



USMSC Report to the Board of Regents

September 20, 2019

The University System of Maryland Student Council held its first meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year on September 8, 2019. This meeting is traditionally more introductory, however, this year the Council considered a significant amount of business at this first meeting.

The Council considered a number of issues important to both graduate and undergraduate Student Governments as well as the students at large in the System. The Council unanimously voted to suspend, in accordance with language provided by the USM and vetted by counsel, Section V.B of the USMSC Bylaws to permit an expedited and/or shifted Student Region Selection process. Following this vote, the Council also voted unanimously to officially endorse the “Drew for Two” plan to address the logistical difficulties created in the roll-out of the two years, two-member Student Regent process made law in SB719.

The Council spent thoughtful consideration of the future of the Council’s Special Committees on Urban Public Safety, Student Fees, and Graduate Labor. The Council felt that the current campus climates warranted the continuation of these committees. The efforts and research of both the Committees on Student Fees and Graduate Labor will be a collaborative effort of all the institutions in a working group fashion, while the Committee on Urban Public Safety will be made up of representatives of the University of Baltimore, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Towson University, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

The Council was asked to consider interest for appointments to the USM Inclusion and Diversity Council, the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, and the USMSC Board of Directors.

If the Board has any input for items to be brought to the Student Council, please communicate with me so that I can ensure they are given time on our agenda and addressed in my next report to this board

Respectfully,

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