



**Report to the Chancellor's Council
University System of Maryland Student Council
November 3, 2014**

The council met at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown on October 19th for our second official meeting. Our third official meeting will be on November 16th at Bowie State University.

Student Regent Selection

The selection process for the 2015-2016 Student Regent has begun. Packets have been sent out to the council and applications are due on Wednesday, November 26th, 2014. Interviews will be held at on December 7th, 2014 at Towson University.

It's On Us

Last week I assisted in the facilitation of invitations to the White House by the National Campus Leadership Council (NCLC). NCLC is the coordinating body for the It's On Us campaign. The meeting was a roundtable discussion with Michelle Obama's Chief of Staff, as well as other administration officials. It was a discussion of best practices for reaching students. The discussion included reaching students who are not involved on campus, who are nontraditional students, and who commute. We hope to see PSAs at football games, advertisements on city buses, trainings with RAs, and increased information at orientations. This also tied into a discussion about messaging effectively, taking the pledge, and adopting the It's On Us logo for campuses.

MOST Faculty Workshop

The MOST Faculty Workshop was held on October 21st and led by MJ Bishop, as well as two staff members of Lumen Learning. Without MJ's support, this initiative would not be anywhere near as successful as it has been and the Student Council is deeply indebted to her exceptional work.

The workshop had 59 attendees who were about evenly split between faculty and support staff (librarians, bookstore staff, instructional technology staff). The call for Spring semester participants in our second pilot program has gone out and we are anticipating at least 20 classes will be involved. It should be noted that the number of classes is limited only by funding and that interest is growing. There has been overwhelming interest in the pilot program this year; this includes a few faculty members

who signed up on the lunch break at the workshop. We hope to pursue more funding for MOST and capitalize on the momentum of this movement!

Outreach Campaign Begins - FSU

This week USMSC will hold its inaugural outreach event for the academic year. President McGee and Director of Outreach David Lewis will be traveling to Frostburg State University on Friday November 7th. During our visit we will meet with members of the FSU Student Government Association to hear about the work they are doing and to learn about concerns they are currently fielding from students. We will also be looking for concerns that could translate into system-wide initiatives to improve the student experience across campuses. Following this meeting, we will meet with stakeholders on campus to discuss the It's On Us campaign and talk about ways to get involved. We will also be discussing the work that the student council is doing for all students within USM and discuss our mission as a council.

Lobbying Efforts

Our lobbying efforts at the state level are slowly beginning to come into focus. With the election just around the corner we hope to see more and more clarity in the coming weeks. However, at this time I would like to note my intention to request council support for a bill that will add protections for state interns from sexual harassment. A similar bill failed in the General Assembly last year. More legislative updates as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,
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President