

## **Petition for Special Session of Faculty Senate**

**To: Gunes Koru, Faculty Senate President**

**Date: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

We, the undersigned, write to ask for a special session of Faculty Senate to be held to facilitate discussion and organize official Senate response(s) to recent events and activity at UMBC around Title IX compliance, sexual assault, and sexual misconduct. The Senate held a robust discussion for 45 minutes on October 9<sup>th</sup> during a regularly scheduled meeting; however, because of time constraints and other agenda items, the Senate was unable to discuss or decide on any concrete actions. Holding a Special Session becomes important then because

- a. discussion regarding Faculty Senate actions/responses will likely be vigorous and lengthy. It seems unlikely the Senate would be able to reach agreement or consensus in another 35-40 minute window, as we would have for our November 13<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting.
- b. expediency is important for this discussion and any action the Senate wishes to take. Whatever the Senate decides to do needs to be done in a timely manner. Each day that passes means another day of silence from the Faculty Senate; while we don't wish to be hasty or reactionary, administration, staff, and students deserve to know where faculty stand in this moment.

If possible, this session should be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:30 in the AOK Library, Room 767, with the entire meeting devoted to this agenda item.

As well, the undersigned request this meeting to be faculty only, if possible according to the bylaws. A faculty-only meeting will allow for a more open, faculty-driven discussion.

The goal of the meeting will be to create a list of action items, any necessary subcommittees, and a schedule for moving action items forward. Accomplishing this in special session will allow the Faculty Senate to spend the majority of regular meeting time on more mundane, but crucial agenda items.

<b>Name (Signature)</b>	<b>Name (Print)</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date</b>

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