



**Proposal to Amend Bylaws of the University Senate: Inclusion of the  
Process for Intellectual Property Committee Membership  
(Senate Document #22-23-22)  
ERG Committee | Chair: Gene Ferrick**

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and Senate Chair Newman request that the Elections, Representation, & Governance (ERG) Committee review the proposal entitled, *Proposal to Amend Bylaws of the University Senate: Inclusion of the Process for Intellectual Property (IP) Committee Membership*.

The ERG Committee should:

1. Review the Bylaws of the University Senate at the University of Maryland, ([Bylaws](#))
2. Review the University of Maryland Intellectual Property Policy IV-3.20 (A), ([UMD Intellectual Property Policy](#))
3. Review similar policies or procedures at Big 10 and other peer institutions.
4. Consult with the Vice President of Research or designee.
5. Consult with current Chair of the IP Committee.
6. Consult with the University Senate Chair of the Committee on Committees.
7. Consider how a proposed process for the IP Committee appointment aligns with or is distinguished from the SEC's charge to "Make recommendations on nominees for campus-wide and system-wide committees and councils requiring representatives, when necessary." (Bylaws, 4.2.k.)
8. Consider whether the selection of IP Committee volunteers would be reviewed at the same time as the volunteer period for the other standing committees or councils.
9. Consider whether the language in the Bylaws should be broadened to include the membership process to include a formal selection process of the IP committee membership.
10. Consult with a representative of the Office of General Counsel on proposed changes to existing University policy.
11. If appropriate, recommend revisions to the Bylaws of the University Senate at the University of Maryland.

We ask that you submit a report to the Senate Office no later than May 1, **2023**. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Senate Office, [senate.umd.edu](https://senate.umd.edu)