



STUDENT COUNCIL

TO: University System of Maryland Student Council

FROM: Emmanuel M. Welsh, Chairman

SUBJECT: November Meeting of the University System of Maryland Student Council

DATE: November 8, 2011

Members,

The University System of Maryland Student Council will meet on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at Frostburg State University. Enclosed in this packet are the agenda and accompanying documents, minutes from the previous meeting, and directions to Frostburg State University.

If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to contact me via e-mail at ewelsh3@students.towson.edu or via phone at 410-814-8224. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. M. Welsh".

Emmanuel M. Welsh
Chairman

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Enclosures



STUDENT COUNCIL

**Second Regular Meeting
Frostburg State University
101 Braddock Road
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
Presidential Board Room, Hitchens Administration Building
11:00 AM (brunch); 11:30 AM (call to order)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Minutes*
- IV. Welcome to Campus
 - A. Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, PhD, president of Frostburg State University
 - B. Dr. Tom Bowling, PhD vice president for student affairs, Frostburg State University
- V. Reports of the Institutions & Regional Centers*
- VI. Chairman's Report to the Council* (Chairman Welsh)
- VII. Student Regent's Report to the Council (Regent Wojciechowski)

ACTION ITEM

- VIII. Resolution No. 2: To approve amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws* (Chairman Welsh)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- IX. Board of Regents Merger Questions to the Student Council* (Chairman Welsh)
- X. Board of Regents Student Awards (Regent Wojciechowski)
 - A. Selection Process for Faculty and Staff Awards*
- XI. Systemwide College Newspaper Summit (Regent Wojciechowski)
- XII. Adjournment

DIRECTIONS TO FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

**Frostburg State University
101 Braddock Road
Frostburg, Maryland 21532-2303**

From Baltimore and east: take I-70 west to I-68 west at Hancock, MD. Continue to the second exit for Frostburg, Exit 33 (Midlothian/ Braddock Road). Bear right and proceed approximately one mile to the main entrance to the FSU campus.

From Morgantown, WV, and west: take I-68 east to Exit 33 (Midlothian/Braddock Road). Turn left onto Braddock Road and proceed approximately one mile to the main entrance to the campus.

Estimated Travel Time from Eastern U.S. Cities to FSU Main Campus

Baltimore
2 1/2 hours

Richmond
5 hours
Johnstown
1 hour

Salisbury, MD
5 hours

Washington, D.C.
2 1/2 hours

Parking:

As you all know, Frostburg is in a very remote location, and there are no major cities nearby. Because of this, all lots are open for parking on the weekends. You may park anywhere you wish, however, for the shortest walk possible, it is recommended that you park in the Pullen Lot or Hitchens Lot (see attached map).

MINUTES
First Regular Meeting
Sunday October 9, 2011
Towson University

Chairman Welsh

- Vote to approve agenda passes Unanimously
- Vote to approve minutes passes Unanimously

Welcoming Remarks from Dr. Deb Moriarty PhD

- Words of advise over the coming votes for the voting rights of the Regional Higher Education Centers (RHEC)
- What is the role of the RHEC? To help students obtain a degree without long distance travel or higher tuitions?
- Should the RHEC get a vote on the Council?
- Either way it is a much higher complex issue then do they get a vote or not.

Welcoming Remarks from Mr. Matthew Sikorski

- Discussed several new programs as SGA president such as the search for a new President and general student needs.
- Towson's sports team are doing well
- \$150,000,000 capital projects on the expansion of Towson's campus and academic buildings
- Constantly looking for joint ventures with other colleges

Institutional Reports

Towson University (In addition to Sikorski's report)

- Youth for Western Civilization (hate group) has been on campus
- New website to see all events taking place on campus on a single calendar

University of Maryland Baltimore Campus

- Zip cars have been brought to the school
- SGA had it's first annual retreat
- Commencement for new officers
- Graduate Students Association had it's first meeting

Coppin State

- Provost resigned suddenly and the Dean of the Honors college has taken over
- Introducing a first year program
- New email system
- Installed a digital game room
- Demolishing old gym and temporarily installing green room and recycling center

Shady Grove

- 75% more scholarships given out than last fall
- Started a stock market simulation
- Developing programs to assist students to find internships
- 1st town hall meeting
- SEB movie night
- Soccer fundraising event
- USG fundraising event

Bowie State

- Search for associate Provost
- New Student Union put into place
- Football team is doing poorly
- SGA homecoming event
- Several meetings within the SGA

University of Maryland at Baltimore

- SGA meeting to discuss merger study
- 2011-2016 strategic plan to promote studies in Technology and Interdisciplinary studies
- Programs to combat childhood obesity
- Launched new sustainability website
- Genome Sciences decoded the DNA of the E coli virus plaguing Germany

