

## How to Determine Whether the Senate is the Right Body for Your Proposal

### *University Senate*

The primary function of the Senate is to advise the University President on virtually all campus policy matters and concerns, including, but not limited to: education, budget, personnel, campus community, long-range plans, facilities, and faculty, staff and student affairs (subject to the limitations imposed by laws or mandates from the University of Maryland System Board of Regents or the Chancellor). As such, the Senate typically considers proposals regarding:

- [University Policies and Procedures](#) (including revisions to new and existing policies and procedures)
- Campus-wide safety issues
- Approval of guiding documents (e.g., the Strategic Plan, the Climate Action Plan)
- Oversight and creation/elimination of academic programs (e.g., General Education, new degree programs and certificates)

### *Other University Councils/Committees*

There are various University councils and committees that work on specific issues or concerns, and have the appropriate context to consider specific types of proposals. As such, your issue might be better suited for review by one of the following entities if your issue relates to:

