




University Senate CHARGE

Date:	October 4, 2012
To:	Devin Ellis Chair, Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee
From:	Martha Nell Smith  Chair, University Senate
Subject:	Modify the Membership of the Educational Affairs Committee to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology
Senate Document #:	12-13-15
Deadline:	December 1, 2012

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee review the attached proposal entitled, “Modify the Membership of the Educational Affairs Committee to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology,” and evaluate whether the Division of Information Technology should be given representation on the Educational Affairs Committee.

Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Consider whether an ex-officio seat on the Educational Affairs Committee should be given to the Division of Information Technology.
2. Consider whether the Division of Information Technology should be given representation on other senate committees.
3. Consider whether any changes to membership should be voting or non-voting.
4. If appropriate, recommend changes to the Senate Bylaws.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than November 2, 2012. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.



University Senate PROPOSAL FORM

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Date:	Sept 17, 2012
Title of Proposal:	Modify the membership of the Educational Affairs Committee to Include a Representative of the Division of Information Technology
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Constituency (faculty, staff, undergraduate, graduate):	Faculty
Description of issue/concern/policy in question:	The role of technology in academics, both in courses and in services to students has become ubiquitous. IT resources are an integral part of almost all aspects of delivery of quality instruction, from blended courses to registration, course selection, admissions, student services, and exam delivery. Proposals for improvements or changes to the way in which the campus delivers educational services to students are most often to come to the Senate Educational Affairs committee for review, and such proposals usually have technical and/or resource implications. Currently, there is no representative of the Division of Information Technology on this committee. It would be beneficial to have someone at the table who can address issues of technical feasibility, integration of services, or other implementation issues early in the discussion of such proposals.
Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:	Add a representative of the Division of IT to the membership of the Educational Affairs Committee.
Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:	The representative of the Division of IT would be ex-officio, appointed by the Chief Information Officer, as are the representatives of the Provost's office, the Graduate School, and the office of Undergraduate Studies.

Additional Information:	

*Please send your completed form and any supporting documents to senate-admin@umd.edu
or University of Maryland Senate Office, 1100 Marie Mount Hall,
College Park, MD 20742-7541. Thank you!*