




University Senate CHARGE

Date:	November 4, 2015
To:	Erin Rooney-Eckel Chair, Campus Affairs Committee
From:	Willie Brown Chair, University Senate 
Subject:	Consideration of a University of Maryland Weapons Policy
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Deadline:	March 25, 2016

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Campus Affairs Committee consider whether the University of Maryland should develop a weapons policy.

Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Review Maryland Criminal Law, Section 4-203.
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/fmStatutesText.aspx?article=gcr§ion=4-203&ext=html&session=2015RS&tab=subject5>
2. Review the University of Maryland Baltimore Policy Prohibiting Weapons (Section XI – 2.00[A]). <http://cf.umaryland.edu/umpolicies/usmpolicyInfo.cfm?polid=368>
3. Review the University of Maryland Code of Student Conduct (V-1.00[B]).
<http://president.umd.edu/policies/2014-V-100b.html>
4. Review the Department of Resident Life's Rights and Responsibilities Residence Hall Rules (<http://reslife.umd.edu/rights/codes/rhrules/>).
5. Review weapons policies at peer, Big 10, and University System of Maryland institutions.
6. Consult with a representative from the University of Maryland Department of Public Safety regarding Maryland State Law with regards to weapons.
7. Consider whether a weapons policy should be established for the University of Maryland.
8. If appropriate, develop a weapons policy considering the following:

- a. Whether the definition of weapons should align with the definition noted in the Code of Student Conduct;
 - b. How legitimate uses of replicas of weapons on campus should be included in policy language (e.g. performing arts, ROTC etc.); and
 - c. Whether existing relevant University policies should include reference to the new weapons policy (e.g. Code of Student Conduct).
9. Consult with the University's Office of General Counsel on any recommended policy language.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than March 25, 2016. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, 301-405-5804 or reka@umd.edu.