



University Senate Provisions on Virtual Meetings (Senate Document #20-21-09)

Elections, Representation, Governance (ERG) Committee | Chair: Marcia Shofner

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and Senate Chair Dugan request that the Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee review the University Senate's provisions on virtual meetings.

Specifically, the ERG Committee should:

1. Review [Article 9 - Meetings](#) of the Senate in the University of Maryland Plan of Organization for Shared Governance.
2. Review the provisions on virtual meetings in section 3.5 - [Article 3 - Meetings](#) of the Senate Bylaws.
3. Review information on the Plan of Organization Review Committee's consideration of remote participation when it last convened in 2015.
4. Review the Procedures for the Remaining Spring 2020 Senate Meetings ([Senate Document #19-20-45](#)).
5. Review provisions for virtual meetings at Big10 and peer institutions.
6. Consult with the Senate Parliamentarian.
7. Consult with the Executive Secretary & Director of the University Senate.
8. Consider whether and under what circumstances the University Senate should be allowed to meet virtually.
9. Consider whether virtual meetings have an impact on accessibility for the various constituencies engaged in the Senate.
10. Consider whether the current procedures for participation in and voting during virtual Senate meetings allows for a similar level of engagement and similar opportunities for procedural elements during meetings as is provided during in-person meetings.
11. Consider whether the language on virtual meetings in the Senate Bylaws should be revised.
12. If appropriate, based on the committee's consideration of the above items, recommend whether the Senate Bylaws should be revised.

We ask that you submit a report to the Senate Office no later than **November 10, 2020**. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.