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Dear Kislay, Tamara, and Scott,

Thank you for submitting a proposal for Senate consideration. The proposal requests a revision to the Committee on the Review of Student Fees (CRSF) Policy to revise its membership and various operational procedures to ensure more transparency in the student fee review process and greater accountability of the fee requesting units as well as the advisory bodies.

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) considered the proposal at its meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021. The committee also reviewed and discussed the recent state law passed by Governor Hogan, SB895 - University System of Maryland - Student Fees - Review and Spending, which requires the President to present information on any mandatory or non-mandatory student fees and any changes to the use of revenue collected for specific fees to the student fees committee. This new law just went into effect on July 1, 2021.

The Senate leadership also consulted with the administration prior to the SEC meeting to discuss the concerns raised in the proposal. We learned that the administration would be open to encouraging other fee advisory bodies to follow the best practice model highlighted in the proposal and we conveyed that to the SEC.

The SEC considered the concerns raised in the proposal and the new state law and agreed that since the law is still relatively new and untested and the administration is willing to make modifications to its current fee advisory bodies, it would be premature for the Senate to take immediate action on this proposal. The SEC agreed instead to forward the proposal for administrative action to the new Vice President for Finance & Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Gregory Oler to take appropriate action. This would allow his unit to consider the issues raised in the proposal while they implement the provisions in the new state law, collect any relevant data, and put best practices in place and then report back to the SEC regarding the steps that they took this year. The SEC can then reassess the process after this year's fee review cycle to see whether the concerns raised in the proposal warrant further Senate action.

For the above stated reasons, the Senate Executive Committee voted unanimously to forward the proposal for administrative action. Please note that the proposal has been assigned [Senate Document #21-22-13](#), so it can be tracked on the Senate legislation page. It will remain in pending status until the response is received and the SEC is able to complete its review. If you have any questions about the Senate review process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen D. Williams".

Ellen D. Williams
Chair