



**Report of the Student Council**  
Board of Regents - October 21, 2011

The Student Council held its first regular meeting at Towson University on Sunday, October 9, 2011. The Council has met and surpassed its membership goals, with all but two institutions represented at the first regular meeting. Dr. Deb Moriarty, PhD, vice president for student affairs, and Mr. Matthew Sikorski, president of the student government association, welcomed the Council to the Towson campus.

The Council elected Jacob Goldberg from the University of Baltimore to be Council secretary. The Council also approved the language in the application for student regent and the search process will begin later this month. After more than 8 months of consideration, the Council unanimously passed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws that would grant regional higher education center representatives to the Council full-voting rights.

The Council was briefed by Ms. Anna Bedford, Council representative and president of the Graduate Student Association at the University of Maryland, College Park, on a pending GSA-driven lobbying effort for the University to adopt a Graduate Assistant Parental Leave Policy. Currently, graduate assistants who give birth are not eligible for the existing parental leave policy because they are not considered university employees.

The Council also discussed the possibility of hosting or facilitating a systemwide college newspaper summit as a way to open communication between college newspapers in various system campuses. Furthermore, the Council spent a lot of time discussed the pending merger study between the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The Council looks forward to submitting responses to the 5 questions sent by the Chancellor after the white papers from the task groups have been published.

The next meeting of the Student Council will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at Frostburg State University.

Respectfully submitted:

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