



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND STUDENT COUNCIL

Report to the Board of Regents University of Maryland, College Park February 17, 2012

The Student Council convened for its fourth regular meeting at the Universities at Shady Grove. Dr. Stewart Edelstein, executive director for the Universities at Shady Grove, welcomed the Council to the campus.

The Council met with representatives from CASA de Maryland to discuss the Maryland DREAM Act and Mr. John Olderman, chief of staff to State Senator Richard Madaleno to discuss Senate Bill 809, a bill that the Council is spearheading which would establish a sales tax holiday for textbooks.

Senate Bill 809, which is crossfiled in the House by Delegate Hixson, would create a sales tax holiday for college textbooks. The bill would create a week-long tax holiday before each semester. This bipartisan bill has garnered over 20 co-sponsors in both chambers.

The Council also heard from representatives from CASA de Maryland on their ongoing efforts to defeat the referendum on the Maryland DREAM Act in the 2012 elections. The USM has expressed its support for the measure, and the Council is expected to vote on a resolution that would support the measure.

Our next meeting is on March 11, 2012 at Coppin State University. The Council will be voting on three other resolutions, which concern the Graduate Student Leave Policy, Senate Bill 809, and the Governor's Proposed Budget for the USM.