



**Report to the Board of Regents
University System of Maryland Student Council
April 13, 2012 - Frostburg State University**

The Student Council held its fifth regular meeting at Coppin State University on Sunday, March 11, 2012. The Council received a campus welcome from the vice president of student affairs, Dr. Chambers.

The Council passed two resolutions which addressed a proposal to include graduate student employees in parental leave policies in all USM. Members also received an update on the 2012 legislative session and raised concern about the proposed budget cuts that could have negative effects on the USM and its institutions. Student leaders across the USM are working hard to ensure that students are taking an active role in the CapWiz campaign to urge legislators to oppose the proposed budget cuts. The Council congratulated Towson University, Coppin State University, and University of Maryland, College Park for their successful lobby days in Annapolis, where hundreds of students met with legislators to urge their support for higher education.

The Council has been very active throughout the 2012 legislative session. Our members have testified on a number of higher education bills and have worked with the USM office of governmental relations to ensure that students have a strong presence during the legislative session.

The Education Policy Committee approved the proposed changes to the USM Policy and the Council Constitution which would grant full voting rights to Council members from regional higher education centers. The Council urges the full Board to adopt the proposed changes.

The next meeting of the Student Council will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Council will be voting on a resolution to support the Maryland DREAM Act and accepting nominations for executive board positions.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Mr. Welsh:

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