University of Maryland at College Park

- \$10,000,000 spent for new teaching centers
- New physical sciences building under construction
- Limited funds for SGA
- Increased Student fees
- New VP and diversity officer
- Increased the no smoking radius around buildings
- Giving benefits to same-sex married couples
- Parental leave to be discuss in meeting

University Systems of Maryland - Hagerstown

- Coffee bar survey for student needs
- Possibility of moving from non-traditional to traditional school
- No meal plan but attempting to have access to healthier snacks
- Introduction of new SGA members
- Convoy of Help gave 5200 people groceries
- Blood drive was huge success
- Director suddenly resigned
- Had their only scholarship fundraising event

Frostburg University

- Homecoming plans to be much more than paper decorations
- New mobile app with maps and blackboard access
- Ending grants with AstraZeneca and is searching for funding sources
- Now a smoke free campus but not enforced
- Black Student Union being replaced with Multi Cultural Student Union
- Implementing a My Voice program to get more student opinions

Salisbury University

- New recycling program
- Many students volunteered on TV show Extreme Home Makeover
- DLLR had representative speak on GMAT
- Attempting to ban the sale of plastic water bottles
- Planning for Homecoming

University of Baltimore

- Restructuring of the SGA with division on labor
- Worked out a deal to decrease the price of parking

- Introduction of a single campus wide ID card
- Building of new Law School
- Building of apartments more suited for students
- Homecoming dance even with no sports teams to boost morale
- Global Village event to support international students
- Block Party to fundraise for clubs went well

Chairman Welsh's Report

Chairman Welsh

- Public hearings for merger study will be on 10/23 and 10/28
- Task groups for merger study questions 1&2 are still in progress
- The Chancellor and his group will be finishing all other merger study questions
- Federal reductions and cuts to research funding is "Unusually Uncertain" at this time
- State of Maryland bond rating is now at AA+
- Still much debate at the Federal level regarding debt

Student Regent Wojciechowski's Report

Student Regent Wojciechowski

- Will have finished campus visits by next meeting
- Board annual retreat:
 - Financial Outlook
 - Governor O'Malley's support of higher education
 - Strategic plan for 2020
 - Plans to make increase higher education with by 10,000 bachelors degrees per year
 - Introductory courses will be revised
 - Plans to close achievement gap
 - Plans to raise the graduation rate from 60% to 75%
- Board of Regents has a merit awards for staff and faculty but none for students so Wojciechowski asked the council's opinion of having student awards. The council largely thought this was a good idea.
- Wojciechowski also asked the council's opinion on making the Student Regent position a 2-year term in which the student would have one year to acclimate and 1 year to serve as the regent. The council reached a close consensus that this was not practical.
- Regent McMillan will be starting a study on student fees in the spring.

Action Item

Nominations for Secretary

- Chairman Welsh asked for any further nominations besides the representative from the University of Baltimore and Coppin State
- The representative from the University of Baltimore won, Jacob Goldberg.

Approval of the Student Regent Application

- Vote to approve Student Regent Application was approved unanimously

RHEC Representation

- Recommendations from Chairman Welsh and Regent Wojciechowski
 - RHEC must submit petition for full membership annually
 - If the petition passes the RHEC will gain full memberships
 - RHEC must abstain from voting on the on the Student Regent Nominee
- Notes from Wojciechowski

- Chancellor feels RHEC should be granted full membership just like any other institution
- RHEC currently don't pay high student fees which is likely to change if they continue to grow
- We are the first board to make a move on this issue
- Wojciechowski thinks this is a very smart compromise
- Open floor Discussion points
 - There is a potential abuse of power vs. Actualized unrepresented group
 - Incremental approach is rational
 - VPs are not in favor because of there work with Student Affairs (SA) but this board deals with much more than SA
 - Why have a petition for annual membership? To stay on good terms with the VPs
 - Any intuition can send more than 3 nominees for student regent
 - Shady Grove has over 4000 students Hagerstown over 550
 - All full time students at Shady Grove pay some student fees
 - Possibility of allowing non voting members to sit in on votes rather than leave the room
 - Possibility of removing recommendation 3 was declined, as it would be Unconstitutional to MD constitutional.
 - Pushing too hard would delegitimize the council which is why the Chairman and Student Regent suggest slow progress
- Motion to pass recommendation passes unanimously and will be sent along to the Board of Regents.

