Resolution to Improve the Status of Shared Governance in the University System of Maryland (USM)

WHEREAS, The USM Board of Regents, hereafter referred to as the Board of Regents, has proven itself unresponsive to the concerns of students, faculty, staff, and other Maryland citizens in its handling of the investigation into the death of Jordan McNair; and

WHEREAS, Student, faculty, and staff concerns related to the values and the future of our institution have gone unheard in recent decisions made by the Board of Regents; Therefore, Be it resolved that the University Senate:

1. Petitions the Maryland General Assembly to reconsider the way in which the USM Board of Regents is appointed and held accountable in order to make it more responsive to the concerns of students, faculty, staff, and all Marylanders.

2. Requests that the composition of University of Maryland, College Park presidential search committees should mirror representation on the University Senate with a significant majority of seats being held by faculty, staff, and student representatives appointed by the Chancellor from a diverse pool of candidates suggested by the University Senate.

3. Advises that President Loh should honor his previous statement to retire in June of 2019.