

USMSC Report  
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### **USMSC Advocacy Day**

USMSC was proud to take part in the 2017 USM Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Students from Salisbury University's Institute of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement joined USMSC in participating in the event. Throughout the day, students were able to attend legislative session and speak with legislators. We emphasized the importance of protecting the USM budget, and the tremendous returns to the state from continuing to invest in USM students.

### **April 23rd USMSC meeting**

The USMSC will be convening for our April, 2017 meeting on Sunday, April 23 at the Universities at Shady Grove. At that meeting, the council will hear a presentation from Charles Thomas, executive director of the University System of Maryland & Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) Library Consortium.

He will be sharing, discussing, and getting comments on their Statement Supporting Open Access Dissemination of Scholarship. This statement encourages USM students, faculty, and other authors of scholarly works to consider making a version of their works openly available, and retaining their copyrights if such actions align with their personal and professional publishing strategy. He will be asking the USMSC to endorse the statement.

Respect fully submitted,

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