ARTICLE 1

THE SENATE AND ITS FUNCTIONS

1.1 Subject to the authority of the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, and the President, the Senate shall consider any matter of concern including, but not limited to, educational, budgetary, and personnel matters; campus-community matters; long range plans; facilities; and faculty, staff, and student affairs. The Senate shall advise the President, the Chancellor, or the Board of Regents as it deems appropriate.

1.2 The functions of the Senate shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1.2.a Advise the Board of Regents and the Chancellor through the President on all matters of concern.

1.2.b Receive and consider recommendations from, and consult with, the President, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents.

1.2.c Receive and consider recommendations from, and advise and consult with, all sectors of the campus community on matters of concern.

1.2.d Consult with the President on all general policy matters pertaining to the employment and programs of the instructional, research, and supportive staffs of the University.

1.2.e Submit proposals to the President, or to the colleges, schools, or other units of the institution, or to the three constituencies (faculty, staff, and students), as in its judgment may serve to improve the quality of campus life.

1.2.f Provide for periodic reviews of administrative implementation of policies adopted by the Senate.

1.2.g Assist in the selection of the President, Vice Presidents, or other administrative officers with institution-wide responsibilities.

1.2.h Provide liaison to committees appointed by the President or a representative of the President, and, in turn, provide representation for the President, and for other administrative officers of the institution as appropriate, on all Senate committees.

1.2.i Provide for the periodic review of administrative officers of the University.
1.2.j Formulate and recommend to the President policies relating to education, research, and instructional resources for the institution, and review proposals and recommend review of standards of any individual unit.

1.2.k Formulate and recommend to the President policies relating to programs, curricula and courses including policies on the establishment, reorganization, or abolition of academic units.

1.2.l Work for the promotion of student welfare and the enhancement of student life.

1.2.m Work for the advancement of faculty life, employment, morale, and perquisites, and ensure academic freedom and the protection of faculty and research interests.

1.2.n Work to advance and enhance staff life, conditions of employment, morale, and welfare.

1.2.o Work for a favorable academic environment and harmonious relations with the neighboring communities and surrounding areas.

1.2.p Consult and advise on long range plans as they relate to institutional budget, physical plant development, and other aspects of campus life including ways in which these aspects may be improved, and provide means to keep such plans under continuing review.

1.2.q Develop and review policies and procedures regarding conduct appropriate to the University and as requested carry out the responsibilities detailed in those policies.

1.2.r Consider and recommend policies relating to the awarding of prizes and honors.

1.2.s Supervise all senatorial elections and institution-wide referenda, and other duties relating to the supervision of the Senate as might be deemed appropriate.

1.2.t Review all plans of organization of the colleges, schools, and other units in accordance with this Plan of Organization.

1.2.u Initiate proposed changes to this Plan of Organization, when necessary or desirable, in accordance with procedures herein.

1.2.v Conduct relations with University System of Maryland entities that call for faculty, staff, and student representation. Such representation shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Senate. Persons so appointed and elected need not be current members of the Senate, but shall be responsible for consulting with and reporting to the
Senate and its Executive Committee. Elections and appointments shall be conducted as prescribed in the Senate Bylaws.

1.2.w Determine unit eligibility for representation in the Senate and other governing bodies.