



**Board of Regents  
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life and Safety  
Charge, Role, and Responsibilities**

Charge:

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life and Safety shall perform all necessary business and provide guidance to the Board of Regents on issues that pertain to academic affairs and student affairs functions at the institutions within the University System of Maryland.

Role and Responsibilities:

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life and Safety shall consider and report or recommend to the Board of Regents on matters concerning academic and student affairs-related policies and programs for all institutions and major units including, but not limited to, all issues relating to academic programs such as curriculum development, adequacy of instructional facilities and specialized centers and institutes, and institutional support for student academic services; matters and policies relating to faculty; student enrollment, recruitment, retention, transfer, and articulation; financial aid; campus safety and security; student health and wellness; student government; and student organizations; and the overall intellectual, social, and emotional climate of the university.

Members of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life and Safety are appointed annually by the Chairperson of the Board. The Committee holds at least five regularly scheduled meetings during the fiscal year. The members of the Committee may expect to receive information for review in order to consider and report or recommend to the Board of Regents on any of the following matters:

- A. Institutional mission statements and goals
- B. Establishment and disestablishment of schools and colleges
- C. Proposals for new academic programs
- D. Review of existing academic programs and enrollments within those programs
- E. P-20 partnerships and initiatives
- F. Academic transformation and innovation
- G. Academic integrity
- H. Libraries
- I. Civic education and civic engagement
- J. Student life and student services
- K. Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- L. Global engagement
- M. Student enrollment, recruitment, and retention
- N. Transfer and articulation
- O. Access and affordability
- P. Student health and wellness
- Q. Campus safety and security

- R. Title IX and sexual misconduct
- S. Faculty life and faculty conduct
- T. Faculty policies and procedures including, but not limited to, appointments in rank and promotion to tenure
- U. Faculty workload
- V. Faculty awards nominations
- W. Student awards and scholarships
- X. Honorary degree nominations
- Y. Extramural funding
- Z. Relevant issues, reports, or requests as brought to the USM by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and other state agencies
- AA. Additional pertinent issues as raised by the student, staff, and faculty advisory councils; university administrators; USM officials; and regents

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life and Safety may receive, for information purposes from the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare, reports on academic issues (including but not limited to Academic Progress Rate and mid-year academic indicators) for and the health and wellness of student athletes and/or athletics teams.