Discussion Items

UMCP Graduate Assistant Leave Policy

- As Graduate Students are not employees they do not get the same benefits as staff
- Entitled to 2 weeks or 40 hours of leave but do not qualify for sick or child birth leave
- Initial proposal to give "reasonable procedure" but had no graduate student input
- Still waiting for information from other campuses on their policies
- Desired for up to 6 weeks of leave for child birth

Student Regent Wojciechowski

- Idea to have a state wide college newspaper and asked for each representative to contact our school paper and send contact information along

UMCP-UMB Merger Study: Chairman Welsh and Regent Wojciechowski

- Each University needs to Develop a council and come up with an official view point
- Discuss of University councils finds will take place next meeting
- Salisbury: Had a discussion with Dean and decided to just wait for more information
- Regent Wojciechowski
 - Very political issue
 - Mergers in Higher Education are uncommon
 - 9/10 mergers occur from a within the institutions not commonly due to legislature
 - Since the new institution would have over 50% of the budget this is truly important to all institutions
- Frostburg: Several administrators have stated that the merger doesn't directly effect Frostburg which may or may not be true

- Open floor Discussion points
 - Institutions were formerly merged from 1920-1970 but split so more information is desired as to the reasons
 - Would the new institutions receive more research funding?
- Regent Wojciechowski
 - 2 opposing schools of thought
 - If the institution receives national attentions then the other institutions would “rise with the tides”
 - Or that the attention will be overly focused on the new institution and all others will left aside
 - We need to consider the not only the academic side but the cultures that would have to be forced together
 - Then the idea of one president for 2 distant campuses would be a “bureaucratic nightmare”
- Open floor Discussion points
 - Desire for research from other schools such as a recent case in Chicago
 - Many issues being brought up have been considered within the merger study questions
 - Will this plan benefit Maryland as a whole?
 - If federal funding is cut the new institution will still receive large grants as it would be a very large school
 - Would this be a gateway to future mergers?
 - How will this effect job security and new opportunity?
 - No physical changes will be made
- Regent Wojciechowski
 - Has the possibility of bring back business to the Baltimore area
 - The ABLE foundation is also conducting a study on the Baltimore economy
 - Even if there is no merger it is clear the two schools will continue to collaborate
- Open floor Discussion points
 - If this issue is so conceptual why is there a budget stipulation attached to the merger study?
 - How will this affect the average student who already has to go out of state to get into an average University?
 - “Slippery step” to become one large University of Maryland at _____
 - No indication of a hostile takeover
 - Would this now make UMB a RHEC?
 - There may not be as much gained by UMB compared to UMCP
 - UMB representative seems to be against the merger while UMCP representative seems to see value in the possibility
 - The two intuitions are almost complementary with very little overlap
 - Discussion would likely continue but due to time constraints the discussion had to be stopped for this meeting

Ending Statements

- Possibility of having a special meeting to continue discussion for Frostburg was suggested but no official actions
- Answers to merger study questions will be out by mid to late November

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY REPORT

November 13, 2011

Katherine Mooney & Mike Bengston

- October 31st through November 5th was Homecoming Week here at SU. Our events included an event based off the popular NBC show, Minute to Win It; Pep Rally; Big Six Carnival (Carnival run by the main six organizations on campus); a Wing Eating Contest and Battle of the Bands; a Pageant for the Homecoming King and Queen Contestants; and last but not least, Block Party.
- Our football team won against St. John Fisher for the Homecoming game on November 5th. This win has gotten our Sea Gulls into the NCAA tournament for the 8th time in program history. The team is 8-1 in our division, and 6-0 with the Empire 8.
- Numerous sports teams have achieved CAC titles; Volleyball for the seventh time, Field hockey for the sixteenth time, and women's soccer for the fourth time.
- Salisbury has received an amazing opportunity from Elkay, a cabinet, sink and plumbing company. They have provided the university with a hydration station to be installed in Henson, one of the academic buildings on campus. Elkay has been generous enough to provide the first station to our University for free, basically as a trial run. The reason we are putting it into Henson is because it has the highest sales within its Satellite Dining area, so we are testing to see if less water bottles will be sold because of this new hydration station. We are being optimistically cautious with this because there may be unforeseen circumstances, but we are always hoping for the best.
- Our information technology department is in the process of reworking our wireless network on campus. This semester has seen a plethora of problems with the network along with computers on campus. The university is hoping this reconfiguring will help to solve these problems.

