



USMSC Report to Board of Regents

September 15, 2017

Meeting Summary

The USMSC met for the first time of the academic year on September 10, 2017. The Council elected a Vice President of Graduate Affairs, Shannon Bracey from Bowie State University and confirmed its executive board of four directors and four deputy directors.

In addition to discussion on campus-specific issues, USMSC identified particular interest in addressing each of the following concerns:

- The Trump administration's proposed Title IX regulations
- A survey on shared governance practices at each of the campuses
- The lack of student input on decisions made on mandatory fees
- Campus labor practices
- Institutional responses to the murder of Lt. Collins III and Charlottesville
- Campus environments for international students
- Ways to support Houston and Florida after the recent natural disasters
- Input from students on presidential evaluations
- Increased visibility, transparency and presence of the USMSC
- Future implications for campuses as a result of the recently codified "Forever GI Bill"

Diversity and Inclusion

The USMSC discussed each campus' climate on race relations and learned that there are significant issues of concern on a number of the campuses. The USMSC will continue to collect this information, identify resources to support each other and develop best practices to address these vital issues on a macro and micro level. USMSC's Director and Deputy Director of Diversity and Inclusion will be active participants in the System's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Responses to Recent National Events

The USMSC released public statements to address the Trump Administration's decision on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the events in Charlottesville, and will also be sending letters to Maryland's congressional delegation. These statements can be found on USMSC's Facebook page.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at cfabbi@umd.edu if you wish to pass on any information to students and student leadership across the system or would like feedback on any policy proposals.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caden Fabbi', written in a cursive style.

Caden Fabbi
2017-2018 USMSC President