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Professor Linda Mabbs  
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Dear Chair Mabbs:

The Senate Campus Affairs Committee (CAC) was charged with "Consideration of a Campus-Wide Helmet Policy at the University of Maryland (Senate Doc # 10-11-33) on November 1, 2010. The CAC considered the charge and began its work at the December 7, 2010 meeting. The committee also met with David Allen, Director, University Department of Transportation (DOTS); Diane Krejsa, University Council; Darryl Conway, Assistant Athletic Director; Lt. Bob Mueck, University Public Safety; and Chief David Mitchell, University Public Safety to discuss the implications of a campus-wide helmet policy.

The Campus Affairs Committee held its annual Campus Safety Forum on February 22, 2011, which focused on traffic safety, with special emphasis on motor scooter safety. The forum offered the campus community an opportunity to weigh-in on the issue of a motor scooter helmet policy while discussing campus safety concerns. Additionally, the committee created a survey to allow for further participation from the campus community. The survey collected information pertaining to whether the participant rode a scooter on campus, if they supported a scooter helmet policy on campus, and whether the campus should implement a scooter helmet policy.

The Campus Affairs Committee has diligently taken into consideration the information, advice and expertise from the above-mentioned units while reviewing this charge. The committee has also reviewed the data collected from the survey, citing 58% of the total 191 respondents being in favor of a campus-wide scooter helmet policy. The Campus Affairs Committee has voted to approve creating a campus-wide helmet policy for motor scooters. However, we would like to respectfully request more time to consult with DOTS, the Legal Office, and Public Safety to craft appropriate language for a new policy and to finalize its recommendations for implementation of the policy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gene Ferrick  
Chair, University Senate Campus Affairs Committee

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Cc: Reka Montfort, Executive Director, University Senate