UMBC REPORT

November 13, 2011

Caitlyn Leiter-Mason, James Willett, Stacie Hering

General

- President Freeman Hrabowski has been honored the Carnegie Foundation with the Centennial Academic Leadership Award for his “development of a culture of excellence and success in preparing students of all backgrounds to go on to earn Ph.D.’s in science and engineering.” He was honored on November 10th and awarded 500,000 dollars to support his academic initiatives.
- UMBC will be featured on *60 Minutes*, on November 13. The story will focus on the deficiency of STEM graduates in the United States. UMBC will be highlighted as an exception to the trend, especially in regards to the school's Meyerhoff Scholars Program and other efforts to increase minorities' STEMP degrees.
- UMBC transitioned from distributing paper checks to E-Refunds this month. Students received a card in the mail and now can have their refunds deposited to the card or to an existing account of their choosing.
- UMBC undergraduates, graduates, and faculty are being asked to participate in the national survey on academic integrity by the Center of Academic Integrity.

Undergraduate Report

- Homecoming – from October 12th-15th, the UMBC community celebrated our 45th Homecoming with a school picnic, several socials, a pep rally, soccer game, a concert, dance, and several other activities.
- Prove It! - on October 17th, the Student Government Association kicked off the biennial Prove It! Campaign. The Prove It! Campaign solicits proposals from students with ideas about how to create positive change on the UMBC campus. Proposals are due on December 31st and will be evaluated by a committee. Three ideas will be selected by the spring and funded with \$10,000 dollars to be implemented during the next year.
- On November 9th, the Student Government Association hosted a Lunch with the Student Regent Event to educate the students about the University System of Maryland structure as well as discuss the merger and other topical higher education issues.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month – through October, the UMBC community came together to spread awareness of issues of domestic and relationship violence, especially focusing on violence issues and red flags in college relationships. The month included a display of the Clothesline Project and several speakers, discussions, and fundraisers.

Graduate Report

- President Hrabowski and Dean Rutledge hosted a reception to recognize new Doctoral Candidates on November 1st. The reception was held in the University Center Ballroom and featured a presentation and full dinner.
- The next GSA Senate Meeting will take place Monday, November 7th and it will include a Thanksgiving-style dinner.
- The GSA will be hosting an International Social Hour on November 17th at Flat Tuesdays featuring foods from around the globe! Additionally, GSA will be showing ‘digital posters’ of international-based research by UMBC students.

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY REPORT

November 13, 2011

Lauron Thomas

- The Student Senate finally voted to pass the Student Government Constitution, so we are 2/3 of the way done with that process.
- The SGA recently discovered a large amount of money set aside in our name, so we will be starting an endowment fund to help our monies grow. The hope is that in the future, we can self-fund any major projects that the students request
- We hosted a Grand Opening for the Digital Game Room, with music and food. Many students participated and the DGR has been very popular since then.
- We had our first Fall Homecoming Celebration on October 23 with our Club Football team. During the game, we also hosted Free HIV screening open to the community
- Our Information Technology Division and Department of Management Science and Economics is partnering with Pearson to create a fully online degree program. Coppin will be the first Historically Black Institution to offer a four-year, start to finish program of this type.
- Dr. Gary D. Rodwell, Executive Director of Coppin State University's Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, was appointed to the Maryland State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
- Our Band will be hosting its annual Battle of the Bands, with high schools from across the country coming to perform and compete. This is a great scholarship event and we would like to encourage everyone to attend. Tickets are only \$15
- We have been having trouble enforcing our "No Smoking Policy" on campus because students find new places each time we station people to patrol "hot spot" areas
- Renovation of our Tawes College Center is underway, beginning with new elevators. The University is excited about the green roof that will be added in future.
- The CSU SGA held its Town Hall Meeting of the semester with a great turn out. Many issues were resolved; however, Financial Aid and On-Campus Housing remains an issue and the SGA is working to come up with resolutions
- Our National Pan-Hellenic Council attended the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. They were impressed, because we had all nine Black Greek Letter Organizations attend, something that is a rarity from one school
- We had a group of students travel to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Conference in New York and several of our students were successful in networking with great companies, including WalMart

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE REPORT

November 13, 2011

Jacob Goldberg

- Our University Council, which is a small council with one faculty representative from each department, has voted and approved the formation of a new center. This center which will be known as the Digital Communication, Commerce and Culture at the UB. The goal of this new center is to create further learning for business professionals seeking to further their knowledge in the digital era and. Not only will this draw further attention to our school but it will also help our faculty spread the use of digital learning into the undergraduate programs.
- A committee has been formed to compile more detailed information about our enrollment as our school is making many changes. We have found that we have made a shift from a 50-50% part-time to full-time students up to a 40-60% ratio in undergraduate students. We have also found out that in all of our 4 major schools that the ratio of returning to new students is less than 3-1, which indicates we are still having more students feeding into the school.
- Our student council has had a second push of enrollment having more than 5 new voting members and countless members at large. We hope that this will continue to grow as will our new structure to go into effect this coming fall we will need many more representatives.
- Our student council is putting forth a marketing campaign to receive student feedback via a town hall meeting. We also plan to have several representatives positioned at highly trafficked areas around campus to draw in more student involvement.
- I have started an advisory council specific to the school of business in which the Dean would meet with representatives from all of the business related clubs. The Dean would share any plans that she is currently working on to get our feedback and also allow the clubs to feed her information on projects we are having difficulty handling. If my efforts for the business school are successful the other 3 schools will then adopt this model.
- We are still in a search for applicants for the Student Regent and will be having our interviews for the candidates next week. At this point I am the only person to submit a formal application but the student council has been attempted to reach out to all students and explain the great opportunity.

