



USMSC Report to Board of Regents

February 22, 2019

The most recent meeting of the USMSC was February 10, 2019. At this meeting, common concerns surrounding student consultation with fee changes, resources for students, and appropriate representation of students on university committees were repeated.

Dr. Boughman has been able to guide multiple discussions on matters arising in the current legislative session. She has helped us to identify which bills could impact students, shared governance, and this Board. Of particular interest to the USMSC is the additional burden placed on students who could apply for the position of the USM Student Regent. Also of interest is the potential implications of the mere passing of the state legislation that would grant USM Graduate Assistants the right to collectively bargain.

The USMSC is working to draft a Board of Regents policy to present before the Board of Regents Committee on Organization and Compensation on February 21. We will be eager for feedback regarding the draft and continue to look forward to working with the Board in order to converge on a more formal, substantial student presence on hiring and selection committees.

The USMSC continues to compile discussion topics for our future meeting on mental health resources. A common thread through all of our meetings has been the availability of mental health resources. The Council is examining existing practices and investigating related ideas in order to recommend actions to the Board of Regents or propose future action to the incoming USMSC members.

The USMSC has begun its work on a report on the State of Shared Governance, from the perspective of the students. We hope to complete this survey and the analysis of its responses by mid-April.

If the Board has any input for items to be brought to the Student Council, please communicate with me so that I can ensure they are given time on our agenda and addressed in my next report to this board.

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