



## University Senate PROPOSAL FORM

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<b>Title of Proposal:</b>	Clarification and Codification on Declining Honor Pledge
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<b>Constituency (faculty, staff, undergraduate, graduate):</b>	Part Time Graduate Students
<b>Description of issue/concern/policy in question:</b>	The Honor Pledge is intended to be a requested but optional pledge that students write on different assignments. The Honor Council states: "If a handwritten Honor Pledge and Pledge signature do not appear on a paper or examination, faculty members should ask the student for an explanation. Doing so has the added value of encouraging teachers and students to discuss the importance of academic integrity and the best ways to promote it. Students remain free to decline to write or sign the Pledge and should not be penalized for exercising that right." However, if a student is penalized for not writing the pledge there is currently no recourse.
<b>Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:</b>	I would like to see the "UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE" amended to add a section allowing students to seek recourse in the event they are punished for not writing or signing the pledge. This would show the campus community that the Honor Pledge is not compulsory and that it is a student's decision. This gives more weight to the pledge as it is not simply something that must be signed for course credit.
<b>Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:</b>	This is a very simple change. A statement can be added under section B.I. of the "UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE" to reflect a student's right to recourse if they are punished for not signing the pledge.

<b>Additional Information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Who would be affected (both positively and negatively) if your proposal was put into action?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Students would be positively affected. They would have codified assurances of the implied rights spoken to by the Student Honor Council</li><li>○</li></ul></li><li>● Are there any financial consequences that would result from this proposal?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No.</li></ul></li></ul>
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