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

November 13, 2011

Schuyler Millham and Ryan Fredriksson

- Towson University's football team is now 6 and 2. Recently, Towson played Delaware University with a final score 35-30 Delaware. Currently Towson is ranked #2 in the CAA.
- Towson University's Student Government Association has opposed the proposed merger between UMD and UB.
- On November 1st, a suspect with a gun was reported on Towson's campus. The emergency response system was activated and students received text messages in reference to the current situation. Students were updated with information via text every couple minutes. It was later revealed that the suspect was carrying a toy gun for an acting class. However, this incident showed some flaws with the emergency response system when students did not receive the text messages. Working is being done to fix this issue.
- Our newly elected Judicial branch has been focusing their time on the illegal chalking throughout Towson's campus. Student groups involved are being documented and are dealing with the ramifications.
- Towson's SGA is working on having discount cards for students. These discount cards would give students great deals and coupons towards popular restaurants in the local area. These cards will be available by Finals week this semester.
- Senators within the SGA are working on bringing a Medical Amnesty policy to Towson that would encourage responsible action in regards to drinking.
- The University Residence Government has passed legislation that bans motorized scooters from parking at the bike racks. Scooters must now park in motorcycle parking lots, which are free of charge.
- Congressman Andy Harris came to Towson University to speak to students on current issues in the political system.

USMH REPORT

November 13, 2011

Megan Cox

- Feaste and Frolic Fundraiser was October 14, 2011 and it was fantastic!
 - More than 140 people attended and 30 sponsors supported the Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic Scholarship Fundraiser. Nearly \$27,000 was raised for future USMH student scholarships. Past Feaste and Frolic fundraising events have provided 30 students with scholarship monies totaling \$75,000. As a result of this event, USMH scholarships again will be given for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Our second Harvest Social kicked off and was a complete success due to a water main break ☒
- Meet the Dean night was held at the end of October. We had 4 deans attend and gave the students a chance to meet their teachers whether they were on campus or online.
- Psychology club formation! Preliminary meeting was held where all interested participants were welcome to come watch a movie.
- The May 2011 USMH TU nursing graduates all passed their NCLEX!

University System of Maryland Student Council
2011-2012 SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2: To accept the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the University System of Maryland Student Council.

PROPOSED BY: Chairman Welsh

DATE: Sunday, November 13, 2011

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of the University System of Maryland Student Council have not been amended for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, some of the provisions in the Constitution and By-Laws are not being followed and no longer apply to the current work of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws would enable the Council to fulfill its responsibilities and duties that are delegated and expected of them today.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND STUDENT COUNCIL APPROVES THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ENUMERATED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS RELATING TO REGIONAL CENTER MEMBERSHIP WHICH PASSED THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 13, 2011 IS NOT COVERED BY THIS RESOLUTION.

Constitution

*Requires approval by the Chancellor & Board of Regents upon passage from Council

SECTION I: REPRESENTATION

- (A) Each ~~member institution~~ four-year degree-granting institution will have two (2) representatives on the SSC. The method of selection will be determined by the student government(s) or student council(s) of each institution or regional center, except the University of Maryland University College, which will determine its own method. The representatives will be determined with the advice and consent of the institution president or regional center executive director. It is not necessary that the representatives be members of any student government association or student council.

(i) Regional Centers. University System of Maryland Regional Centers shall submit petitions for full membership to the SSC. Regional Centers who wish to continue their membership with the council will submit a resolution before the council on the last meeting of the council's schedule. The council must pass the resolution in order for regional centers to obtain full membership in the succeeding council year.

(B) ~~The SSC will vote on a one institution, one vote basis.~~ Each four-year degree granting institution or regional center shall have one vote on the council. Regional centers may be granted full-voting rights upon council approval pursuant to Section I.A.i. Only the representatives will be allowed to vote. No absentee or proxy votes will be allowed.

(C) The Student Regent will be an ex-officio member of the SSC.

