



University System of Maryland Student Council

To: University System of Maryland Board of Regents

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

Re: USMSC Update-June 2010

Date: June 11, 2010

Strategic Planning Discussion

Anthony Foster of the USM attended the May meeting of the Council to discuss the ongoing strategic planning process. The discussion was spirited and substantive with students from nearly all USM institutions asking questions and offering suggestions. Major areas of focus included the ways in which the new plan will cover access, affordability, diversity, and quality. Council members advocated heavily for the inclusion of strong policy statements in the plan especially in light of MHEC's unfortunate decision regarding online programming at UMUC this past year. The Council plans to continue to work with Anthony and others at the USM to remain actively engaged in this process through the summer and in to next year.

2010-2011 Council Leadership

The Council met for the final time of the 2009-2010 academic year on May 9, 2010 at College Park. At that meeting, new council officers were elected. Joe Mead will serve as vice-chair and Valerie Streets will serve as chair. In the Fall, Joe will be a second year student at the University of Maryland School of Law and Valerie will be entering her senior year at Towson University.

Thank you

This month's meeting of the Board of Regents will be my last as chair of the USMSC. While I knew serving in this capacity would be rewarding, having had the opportunity to work with such passionate members of the USM community from across Maryland has made this role a true honor. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you. While a simple "thank you" is not nearly enough to express my appreciation for the USM community, please know there is a heartfelt feeling of gratitude from the Council for all of the work each of you do every day on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students.

Regular meetings of the Council resume in September 2010.