



STUDENT COUNCIL

September 2011

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of Chancellor William E. Kirwan, I welcome you to the University System of Maryland Student Council. Our role in the university system is a unique and critical one, as we are tasked with providing leadership for 170,000 students that attend the system's 12 degree-granting institutions. We also have the important role of being the student advisory body to the Chancellor, tasked with providing counsel to the Chancellor on a variety of higher education issues.

In this packet, you will find agenda and other documents for the upcoming council retreat which will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the Chancellor's Residence.

I hope your schedule permits you to attend the retreat, as this is an important opportunity for you to learn about the work of the council and the many issues that you will face as a member of the council this year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail, ewelsh3@students.towson.edu or phone at 410-814-8224. I look forward to seeing you at the retreat and to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel M. Welsh
Chairman



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USM Student Council Retreat
Sunday, September 18, 2011
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Hidden Waters (*Chancellor's Residence*)
3112 Old Court Road
Baltimore, Maryland

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. The Roles and Functions of the Student Council
- III. Dr. William E. Kirwan, Chancellor
- IV. Lunch
- V. Business Session
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. INFORMATION ITEM: UMD-UMB Merger Study Briefing
 - c. **ACTION ITEM**: Council Schedule 2011-2012 year (enclosed)
 - d. **ACTION ITEM**: Nominations for Executive Board Vacancy: Secretary
 - e. Adjournment
- VI. Chair and Student Regent's Updates
- VII. Regional Center Voting Rights
 - a. Chairman's and Student Regent's Recommendations (enclosed)
- VIII. Adjournment



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ACTION ITEM: To approve the Council schedule for the 2011-2012 academic year
BY: Chairman Welsh

The Chair proposes the following meeting times, dates, and locations for the 2011-2012 academic year outlined below. The Constitution requires that a council schedule be approved by September 22. Representatives from the institutions listed are responsible for planning and making proper arrangements to host the council.

The University System of Maryland Student Council meets the second Sunday of every month (with the exception of January) during the academic year. The council meets at various campuses throughout the system and the meetings are open to the public.

Date	Location	Time
Sunday, September 18 <i>Council Retreat (closed)</i>	Hidden Waters	11:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 9 <i>1st Regular Meeting</i>	Towson University	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order
Sunday, November 13 <i>2nd Regular Meeting</i>	Frostburg University	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order
Sunday, December 11 <i>3rd Regular Meeting</i>	UMBC Student Regent Interviews	TBD breakfast TBD call to order
Sunday, February 12 <i>4th Regular Meeting</i>	Shady Grove	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order
Sunday, March 11 <i>5th Regular Meeting</i>	Coppin	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order
Sunday, April 15* <i>6th Regular Meeting</i>	College Park	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order
Sunday, May 6 <i>7th Regular Meeting</i>	Salisbury University	11:00 a.m. breakfast 11:30 a.m. call to order

*April meeting held on the third Sunday because the second Sunday is Easter Sunday.

DIRECTIONS TO HIDDEN WATERS

**Chancellor's Residence
3112 Old Court Road
Baltimore, Maryland**

Baltimore Beltway 695 to Greenspring Avenue, Exit 22. Go South on Greenspring Avenue. Right at first light onto Old Court Road.
0.7 miles to entrance on right.

From Washington, DC

Beltway 495 to Interstate 95 North. 95 North to Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson (exit I-95 from left lane), then follow directions above.

From downtown Baltimore

Jones Falls Expressway 83 to the Ruxton Road exit. Left on Ruxton Road, which becomes Old Court Road. About 3 miles to entrance on right.



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Council Members & System SGA Presidents

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Regional Center Voting Rights Recommendations

By Emmanuel Welsh, Council Chair & Collin Wojciechowski, Student Regent

Background

The University System of Maryland Student Council considered a proposal during its 2010-2011 council year to grant full voting rights to our regional center representatives, who currently serve as *ex-officio* members of the Council. The proposal was tabled during its May 2011 meeting and required that the Council Chair and Student Regent outline recommendations on the issue.

Recommendations

1. Regional Centers must submit, on an annual basis, a petition for full membership to the Council. The Council is mandated to vote on the petition on the last meeting of the Council year.
2. Upon passage of the petition, regional center representatives shall be granted full-voting rights and privileges of membership to the Council.
3. Regional Center representatives must abstain from voting on the three student regent nominees that are sent to the Chancellor and Governor after the Council conducts its interview process.
4. These changes will be reflected in the package of proposed Constitutional and By-Laws amendments that the Chair will propose for Council consideration.



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A Guide To Hosting A Council Meeting In Your Campus

The University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) meets in a different system campus monthly to give universities, colleges, and regional centers the opportunity to showcase their unique campuses. The representatives from the campus where the meeting is held will serve as the hosts for the council.

MEETING TIME

Second Sunday of every month

11:00 a.m. (brunch)*

11:30 a.m. (call to order)*

(*exception: Student Regent interview meetings. Brunch and call to order time TBD)

LOCATION

There is no specific requirement as to the location of the meetings. Typically, they are held in conference rooms or meeting rooms to accommodate the council's 22 members and chairs for the public.

ATTIRE

Business.

FOOD

The host campus usually supplies food and refreshments for the council before and during the meeting. It is at the discretion of the representatives, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, how much money will be allocated for food and refreshments.

CUSTOMS

The system president or executive director of the host campus usually provides welcoming remarks at the start of the council meeting. Again, this is only a custom and is not required if the president's schedule does not permit his/her attendance. The Vice President for Student Affairs usually represents the President in his/her absence. The SGA President typically provides welcoming remarks as well. It is customary for the host campus to give gifts to council members. Gifts vary from duffle bags, mugs, pens, shirts, etc. It is at the discretion of the host representatives, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, how much money will be allocated for gifts.

In the past, some host representatives have offered to give a tour of their campus to council members. This can be done before or after council meetings. Any questions, please feel free to contact the council chair, Emmanuel Welsh, at ewelsh3@students.towson.edu or 410-814-8224.



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TO: Members, University System of Maryland Student Council

FROM: Emmanuel M. Welsh
Chair, University System of Maryland Student Council

DATE: September 18, 2011

RE: Chair's Updates to the Council

Members:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 USM Student Council and a special welcome to our new members. I look forward to working with all of you over the course of this year.

- The Chancellor's Council ("CC") met on August 17 and September 4. CC discussed the FY2013 USM budget and concerns about further budget cuts. CC was also briefed about the pending lawsuit that involves the USM. CC briefly discussed the status of the UMCP/UMB merger study. Intercollegiate athletics and Towson University's parental leave policy were also topics of discussion during the meeting. On September 4, CC had a brief meeting and discussed the Maryland Charity Campaign, the Board of Regents Retreat Agenda, and the status of the UMCP/UMB merger study.
- The Board of Regents ("Board") held its first meeting September 9 at University of Maryland University College. This was the first meeting for the Board's new chairman, Orlan Johnson. The Board recognized system staff members for their contributions to their respective institutions and the system as a whole. The Board approved several action items that came out of the Finance Committee. The next Board meeting is October 21.
- USMSC will be responding to several questions to the Merger Study. USMSC will begin crafting its responses at its October meeting.
- Dates to keep in mind: UMCP/UMB merger hearings: Fri., 10/21 (UMB) and Fri., 10/28 (UMCP); Joint Councils Meeting: Tue., 11/15 (UMCP); and next USMSC meeting: Sun., 10/9 (Towson University).