



## USMSC Report to Board of Regents

April 20, 2018

The current Council's time in office is winding down, as elections for new board leadership will take place at the next USMSC meeting in May. Please see below for updates.

### **USM Student Fee Policy Amendments**

The Council supports the most recent version of the proposed amendments to the USM student fee policy that will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Thanks to the system staff who worked with us to address our concerns in the policy. The Council is interested in further amendments in the future to create additional systems of accountability for non-mandatory student fee increases.

### **New Constitution and Bylaws**

The Council spent much of its last meeting discussing the proposed changes to the USMSC bylaws and constitution. The Council passed a new constitution, which will be sent to the Regents for their approval.

### **Student Concerns: Bereavement Policies, Mental Health/Counseling Services and Health Insurance**

-A number of campuses reported that there are significant wait times for mental health/counseling services for their students in non-emergency situations. The Council is encouraged that the Regents are taking this issue seriously and forming a work group around the issue.

-At least one USM campus currently does not have a bereavement policy for its students and is working with their administration to draft one. The student representatives are collecting each campus' student bereavement policies for discussion.

-The Council also discussed health insurance plans for graduate students and is researching the possibility of creating a larger pool between the USM campuses to bring down the costs of premiums.

### **Shared Governance**

The shared governance report is completed, has been delivered to the Chancellor, and is available to the Regents online.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at [cfabbi@umd.edu](mailto:cfabbi@umd.edu) with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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2017-2018 USMSC President