



University System of Maryland Student Council

To: University System of Maryland Chancellor's Council

From: Brady Walker, Chair, University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC)

Re: USMSC Update-April 2010

Date: April 1, 2010

Strategic Planning

- At the March meeting, Council members participated in a work session to provide comprehensive feedback on the draft strategic plan.
- Anthony Foster of the USM has offered to attend a meeting of the Council to listen to and offer feedback on the Council's recommendation.
- The Council will submit a report on major areas of focus to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents.

USM Budget

- The budget continues to be a primary concern for the Council.
- Preservation of quality while finding sustainable solutions for access and affordability challenges remains our top priority.
- The Council has considered the proposed 3% tuition increase for in-state undergraduate students and continues to be concerned about both the short and long term effects in several areas (access, quality, affordability, diversity) of such an increase and potential subsequent increases.
- Without an accurate estimate of what the USM can expect from the 2011 session of the Maryland General Assembly, an out-of-context approval or disapproval of a propose tuition increase is difficult.
- As with other issues, the Council looks forward to participating in this collaborative process.

UMB Law School Clinical Program

- The Council is deeply troubled by the MGA's consideration of a proposal which would impose damaging requirements on the clinical program at the UMB Law School.
- The Council has been and will continue to work with student leaders at the law school to support efforts to defeat these amendments or, at the very least, limit their effects.

Platform

- This first-of-its-kind document for the Council will be scheduled for final approval at the April meeting of the Council.
- Over the past three months, student leaders from across the campuses have provided input in each of the areas covered by the document.
- The Council will present this document to the Board of Regents meeting on 16 April.

The next regular meeting of the Council will occur on 11 April at the USM Offices.