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USM Student Council Report to the USM Board of Regents (October 2025)

Good morning, Chair Gooden, Regents, Chancellor Perman, University Presidents, and System Office staff.

This month, the USMSC met for the first time on October 5th, 2025. This year, we adopted a new structure for our council meetings, dividing them between our Graduate Council and Undergraduate Council meetings. Our GSA representatives participated in a discussion where they shared their challenges. Common topics included: **VISA conflicts, international student support, and research funding cuts**. Our undergraduate council also had a meaningful discussion about the challenges they are experiencing. Common themes discussed included **international student support, affordable housing, transparency concerns, and parking**. On a positive note, the majority of our institution's SGAs and GSAs are seeing increased engagement and more assembly members.

Multiple students from across the system have reached out to the council's leadership via email regarding **divestment**. We informed all the groups/coalitions about the USM Foundations' "Sustainable Investing Inquiries and Process" and asked them to refer to it. In the coming weeks, I will meet with them, along with our Government Relations and Student Affairs Directors, to hear their concerns.

During the full council meeting, the Executive Board and our directors shared the progress on their initiatives. It reads as follows:

Executive Board

- Shared my report regarding last month's Board of Regents meeting.
- Gave the council more information regarding the upcoming Joint Council's Meeting.
- VP Princess and VP Harshal shared where their respective committees were with their goals.

Government Relations Directors

- Preparing to meet with key legislators before session and the USM Advocacy Day.
- Working on a memorandum for the Governor's Office so the Governor can join us for one of our Spring semester meetings.
- Assisting with advocacy day planning.

Student Affairs Directors

- Finalizing their planned leadership institute, which will be available for all USM students to participate in.
- Actively meeting with constituent groups to track their concerns across all campuses.

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DEI Directors

- Finalizing their planned “Heritage Month” social media posts. They will be actively posting them on our social media.

Communications & Marketing Director

- Our director has started to publish images from USMSC Launch on our social media. We received high levels of engagement from it thus far!
- We will begin posting content summarizing the Board of Regents meetings and our council meetings, so students stay up to speed on what’s happening at USM.

Finally, the Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing, Michael Sandler, joined us during the general body meeting. He shared with the council information about the USM Legislative Campaign. He received great feedback from our representatives and generated significant interest, as many of them signed up for this campaign! Without a doubt, this campaign will be a success, and I look forward to hearing how our students share how their future is “Maryland’s future.”

I look forward to providing you with updates in the coming weeks!

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

In service,

Jefferson Vasquez-Reyes
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