



USM Student Council Report for the USM Board of Regents

Date: November 11, 2022

Meeting: November 2022 Full Board of Regents Meeting

Organization: University System of Maryland Student Council

Representation: Arsalan Siddiqui, President of the University System of Maryland Student Council

Good Morning Chair Gooden and Board of Regents,

Over the past two months, the USMSC has been working on a range of issues as mentioned at the last September Board of Regents meeting.

1. USMSC Awards

At the last Board of Regents meeting, the USMSC showed an interest in initiating a Board of Regents Student Award for the first time. Since then, the Executive Team and I have been able to put together a packet that includes information such as the purpose of the award, award categories, application process, the application itself, award details, and so forth. We will be sending out this packet to the Chancellor for him to review, and at the December meeting with the system presidents, we will have a chance to review and discuss any changes.

Our timeline that we are expecting is as follows:

December 15, 2022 → Applications will go live

January 31, 2023 → Deadline for Applications

February 01, 2023 - March 09, 2023 → Review Applications

March 14, 2023 → Review by BOR Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

April 14, 2023 → Review by BOR at Full Board of Regents Meetings

May 07, 2023 → Invite Awardees to USMSC General Meeting

June 16, 2023 → Awardee Breakfast & Recognition by BOR

2. Student Regent Meeting

It is that time of year again where we meet with and nominate a few candidates for the student Board of Regents position. At this month's USMSC meeting, which will be held at Salisbury University this Sunday, one of the items on the agenda will be to review and finalize the questions we would like to ask our candidates at the December USMSC meeting, and that meeting will most likely be held in-person at the University of Maryland College Park.



3. National Advocacy Projects

The USMSC has been working pretty actively with other system student councils and student governments across the country, particularly over the past two months. One of the main issues that we had worked on was the Cancellation of Student Debt Application. Before its release, the coalition had provided some feedback and suggestions to incorporate in terms of messaging and the application itself, and we were happy to see that many of our recommendations were accepted. So for example, we asked that the application would be as short as possible and we are happy to see that the application does not take more than 1 minute to complete.

4. Joint-Council Meeting

Next week, the USMSC will be having a joint councils meeting with the Council for University System Faculty and Council for University System Staff. We're really looking forward to this meeting. I know the Chancellor will be attending as well as some of the BOR members. The three councils share a lot of common issues and so it'd be a great chance for our members to brainstorm some ideas and solutions that we can collectively work on.

With Respect and Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arsalan Siddiqui".

Arsalan Siddiqui

President of the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC)

