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**Memorandum**

**To:** Mary Hummel, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Chair of the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

**From:** Linda Mabbs, Chair of the University Senate 

**Date:** September 29, 2010

**Re:** Request to Review Appropriate Motor Scooter Use on Campus (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-17)

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) review the attached concerns regarding appropriate motor scooter use on campus.

The use of scooters on campus has significantly increased over the past few years and we do not think that the University has had an opportunity to carefully review issues related to this rapid increase. Therefore, the SEC requests that CTAC conduct a thorough review of the impact of increased scooter use on our campus community.

Members of the SEC raised concerns about the use of scooters on sidewalks (driving and parking), the disregard by many scooter drivers for the laws pertaining to motorized vehicles (i.e. not stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, illegal passing) and safety concerns for both pedestrians and drivers/riders who choose not to wear helmets. We ask that CTAC review existing policies, regulation and enforcement of these policies, safety conditions for pedestrians and drivers, and responsible use of motor scooters. We believe that there may be a policy issue and a regulation issue but there also may be an education issue. CTAC should consider whether an "awareness campaign" in conjunction with strict enforcement would be a productive means of educating students of appropriate motor scooter use.

We request that you report your findings to the Senate Executive Committee by the end of the fall semester. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Reka Montfort at x55804 or [reka@umd.edu](mailto:reka@umd.edu).

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