

USMSC Report to the Board of Regents

June 19, 2020

The USMSC met once since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. This meeting was held, as the previous meeting was, virtually through Zoom on May 17, 2020. This meeting was again fairly well attended and quite productive.

Students across the System continue to be encouraged by the inclusion of shared governance in conversations around COVID-19 planning and preparations, and the Council would like to urge that these shared governance entities continue to be included and involved in these conversations as we transition into the summer and the Fall semester.

Among the items considered during this meeting was the topic of elections for next year's USMSC. I am happy to report that Annie Rappeport, a graduate student at UMCP, will be serving as the next USMSC President; and Bernetta Reese, an undergraduate student at UMGC, will be serving as the next Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs for the USMSC. Both of these individuals will begin their terms on July 1, 2020. I have the utmost confidence in both of these individuals in fulfilling these duties and am excited to see their successes in the next year. The final elected position on the USMSC Executive Board, the Vice President for Graduate Affairs, will be elected at the first USMSC meeting in September.

As always, the USMSC welcomes the opportunity to work constructively and collaboratively with the Presidents, Chancellor Perman, and the Board of Regents as we continue to adapt and overcome these every changing and unprecedented circumstances. If any member of the Board of Regents has a topic or idea that they would like to work on with the Council or would like the Council to consider, please feel free to communicate them with to the Council so they can be considered and addressed in the Council's next report to the Board.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Chancellor Emeritus Caret, Chancellor Perman, Chair Gooden, the entire Board of Regents, Vice Chancellor Boughman, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Lee for all of their time, help, and support during my time as President of the University System of Maryland Student Council and for their continued dedication and commitment to the students of the University System of Maryland.

Respectfully,

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