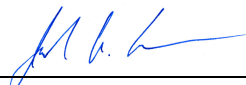




## University Senate CHARGE

<b>Date:</b>	February 8, 2017
<b>To:</b>	Marc Pound Chair, Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee
<b>From:</b>	Jordan A. Goodman Chair, University Senate 
<b>Subject:</b>	Senate Representation of Undergraduate Students in the College of Information Studies (INFO) and the School of Public Policy (PLCY)
<b>Senate Document #:</b>	16-17-27
<b>Deadline:</b>	February 15, 2017

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee apply the Senate's membership principles to provide undergraduate students in the College of Information Studies (INFO) and the School of Public Policy (PLCY) representation on the University Senate.

Recently, the Senate approved the creation of new undergraduate programs in the College of Information Studies (INFO) and the School of Public Policy (PLCY). Previously, neither College had any undergraduate programs and therefore neither College was provided undergraduate student representation in the recent reapportionment of the University Senate.

Article 3.4.a of the Plan of Organization for Shared Governance for the University of Maryland states:

*Undergraduate Student Senators:*

- (1) One student Senator shall be elected for each 1000 full-time undergraduate students or major fraction thereof (501 or more). Each College or School with undergraduate enrollment and the Office of Undergraduate Studies shall be represented by at least one undergraduate student Senator.*

Section 6.5.c of the Senate Bylaws related to the ERG Committee's responsibilities states:

*Charge: The committee shall review and recommend policies regarding the conduct of elections, determine correct apportionments for all constituencies, and investigate and adjudicate all charges arising from the management and results of Senate elections.*

The Office of the Registrar has confirmed that as of the Spring 2017 semester there are 196 full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an undergraduate program with a primary advising college of INFO, and 23 full-time undergraduate students with a primary advising college of PLCY.

The SEC requests that the ERG Committee apply the membership principles in Article 3 of the Plan and assign one undergraduate student senate seat to each College. Because the elections process for undergraduates begins on February 20, 2017, we ask that you submit your recommendations to the Senate Office no later than February 15, 2017. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.