(D) The representatives will serve a term from May to the following May.

SECTION III: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(A) Election of officers for the succeeding council year will be held annually, on the last day of the council year. Vacancies that occur during the council year will be filled by the council.

(B) All members are eligible to run for officer positions, including regional center representatives upon the approval of their membership.

(C) The Student Regent will plan and execute the SSC elections. The Student Regent will count the votes and announce the new officers immediately after the balloting.

(D) Voting will be by secret ballot.

(E) New officers will be determined by simple majority.

SECTION IV: STUDENT REGENT SELECTION PROCESS

(A) The SSC will conduct the Student Regent selection process at its December meeting.

(B) Each of the eleven degree-granting institutions in the University System of Maryland may nominate a student to be interviewed at the December meeting. Students attending regional centers may submit applications for student regent in their home institutions.

(C) Within five days of the December meeting, the Chairperson of the SSC will send a letter to the Chancellor certifying that the selection process was carried out in accordance with this Constitution and the corresponding By-Laws and transmitting the names of the SSC's nominees for the position of Student Regent.

(D) The selection process may be further elaborated in the By-Laws.

(E) Regional Center representatives may participate in the interview process and the deliberation, but will not be able to cast a vote for the SSC's nominees for Student Regent.

SECTION VI: ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(A) Attendance at all meetings is expected. Upon the absence of a representative, the Secretary shall send a ~~note~~ letter to the president of the student government or student council of the representative's institution or regional center declaring the absence. The Chairperson of the Council and the representatives absent shall receive copies of the correspondence. After two absences, a letter recommending resignation of the representative will be sent to the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Executive Director of Regional Centers.

(B) If an institution is not represented for two consecutive meetings, the Chairperson may appoint, with SSC approval, appropriate representation for that institution or regional centers, to serve with full voting rights until duly selected representatives attend.

SECTION VII: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

(A) Removal proceedings may be initiated against an officer for failure to carry out his or her respective duties as outlined in the constitution.

(B) A majority of the voting representatives will be required to initiate the removal process.

(C) The *accused* has the following rights:

1. Notification of date, time, place of the hearing, by certified mail at least fourteen days in advance of the hearing.
2. A copy of the charges and the evidence upon which the charges are included with the notification.

3. An advisor of his or her choice may be present during the removal process.
4. Presentation of evidence and witnesses in his or her behalf and response to allegations.

(D) The Chancellor or his designee must be present at the hearing.

(E) The Chairperson shall preside over the proceedings.

(F) If the Chairperson is the officer facing charges, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the proceedings.

(G) A two-thirds majority of the voting representatives (excluding the accused officer) will be required to remove an officer.

SECTION IX: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

(A) To amend this Constitution, the following criteria must be met:

1. Any proposed amendment will be presented in a written form at least one meeting prior to the one at which a vote is taken.
2. The proposed amendment must be sent to each member in printed form with notice of the called meeting.
3. The proposed amendment must receive a two-thirds majority of the representatives to be included in the constitution.

(B) Any changes must also be approved by the Chancellor and the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

By-Laws

*Requires approval by the Chancellor & Board of Regents upon Council passage

SECTION I: REPRESENTATION

- A. Each ~~member institution~~ four-year degree granting institution will have two (2) representatives on the SSC, casting one institutional vote. Regional Centers may obtain membership and voting rights in the council pursuant to Section I.A.i of the Constitution of the SSC.

- B. In the absence of one representative, the attending representative will cast the institutional vote or regional center vote.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the SSC through death, resignation, removal or other cause, the affected institution or regional center shall appoint a successor, as soon as possible, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Until a successor has been named, the Chairperson may exercise appointment powers outlined in Section XI.B of the Constitution of the SSC.
- D. Absentee votes or proxy votes will not be allowed.
- E. The SSC will notify each constituent student government or student council, student government or student council advisor, and institution president or regional center executive director, by ~~February 22~~ June 1, of the need to appoint representatives for the subsequent academic year. The institutions and regional centers who have been approved for membership in the succeeding year are to submit the names and addresses of the new representatives to the Chairperson by ~~April 1~~ August 31.
- F. The Student Regent will be an *ex-officio* member of the SSC without voting privileges.

SECTION II: ~~EXECUTIVES~~ OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The SSC will have three ~~executives~~ officers: a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary-Treasurer. At the end of their year in office, the outgoing administrative team will create a summary report on issues and activities for the SSC files and for the use of the incoming team of ~~executives~~ officers. In addition, each ~~executive~~ has specific duties as follows.

