



USM Student Council December 2024 Report to the USM Board of Regents

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

We had our December general meeting earlier this month, and I want to thank President Breaux and Bowie State for welcoming us. We interviewed six Student Regent candidates and have forwarded three finalists to Chancellor Perman for his consideration.

The Directors for Government Relations also presented their report relating to the upcoming legislative session and Advocacy Day in February. They shared some information on advocating for the USM budget and other key legislation. They also sent out a survey to gather student legislative priorities and will be in touch to collect the stance of the council on various bills in preparation for Advocacy Day.

Finally, the Director of Communications and I have been working on creating a monthly newsletter system that compiles information, updates, and key events from across different campuses into one place to facilitate greater communication. At the previous meeting, we also briefly discussed including resources or guidance to support international students as they travel for the holidays in light of possible immigration changes in 2025.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

Happy Holidays!

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