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## **USM Student Council's Report to the Board of Regents**

*April 2024 Full Board of Regents Meeting, Bowie State University*

Good morning Chair Gooden, Chancellor Perman, the Board of Regents, and University Presidents,

In March, we evaluated and deliberated on 206 applications for the Board of Regents Student Excellence Scholarships. The 12 students we selected for this scholarship were approved at the Education Policy and Student Life meeting, and we will reach out to these students very soon in time for the ceremony in May. We also identified some finalists for each category who were extremely competitive and will be sharing the names of those individuals along with the winners to you.

Last week, we had our April general meeting and were very excited that Chancellor Perman was able to join us. We are very grateful for your time, Chancellor Perman, and the representatives appreciated the opportunity to share their perspective with you. We also voted on the resolution for divestment from arms-producing companies. This resolution was struck down with a vote of 4-4-1. Voting for the second resolution on international graduate student housing will take place via email before the next meeting. Additionally, the representatives received information about upcoming USMSC elections and the nomination process that will happen in May.

Finally, after a few adjustments, the USM Student Speaker Forum will be taking place at the University of Maryland, College Park on April 23rd. The event will showcase presentations from 5 students that celebrate creative and diverse perspectives in our system, and we are very excited to share how that goes.

Best regards,

**Vainavi Gambhir**

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