



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

Senate Document #:	10-11-16
PCC ID #:	N/A
Title:	Amendment to the Membership of the Research Council to Include a Representative of the President
Presenter:	Marc Pound, Chair of ERG Committee
Date of SEC Review:	October 27, 2010
Date of Senate Review:	November 11, 2010
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	The University of Maryland has quickly become one of the premier research institutions in the nation. Since advancing research is one of the primary goals of the University, it is important that the President of the University stay abreast of matters related to our research enterprise.
Relevant Policy # & URL:	N/A
Recommendation:	Adding a non-voting ex-officio representative of the President will help to strengthen the lines of communication between the Research Council and the President.
Committee Work:	The ERG Committee met on October 6, 2010 and approved the proposal to add a non-voting Ex-Officio representative from the President's office to the membership of the Research Council.
Alternatives:	The Senate could reject the amendment and the membership of the Research Council would remain as it is.
Risks:	If the Senate does not approve the amendment, there is a possibility of lack of communication between the President and the University's research enterprise.
Financial Implications:	There are no financial implications.
Further Approvals Required: <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	Presidential Approval

**Senate Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee
Report on the Amendment to the Membership of the Research Council to Include
a Representative of the President
October 2010**

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) charged the ERG Committee on September 27, 2010 with a proposal to amend the membership of the Research Council. The amendment would add a non-voting Ex-Officio representative of the President to the membership of the council.

The ERG Committee met on October 6, 2010 and discussed the proposal. The University continues to grow as a leader among research institutions in the nation, and this growth is one of the University's primary goals. As such, it is important that the President of the University stay informed on matters relating to the University's research endeavors. This amendment would strengthen the communication lines between the Research Council and the President, and allow for continued advancement of the research enterprise within the University. It should also be noted that several other senior administrators already have representation on this council. For these reasons, the ERG Committee voted to approve the proposed amendment.

The ERG committee recommends that the following changes be made to the membership of the Research Council on page 20 section 8 of the Senate Bylaws (changes are highlighted in blue):

8.2 University Research Council:

8.2.a Charge: In addition to the charges specified in Articles 5.2 and 7.4 of these *Bylaws*, the Council shall be governed by the following: The Council is charged to formulate and continually review policies regarding research, its funding, its relation to graduate and undergraduate academic degree programs, and its service to the community. Also, the Council is charged to review the research needs of faculty, other researchers and students, and to make recommendations to facilitate the research process and productivity of the University. Further, the Council shall formulate and continually review policies on the establishment, naming, reorganization, or abolition of bureaus, centers, or institutes that do not offer programs of instruction or regularly offer courses for credit, including their relationship to graduate and undergraduate academic programs. Additionally, when it perceives problems, the Council has the power to undertake investigative studies and recommend solutions.

8.2.b Membership: The University Research Council shall consist of thirteen (13) appointed members and **ten (10)** ex officio members. The appointed members shall be the Chair and eight (8) other faculty members; one (1) staff member; and three (3) students, including at least one (1) graduate and one (1) undergraduate student. The

ten (10) ex officio members shall be **a representative of the President (non-voting)**, a representative of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (non-voting), a representative of the Vice President for Research, a representative of the Dean of the Graduate School, a representative of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the Director of the Office of Research Administration and Advancement, and the Chairs of four (4) subcommittees of the University Research Council as follows: Research Development and Infrastructure Enhancement Subcommittee (RDIES); Research Advancement and Administration Subcommittee (TAAS); Intellectual Property and Economic Development Subcommittee (IPEDES); and Awards and Publicity Subcommittee (APS). The Chair shall be a tenured faculty member.

8.2.c Reporting Responsibilities: The University Research Council shall report to the University Senate and the Vice President for Research under the terms of responsibility defined in Article 7.4 of these *Bylaws* and the report establishing the University Research Council.



University Senate CHARGE

Date:	September 27, 2010
To:	Marc Pound Chair, Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee
From:	Linda Mabbs Chair, University Senate 
Subject:	Amendment to the Membership of the Research Council to Include a Representative of the President
Senate Document #:	10-11-16
Deadline:	October 15, 2010

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee review the attached proposed amendment to the membership of the Research Council to include a representative of the President.

The University of Maryland has quickly become one of the premier research institutions in the nation. Since advancing research is one of the primary goals of the University, it is important that the President of the University stay abreast of matters related to our research enterprise. Adding a non-voting ex-officio representative of the President will help to strengthen these lines of communication.

Because the Research Council has already begun its work for the academic year, we ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than October 15, 2010. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.

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