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

Good morning Chair Gooden, Regents, Chancellor Perman, University Presidents, and all assembled. My name is Jefferson Vasquez-Reyes, and I have the absolute pleasure of serving as the President of the USM Student Council for the 2025-2026 term. I am currently a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, majoring in Psychology on the pre-med track. I am excited to represent our more than 170,000+ students and strengthen our connection this year through shared governance.

The USM Student Council started off strong by debuting the inaugural, now annual, “USMSC Launch!” event at Towson University on September 9th. Once again, we are very grateful for President Mark Ginsberg and his team’s hospitality and attendance. More than 50 student leaders from across the USM attended the event and participated in a robust program that included a special Q&A and discussion section with Chancellor Perman & Chair Gooden. Let me just say that our student leaders left energized and with a renewed focus. Many reached out later, expressing interest in supporting the USM Office and our council!

This year, we have an incredible Executive Board & Board of Directors team joining us:

Executive Board

Princess Nyamali (USG)
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Co-Directors of Government Relations

Qamryn Askew (UMBC)
Jaden Farris (UMBC)

Co-Directors of Student Affairs

Srimahi Ghorkavi (UMCP)
Maahe Kunvar (UMCP)

Co-Directors of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Kevin Lopez-Cruz (Bowie)
Sarah Otwey (UMCP)

Director of Communications & Marketing

Eric Amaya (UMCP)

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As a council, we have agreed to emphasize and bring the student voice to this meeting. We are navigating polarizing times, but we want to support your efforts and the incredible work you are doing. Our Gov Relations team has prioritized the USM's budget as their priority for advocacy, while our Student Affairs Directors are interested in creating advocacy/leadership training for our students, and our DEI directors are looking to facilitate meaningful discussions system-wide with students. We look forward to bringing the voices of many to your table—those who work full-time and attend school part-time, maintain a family at home, live abroad pursuing an education as an international student, and more—because it is important that these voices and perspectives are heard here so well-calculated decisions can be made.

Regents, Presidents, System Office staff, please know that the work you do is valued and very important. On behalf of the council, we thank you for your hard work and efforts that create opportunities for our students. I look forward to sharing more with you as our work gets underway in earnest over the next several weeks.

Thank you!

In service,

Jefferson Vasquez-Reyes