



**Review of the Interim Sexual Misconduct Student Procedures  
(Senate Document #19-20-04)  
Student Conduct Committee | Chair: Andrea Dragan**

Senate Bill 396 - Higher Education - Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings provides state funding to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to establish and administer a fund that provides support for reasonable costs and attorney's fees for students for Title IX proceedings. As a result of the new law, the University System of Maryland (USM) revised its Policy on Sexual Misconduct (VI-1.60) and asked all USM institutions to align their policies accordingly. President Loh approved interim changes to the University of Maryland Sexual Misconduct Policy & Procedures on June 24, 2019, pending University Senate review.

Senate Chair Lanford and the Senate Executive Committee have requested that the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee review the interim Sexual Misconduct Policy. The associated procedures will be reviewed separately by the Senate's Faculty Affairs, Staff Affairs, and Student Conduct Committees, respectively.

The Student Conduct Committee should:

1. Review the interim University of Maryland Sexual Misconduct Policy & Procedures ([VI-1.60\[A\]](#)).
2. Review the University System of Maryland (USM) Policy on Sexual Misconduct ([VI-1.60](#)).
3. Review [Senate Bill 396](#) - Higher Education - Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings.
4. Review [Senate Bill 607](#) (SB607) - Higher Education – Sexual Assault Policy – Disciplinary Proceedings Provisions.
5. Consult with a representative of the Office of Civil Rights & Sexual Misconduct (OCRSM).
6. Consult with the Director of Student Conduct.
7. Consider whether the information provided in the interim student procedures appropriately reflects the principles within SB396, SB607, and the USM Policy on Sexual Misconduct.
8. Consult with a representative of the Office of General Counsel on any proposed changes to the student procedures.
9. If appropriate, recommend whether the interim student procedures should be revised.

We ask that you submit a report to the Senate Office no later than **November 12, 2019**. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.