

USM Student Council Report for the USM Board of Regents

June 17, 2021

The USM Student Council is excited to announce the incoming executive team for the 2021-2022 term. Our elections took place at our final official meeting of the year and there were multiple candidates for every position. The newly elected leadership includes graduate student Yvonne Harper from the University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park student Arsalan Siddiqui as VP for Undergraduate Affairs and University of Baltimore student Stephen Jenkins as VP for graduate affairs. We have every confidence in this strong and dedicated team to carry forth the momentum and service of the USMSC.

We welcomed Chancellor Perman and Vice Chancellor Hogan to our last official meeting for a lively and meaningful dialogue. The USMSC greatly appreciated the time together and the plans moving forward for continued conversations and collaborations related to shared governance and advocacy.

During the remainder of our session, we continued participation with civic education and civic engagement with USMSC representation attending a session organized by Dr. Shapiro and her team with Congressman Sarbanes. This session was a dialogue on the bipartisan supported For the People Act and was an opportunity to share knowledge and think of ways for student communities to help educate peers about the elements of the bill.

As a Council, we continue to listen and consolidate questions, concerns, and ideas from our fellow student community members from across the USM in relation to COVID-19 response and planning. These ideas were shared with the USMSC via listening sessions and meetings and were shared with USMSC advisors and the Chancellor's Office.

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for an amazing year. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as USMSC President alongside our VPs Laura Belko and Bernetta Reese as well as an amazing group of student leader representatives from across the USM. Thank you to Zakiya and Jo for being our advisors and to many members of the USM at large and the Board of Regents (including our student regent Nate Sansom) for engaging with the USMSC throughout the year in positive and meaningful ways!

May our community continue to support and care for one another and to thrive as we move onward into the new academic year.



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With Sincere Appreciation,

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2020-2021 USMSC President