Report to the Board of Regents
University System of Maryland Student Council
October 24, 2014

It's On Us

At our September meeting Patrick Ronk, UMCP Student Body President, gave a report on his attendance to the White House kick-off of the "It's On Us" campaign. The campaign is a coordinated effort to educate and implement bystander intervention on college campuses. The council was also made aware of the resources and toolkit provided by the coordinating organization of the campaign. The council is being encouraged to take steps on their own campuses to implement the campaign. To my knowledge, UMCP, Towson, and UMB have each indicated that they would be taking immediate steps, with a few other campuses looking at implementation very soon.

MOST Faculty Workshop

At the drafting of this report the workshop had not occurred, however, a verbal report will be provided at the meeting by President McGee. Supplemental materials can be drafted and provided to the Board upon request.

Coordinated Voter Registration Efforts

The council has taken an inventory of voter registration on our campuses. They have compiled methods of registration, such as direct registration online, TurboVote, or paper registration, from each campus. They have also compiled lists of which campuses are early voting/voting sites. If a campus is not a voting site at all we have compiled a list of where the closest voting center to campus is located. The council is attempting to use this initiative to promote the importance of being an engaged and active citizen.

Letter Writing Campaign

The council has written a letter to Governor Martin O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown. Our letter discusses the importance of investing in public higher education. It stresses that low tuition is a priority, but that education quality must also be maintained. The final language of the letter was approved at our October meeting, and is being mailed this month. The full letter is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
Zachary McGee
President