub-committees on Policy, By-laws, Legislative Issues, Nominations and Elections, Community Outreach and Communications. Each Senator is expected to volunteer for at least one committee per term.

### How to contact your Staff Senate

Please visit the [Staff Senate website](#) for more information on the Staff Senate. On the website you will find the names, phone numbers and biographies of current Senators, past meeting minutes and other information pertaining to shared governance here at UMB and the University System of Maryland.

### Current Staff Senators for 2011-2012

#### Chair

Colette P. Becker

#### Vice Chair

Carol McKissick

#### Secretary

Vacant

#### Member At Large

Roy Ross

#### Past Chair

Kenneth Fahnestock

#### Senators

Patricia Boland  
Nancy Bowers  
Danielle Brown  
Anthony (Tony) Brown  
Bill Crockett  
Dave Delooze  
Tammy Dinsmore  
Bill Hoffman  
Marlene King  
Phyllis Lovito  
Tom McHugh  
Victor Peguero

Mary Jo Pohlner  
Jean Marie Roth  
Gynene Sullivan  
Bernadette Taylor

#### Alternates

Lisa Anderson  
Jennifer Aumiller  
Dawn Flair  
Yimei Wu