

Report to the Chancellor's Council University System of Maryland Student Council October 6, 2014

Sexual Misconduct Advisory Language

The council met at the University of Maryland at Baltimore on September 21st for our first official meeting. At that meeting, the bulk of the discussion revolved around drafting advisory language to be distributed to administrators at each campus. This language should serve to advise administrators on what students hope to see in their campus-level policies regarding sexual misconduct. The council hopes to finish drafting this language at our October meeting at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown on October 6th. The finalized language will be attached to the USMSC Report at the first Chancellor's Council meeting following its approval.

It's On Us

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 was encouraged to take steps on their own campuses to implement the campaign. To my knowledge, UMCP, Towson, and UMB each indicated that they would be taking immediate steps.

Coordinated Voter Registration Efforts

The governmental affairs officers on the executive cabinet have 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 in the State of Maryland.

Letter Writing Campaign

The council is coordinating a letter writing campaign to Governor Martin O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown. This letter will discuss the importance of an investment in public higher education. It will stress that low tuition is a priority, but that education quality must also be maintained. Additional details of the

letter's content are to be determined. The final language of the letter will be approved at our October meeting, with the letters being mailed/emailed later in the month.

Respectfully submitted, Zachary McGee President