



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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TITLE IX STUDENT FEE FUNDING PROPOSAL

COLLEGE PARK, Md. – The University of Maryland Student Government Association (SGA) is proud to announce a mandatory student fee proposal aimed at fully funding the Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct (OCRSM). This is a student-led initiative, submitted by the SGA.

Current University of Maryland policy states that cases of sexual misconduct should be resolved within 60 business days. However, due to underfunding, the office currently takes more than 140 business days on average to complete an investigation. Ignoring ongoing student advocacy that has expressly called for an increase in Title IX funding, university administration has failed to meet their federal mandate.

By raising over \$1 million through a proposed \$17 per semester mandatory student fee, this proposal aims to ensure that the University of Maryland provides students with thorough and prompt investigations of sexual misconduct, and necessary prevention mechanisms. Student fee revenue for FY18 will be allocated to the hiring of a deputy director, two additional sexual misconduct investigators, and a full-time prevention manager.

The SGA and other student leaders are working to ensure funding for this resource in the short-term but we believe this financial responsibility is one that falls on the university administration in the long-run. The SGA is proud of student leaders across campus that have endorsed this proposal, but will continue to remain committed to ensuring that our university is investing in a future free of sexual violence and discrimination.

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