

**Proposal on Freshman Representation on Senate Committees****TO** Eliana Neuwirth**FROM** Christopher Walsh, Chair, SEC**DATE** April 3, 2019

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined the ***Proposal on Freshman Representation on Senate Committees (Senate Document #18-19-11)*** at its meeting on February 26, 2019.

After careful consideration, the SEC agreed that it was not necessary or appropriate to incorporate specific representation for any particular subset of undergraduate students. The University Senate already provides broad representation for undergraduate students. The SEC agreed that the experiences of students in their first year at the University are not lost in subsequent years but rather inform their perspectives throughout their college career. Committee members noted the importance of experience at the University in order to engage effectively on a Senate committee. In addition, the SEC recognized that there are logistical and functional challenges related to committee operations that would make adding more committee members halfway through the year impractical and challenging for any new member. Therefore, the SEC voted against further consideration of your proposal.

Thank you for taking the time to craft a proposal for Senate consideration. Should you have any questions about the SEC's decision, please do not hesitate to contact, Reka Montfort at 301-405-5805 or reka@umd.edu.