



USMSC Report to the Board of Regents

November 22, 2019

The University System of Maryland Student Council has met twice since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. These meetings took place on October 13 at Towson University and November 10 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

A significant portion of the October meeting was spent preparing for the interview process for candidates for the Student Regent positions, along with clarifying any questions regarding the process that were at any institutions throughout the System. In addition, the Council considered the topic of Enterprise Risk Management and Crisis Management and discussed the importance of the inclusion of student leaders in the processes of both ERM and Crisis Management. Finally, the Council had a lengthy discussion around incidents of Sexual Assault and Hate Bias and the responses of the different institutions to these types of events, stemming from a number of incidents at Towson University.

The November meeting of the Council consisted almost exclusively around conducting interviews of the candidates for the Student Regent positions. This year, the Council received five nominations from across the System. All five of these nominees were undergraduate students; three nominees being juniors with expected graduation in 2021 and two being sophomores with expected graduation in 2022. These pools of applicants were, disappointingly but not unexpectedly, smaller than in years past, attributed most likely to the extended time commitment required of students with the 2-year term. Despite the smaller numbers, the candidates that were interviewed were quality candidates who were qualified and impressive. The Council is hopeful that the number of interested applicants may increase in future years. In addition, the Council again briefly discussed recent incidents of hate and vandalism on campus, as well as institutional responses to these incidents or incidents of this nature.

If the Board has any input for items to be brought to or being considered by 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Benjamin Forrest', written in black ink.

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