

REGENTS REPORT

Greetings from the Board of Regents

We write to you at the close of Maryland's 2023 legislative session. It was an extremely busy one, with scores of bills affecting the University System and the students we serve. It was also a productive one, and we thank all those who skillfully steered us through several hectic months.

Of course, we're fortunate to enjoy a relationship with our elected leaders that's close and mutually beneficial: For the state's generous support of our tri-part mission in education, research, and service, we work every day to make Maryland stronger, more prosperous, more equitable, and more just.



These goals were advanced by an operating budget that allows us to limit our tuition increase for in-state undergraduates. The budget funds Year 2 of enhanced investment in our historically Black institutions. It supports new facilities that expand our academic and research capacity. And it covers pay raises and climbing benefits costs for our employees, helping us attract and retain the very people who drive our excellence. Our capital budget supports construction and renovation projects across the state, creating spaces that don't just *house* our work in education and discovery, but that nurture and enrich it, enabling it to grow.

As always, we saw a significant number of bills that affect the System and our people. But there are two in particular whose passage we celebrate. Senate Bill 426 authorizes the Board of Regents to establish a quasi-endowment fund of up to \$150 million, generating income to support financial aid for our students. This is just one way we're serving students in need—doing our part to ensure not only that they can access a USM education, but that they can stay in school until they have their diploma in hand.

Senate Bill 142 authorizes the Board to award a grant, supported by private donors, to our first-year student regents. We believe that acknowledging in this way the significant sacrifice of time and effort made by our student regents will attract others interested in this important act of leadership and service.

We're grateful to all of Maryland's elected leaders for their commitment to the University System and the work we do. Certainly, we're grateful for their abiding faith in our students and their boldest ambitions.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Board Actions & Decisions | April 14, 2023

The USM Board of Regents met at Coppin State University on April 14, 2023, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Presentation of the 2023 USM Regents Faculty Awards. Prior to the Board of Regents meeting, the USM held a special breakfast to honor the winners of the [2023 USM Regents Faculty Awards](#). Nominated by their institutions, the 19 award winners were selected based on their extraordinary contributions in one of the following categories: Teaching; Mentoring; Public Service; Scholarship or Research; or Creative Activity. These exemplary faculty members represent nine different USM institutions and an incredibly diverse range of academic disciplines and research interests. Board Chair Linda Gooden and Chancellor Jay Perman presented each winner with a commemorative plaque and a \$2,000 prize.



2023 Regents Faculty Award Winners. Back row, from left: Dr. Michel Cukier, Dr. Mariana Lebrón, Dr. Sumanth Reddy, Dr. Jeni Davis, Dr. Dennis Klima, Board of Regents Chair Linda Gooden, USM Chancellor Jay Perman, Dr. Victor Hsia, Dr. Eric Schott, Dr. Charles Adams, Dr. John Wesley Wright, Dr. Anupam Joshi, and Dr. Min Deng. Front row, from left: Dr. Tiffany Parkman, Dr. Corinne Pubill, Dr. Susan Bindon, Dr. Charissa Cheah, Dr. Monifa Love, and Dr. Stella Tomasi. Not shown: Dr. Paz Galupo and Dr. Ting Zhang.

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Schedule of Tuition and Mandatory Fees. Each year, the presidents of USM institutions can recommend tuition and fees adjustments for the upcoming academic year, which are then subject to the review and approval of the Board of Regents. The Finance Committee shared the [proposed rates for tuition and fees for FY 2024](#), which were approved by the regents. Across the system, in-state undergraduate full-time and part-time tuition rates will not increase by

more than 2 percent and out-of-state undergraduate rates will not increase by more than 5 percent. Graduate full-time and part-time tuition rates will not increase above 5.3 percent, with increases at most institutions below 5 percent. In addition, the Board approved [increases to room, board, and parking rates](#) at several institutions to address the rising cost of goods and services.