- A. The Chairperson will:
 1. call and preside at all meetings of the SSC;
 2. prepare and distribute the agenda prior to all meetings;
 3. appoint, with majority approval, SSC officers;
 4. appoint, with majority approval, the chairperson of all committees created by the SSC and serve as an *ex-officio* member of each committee;
 5. report to the Chancellor and Board of Regents at least twice each semester, and attend meetings of the Chancellor's Council and the USM Board of Regents;
 6. submit a schedule of all meetings to the SSC by September 20;
 7. appoint all student representatives to System-wide committees;

8. maintain regular contact with representatives to ensure the ready flow of information from the SSC to the institutions;
9. notify all institutions and regional centers approved for membership the succeeding academic year by ~~February 22~~ June 1 to submit to the Chairperson the names and addresses of their new representatives.

B. The Vice-Chairperson will:

1. assume the duties of the Chairperson during his/her absence or disability;
2. contact each representative prior to each meeting;
3. insure that the libraries and SGA at each institution have updated versions of the SSC Constitution and Bylaws;
4. maintain records of the activities of the System Student Council throughout the year;
5. perform such additional duties as the Chairperson may request.

C. The Secretary-Treasurer will:

1. record and maintain the minutes, rolls, and other such records of all meetings of the SSC, and designate a replacement in the event of an absence, providing whenever feasible at least one week's notice of absence to the selected replacement;
2. submit to the membership within ten working days of the meeting draft minutes for review and approval;
3. provide the USM webmaster with the minutes of the meeting upon approval of the Chairperson;
4. disseminate all SSC correspondence and perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary.

SECTION III: ~~OFFICERS~~ DIRECTORS AND DUTIES

The SSC will have officers to coordinate efforts in selected areas. Each ~~officer~~ director has specific duties as follows:

A. ~~The Public Relations Officer~~ Director of Public Affairs will:

- B. (1) create and/or maintain accurate media and publicity lists pertaining to the University System of Maryland (USM), including, but not limited to, media sources of all USM schools active in the SSC (newspapers, radio and television stations, web-page coordinators, and student government associations);
- C. (2) compose and, upon the support of the administrative team, distribute press releases regarding SSC events, news, and updates;

- D. (3) lead the SSC in promotion of the USM as the system governing public higher education in the state of Maryland and the SSC as a working advisory group to the USM.
- E. ~~The Governmental Relations Officer~~ Director of Governmental Affairs will:
- (1) inform SSC members about federal and state legislative matters of interest to students and education, primarily higher education;
 - (2) ~~attend weekly meetings of the State Relations Council during the legislative session;~~
 - (3) perform research on legislative bills of interest to higher education in the State;
 - (4) ~~plan, with the assistance of the USM State Relations Office, the SSC annual "Annapolis 101" meeting and reception;~~
 - (5) ensure that SSC members have the names and contact information for the state legislators in the districts representative of their institutions;
 - (6) assist SSC members in contacting state officials and in an appropriate and effective manner;
 - (7) work with the USM State Relations Office to ensure that appropriate student testimony is provided at hearings on legislation of interest to the USM and higher education when desirable.
- F. ~~The Academic Affairs Officer~~ Director of Academic Affairs will:
- (1) serve as the SSC liaison to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on issues related to academic policy and other matters;
 - (2) attend meetings of the Education Policy Committee of the Board of Regents to represent the SSC;
 - (3) bring to the attention of the SSC issues related to academic affairs;
 - (4) serve as a liaison to the Academic Affairs Advisory Council when appropriate.
- G. ~~The Student Affairs Officer~~ Director of Student Affairs will:
- (1) serve as the SSC liaison to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on issues related to student affairs policy and other matters;

- (2) attend committee meetings of the Board of Regents when student affairs issues are being considered to represent the SSC;
 - (3) bring to the attention of the SSC issues related to student affairs;
 - (4) serve as a liaison to the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs when appropriate.
- H. ~~The Technology Affairs Officer~~ Director of Technological Affairs will:
- I. (1) serve as the SSC liaison to the Office of the Chief Information Officer;
 - J. (2) attend meetings of the Technology Committee of the Board of Regents;
 - K. (3) bring to the attention of the SSC issues related to information technology;
 - L. (4) serve as a liaison to System technology-related councils and committees when appropriate.
- M. ~~The Diversity Officer~~ Director of Diversity Affairs will:
- (1) serve as the SSC liaison to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on issues related to diversity policy and other matters;
 - (2) attend meetings of relevant committees of the Board of Regents to represent the SSC's interest in diversity issues;
 - (3) bring to the attention of the SSC issues related to diversity and diversity initiatives;
 - (4) serve as the SSC liaison to the Diversity Network and the Minority Achievement Committee.

