



Report on USM Student Council

April 1, 2014

The March 9th USMSC meeting was held at Coppin State. At this meeting we recapped the USM Student Rally and our legislative efforts and turned our conversation to the future. The council discussed implementing a student organization survey on shared governance across the system and incorporating this survey into our bylaws. This survey will be administered on an annual basis and will give both the institution presidents as well as the system a student's perspective of shared governance at the institutional level. As we know, the system as a whole values shared governance and the council thinks this survey will give strengthen this core value of ours.

The council had two guest speakers. The first from the Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), Christina Drushel, discussed the council's history and membership. Its bylaws states three of the council members are for the USMSC and have gone unfilled for the past two years. The application process will be open from April 1st until July 1st. The council will be involved in choosing these representatives of USMSC on the MYAC and is considering writing this role for the council into our Bylaws. The second guest was Erin Knepler from the USM system office. She came to us looking for volunteers to brainstorm for ideas for topics for a Education Policy Discussion Series. Three of our members volunteered to be involved.

Our next meeting will be held on April 6th at Frostburg State University.