



Request to review UMCP Policy X-3.06(A)

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DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE

The UMD policy on University Funded Cellular Telephones and Service, X-3.06(A), has not been updated in over 15 years. Cell phones and their usage patterns have changed substantially in that period of time. For example, the current policy urges employees to not use a UMD provided cell phone if a land line phone is nearby by due to the high cost of cell phone calls at the time the policy was adopted.

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE

The policy should be reviewed and if appropriate changes should be recommended to the full senate for consideration.

SUGGESTION FOR HOW YOUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

The IT Council regularly reviews IT related policies and at its November 2022 meeting, asked the chair of the ITC to contact the SEC to request the SEC charge the ITC to review policy X-3.06(A) and suggest to the SEC and full senate any appropriate revisions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A possible draft charge (based on previous similar charges from the SEC to the ITC) would be:

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and Senate Chair Newman request that the Information Technology (IT) Council review the University of Maryland, College Park Policies and Procedures Concerning Telephone System Usage.

Specifically, the IT Council should:

- 1. Review the University of Maryland, College Park Policy on University Funded Cellular Telephones and Service (X-3.06[A]).
2. Review similar policies or procedures on cell phone usage at Big 10 and other peer institutions.
3. Consult with a representative of Division of IT.
4. Consult with the University Senate on preliminary directions.
5. Consider whether the policy aligns with current practices related to cell phone usage at the University.
6. Consider whether there are outdated elements of the policy that should be removed.
7. Consider whether the language in the policy should be broadened to accommodate any future changes in technology.
8. Consult with a representative of the Office of General Counsel on any proposed changes to the University's policy.
9. If appropriate based on the council's consideration of the above items, recommend whether the policy should be revised and if so, provide suggested revisions.

We ask that the ITC submit a report to the Senate Office no later than May 1, 2023.