SECTION IV: ELECTIONS

- A. Election of officers will be held at the ~~April~~ last meeting of the SSC calendar year. Nominations for officers shall be taken during the March and April meetings and closed immediately prior to election of each office.
- B. The Student Regent will plan and execute the election of new officers. The Student Regent will, with the assistance of the advisor, tally the votes and announce the new officers immediately after the balloting.
- C. Candidates for elected office must be current or committed incoming members of the USMSC and students in good standing, with plans to stay enrolled in the USM and

- active in the USMSC during the following fall and spring semesters. SSC members who are candidates will retain voting rights during the election.
- D. Voting will be by secret ballot.
 - E. New ~~executives~~ officers will be determined by simple majority and will serve for a one-year term. The new executives will be sworn in during the May meeting and will take office immediately after the meeting.

SECTION VI: MEETINGS

- A. ~~The first meeting of the SSC will occur in conjunction with the last meeting in May and will be presided over by the Student Regent.~~
- B. The SSC will meet, at a minimum, during the months of September, October, November, December, February, March, April, and May. A schedule of all meetings will be voted on by September 20.
- C. Special meetings, including meetings over the summer term and winter break, may be called by the Chairperson or upon petition of a simple majority of the SSC membership. At least ten (10) days notice is required for such meetings to be official.
- D. An Executive Session (a closed meeting) may be called by a simple majority vote of the representatives present. The Student Regent and the advisor may or may not be requested to attend, as determined by the representatives.
- E. A majority of institutions and regional centers represented will constitute a quorum.
- F. Meetings will be open to all interested persons unless an Executive Session is called.
- G. The SSC will follow the procedures for handling unexcused absences as set forth in Section V of the Constitution.

SECTION VII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* will govern the SSC meetings except when in conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION VIII: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

~~Amendment procedures for the Bylaws will be the same as those set forth in the Constitution, except Section VIII (B).~~ Amendments to the Bylaws must receive 2/3 majority of the quorum present for passage. Members must receive copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws at least ten days prior to the meeting when the vote shall take place. The date on the Constitution and Bylaws shall be changed whenever an amendment is made to the document.

ACTION:

DATE: Sunday, November 13, 2011

Emmanuel M. Welsh, Chair

Chairman's Report to the Council

November 13, 2011

Emmanuel Welsh

Joint USM Councils Meeting - Friday, November 18, 2011 - University of Maryland, College Park

The three advisory councils to the Chancellor are meeting for its second annual Joint Councils Meeting to discuss the merger, budget, and campus policies. This meeting serves as a forum for the three core constituencies of the system to discuss the most pressing issues facing institutions and USM today. The meeting will gavel to order at 10:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. All council members are encouraged and asked to attend.

UMCP-UMB Merger Study

The task groups have met and completed their work. Their recommendations will be compiled into one and will be sent to the Board of Regents by Dec. 1. Regents will then form their own recommendations to the General Assembly by Dec. 15.

Student Regent Process

The Student Regent Process should have commenced in your institutions. Please remember that applications are due to Ms. Jamison by November 16.

The Council December meeting which is dedicated to conducting the interviews will gavel to order at 10:00 AM. Please coordinate with your institution's nominee to ensure that he/she has means of transportation to the meeting.

FIVE QUESTIONS TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL

UMCP-UMB Merger Study

Chancellor's and Regents' questions to the Student Council

The System recognizes that a merger would impact not just those students attending the merged institution, but, to some degree, students attending all other USM institutions as well. For this reason, it is seeking System wide student input into the process. While students are welcome to comment on any aspect of the merger, the Chancellor and Board members particularly welcome input into the following questions/issues:

1. In the opinion of USM student council members, would a merged UMB-UMCP impact the perceived quality, reputation, and attractiveness of the two institutions? If so, would this impact affect (either negatively or positively) the other institutions in the System as well?
2. In the opinion of USM student council members, would the merger of UMB-UMCP be likely to contribute to the System's ability to retain more of the state's very best and brightest high school graduates, many of whom currently leave Maryland to attend a higher education institution in another state?
3. In the opinion of USM student council members, what specific financial issues or concerns (tuition and fees, financial aid, transportation, housing, graduate level support, etc.) is it critical that the merger study address?
4. In the opinion of USM student council members, what specific programmatic or education-related issues or concerns (accessibility, quality, ease of articulation, duplication of programs at other institutions, ability to participate in research projects, mode of program delivery or level of technological integration, etc.) is it critical that the merger study address?
5. Finally, in the opinion of USM student council members, are there key issues or questions not listed above—or not raised in the Board's approved plan for the study—that faculty and administrators in the various work groups established by the System should be aware of and seek to address?