

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE PROPOSAL PATHWAY



Proposal
Submitted to the Senate Office by University faculty, staff, students, or administrators.



University Senate Leadership
Senate Chair, Chair-Elect, Director, Parliamentarian.



Senate Executive Committee (SEC)
Meets at least 9 times per academic year. Headed by the University Senate Chair.



Senate Standing Committee
Committees may be charged with review of proposals & must report back to the SEC.



Senate Executive Committee (SEC)
The SEC will determine whether the committee's report is ready for Senate consideration (e.g., action on the Senate floor).



The Senate agenda is set by the SEC and may feature reports from committees or task forces, elections, and/or special orders.



University Senate
Meets 9 times per year. The Senate will review all recommendations and approve items by majority vote.



University President
If approved by the Senate, the item will be sent to the President for approval and implementation. The President may amend items prior to approval.



Board of Regents
Occasionally, actions of the Senate require higher approval, such as by the BOR, Chancellor, or Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

- Senate Standing Committees**
- Academic Procedures & Standards
 - Campus Affairs
 - Educational Affairs
 - Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
 - Elections, Representation, & Governance
 - Faculty Affairs
 - Programs, Curricula, & Courses
 - Staff Affairs
 - Student Affairs
 - Student Conduct

Return to Proposer
The SEC may choose to reject a proposal, or may request further detail from the proposer.

Task Force, Special Committee, or Administrative Action
A task force, joint task force, or special committee may be asked to review subject matters that fall outside of Senate purview; the SEC may also send such proposals to existing bodies or administrative offices.

Administrative Action
A committee may suggest administrative action, instead of submitting an item for Senate consideration, in which case the SEC will send it to the appropriate unit for review.

Return to Committee
The SEC may decide to send an item back to committee for further research and consideration.

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The Senate may decide to send an item back to committee for further research and consideration.

Rejection
The Senate may reject an item by majority vote.

Rejection
The President may choose to reject an item.

All University Senate Legislation is Tracked Online at
<http://www.senate.umd.edu/senateBills/index.cfm>

Proposal submissions are welcome at any time. Depending on the complexity of the proposal, it may take anywhere from a couple of months to longer than an academic year to work through the review process. Thank you for your interest in shared governance at the University of Maryland.