



October 8, 2015

RE: University System of Maryland Student Council Remarks for the October Meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents

University System of Maryland
Student Council

Mr. Chairman, Dr. Caret, and members of the Board of Regents,

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On behalf of the undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies students of the University System of Maryland, I, once again, thank you for the opportunity to update the Board on the workings of the Student Council.

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Our October meeting that was scheduled for Sunday, October 4th, 2015 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Council will reconvene in November at the Universities at Shady Grove. Despite the October meeting cancelation, the Executive Board of the Student Council has continued their work in outreach and research with regards to the following Executive Board initiatives:

USMSC Executive Board

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- An official Bereavement Policy or Procedure for all students at all University System of Maryland institutions;
- Establishing and supporting our campus student governmental leaders in a system-wide week of action through a “Know Your Rights” campaign;
- Researching and examining the inconsistency throughout the entire system with respect to the +/- grading scale at some institutions, while others do not have it; and,
- Putting forth a Resolution that calls for the display prohibition of the Confederate Flags and the Confederate Battle Flag from all University System of Maryland Residence Halls that were constructed with public funds and/or employ individuals who receive payment through public funds.

In closing, as President of the Student Council, I will rarely bring up a single, isolated issue that impacts a specific campus. However, after reading a report about the lack of sexual misconduct policy information given out to students during the new student orientation at our system’s flagship institution, and after fellow members of my Executive Board have stated that their host institution fails to incorporate their sexual misconduct policy into their orientations, I want to express my deep dissatisfaction to the notion that educating new students, if not all, about sexual misconduct and the policy in which they are expected to adhere to during orientation is not high enough on Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, according to Orientation Director Strumpf. In the coming weeks, I will send out a formal statement in support of our system’s flagship institution’s Student Body President, Mr. Ronk, and his initiative to make the education and acknowledgement of his university’s sexual misconduct policy a permanent fixture in New Student Orientation. I will also submit a Resolution to the General Body of the Student Council that will ask for the system-wide requirement of university sexual misconduct policy acknowledgement and education during New Student Orientation for each academic semester.

Respectfully submitted,
Kennard Alexander Wallace