



USMSC Report to Board of Regents

October 9, 2017

The USMSC met on October 1st for its second meeting of the year. The Council discussed a wide range of topics and student concerns, which are generally summarized below.

DACA Resolution

The Council unanimously approved a resolution in support of the BRIDGE Act and legislation codifying the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. In addition, USMSC recently sent a letter to Maryland's congressional delegation, signed by 11 student body presidents and the USMSC executive board.

Shared Governance Survey

The USMSC executive board will be working with campus representatives to develop and distribute a shared governance survey among the student leadership on each of the USM campuses. The survey questions and final report will reflect the unique governance structures that exist at each university. As of now, the timeline is similar to CUSF's survey, with an anticipated project completion in April of 2018.

Title IX Changes

USMSC discussed the recently released interim guidance offered by the Department of Education on how colleges and universities ought to address instances of sexual assault. In sum, the Council was disappointed with the proposed changes. The Council will be looking at resolutions addressing the "clear and convincing" versus "preponderance of evidence" standard, in addition to a resolution regarding the Campus Safety and Accountability Act at its next meeting on November 5th.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at cfabbi@umd.edu with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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