Approval of New Tuition Pilot Program at Coppin State University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. While approving the presidents' proposed tuition rates for FY 2024, the Board simultaneously approved a [joint proposal](#) by Coppin State University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore to offer in-state tuition rates to out-of-state students who reside in a state or region without an HBCU (Historically Black College and University). This plan will help these two USM universities expand their geographical enrollment footprint, increase successful recruitment of out-of-state students, and bolster relationships with states in which a student-transfer agreement is in place.

Approval of Five New Academic Programs. After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the board approved the following new undergraduate and graduate academic programs, which will be offered pending the approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

- Bachelor of Science, [Environmental Science](#), Frostburg State University
- Master of Science, [Counseling Psychology](#), University of Baltimore
- Master of Science, [Industrial and Organizational Psychology](#), University of Baltimore
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), [Autism Studies](#), Towson University
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), [Business Analytics](#), Towson University

Approval of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Facilities Master Plan Update. The Board approved the [UMB 2022 Facilities Master Plan \(FMP\) Update](#), which builds on the development framework of the 2017 FMP. During the Committee on Finance's February 2 meeting, UMB President Bruce Jarrell shared an update on recent progress, including the completion of the Health Sciences Research Facility III, the Community Engagement Center, and the first phase of a campuswide electrical infrastructure project. In addition, a site has been cleared for the planned new School of Social Work building, which represents a large step toward realizing the north campus revitalization goals. The 2022 FMP Update anticipates future facilities growth, continues efforts to enhance the campus environment, and focuses on forming new connections with neighboring communities and partner institutions, as well as improving connections between UMB's south and north campuses.

For more information about the April Board of Regents meeting, you may view the [meeting agenda](#), [video archive](#), and [full report by Chancellor Jay Perman](#).

Other News from the System



JACOB ASHBY JOINS THE USM AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT HAGERSTOWN

Last month, Chancellor Perman [appointed Dr. Jacob Ashby](#) as the next executive director of the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH), following an extensive search led by Frostburg State University Vice President for Student Affairs Artie Travis in coordination with the USM Office leadership. Dr. Ashby has strong ties to both Hagerstown and Western Maryland; he previously served as he assistant dean of academic assessment and articulation at Frederick Community College (FCC) and also served as an adjunct instructor and a lecturer at both FCC and Hagerstown Community College.



FOR USM STUDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS, SERVICE IS A YEAR-ROUND COMMITMENT

Across the USM, spring break service projects are becoming increasingly popular, with many students choosing to take part in programs such as UMBC's Alternative Spring Break experience or the University of Baltimore's Community Service Day, an annual springtime tradition. But students at USM institutions [embrace the spirit of community service and engagement throughout the entire academic year](#), supporting a wide range of on campus-led service initiatives and service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, the Maryland Food Bank, and Maryland Mentor Corps.

News from USM Institutions



BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

The U.S. Department of Education's Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program



COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

The university cut the ribbon on its new [Eagle Achievement Center](#) that will support the



FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

The U.S. Department of Education awarded FSU a \$3.5 million grant for the [Rural](#)

awarded BSU a [\\$1.5 million grant](#) to support the university's Black Male Educators Project. BSU was one of only 12 institutions and the only HBCU to receive a grant from this program.



SALISBURY UNIVERSITY
SU students were joined by [Governor Wes Moore](#), who spoke with each student, thanking them for their work as they shared their research projects with legislators in Annapolis.

academic, personal, and professional success of CSU students.



TOWSON UNIVERSITY
TU joined the [American Talent Initiative](#), an alliance of more than 130 four-year institutions united in a shared goal of enrolling, supporting, and graduating an additional 50,000 lower-income students by 2025.

[Educators for Appalachian Children \(REACH\) project](#) to increase the number of educators for special education in rural America, specifically in Appalachia.



UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE
Neha Lall, Director of Externships at the UBalt School of Law, has been selected as one of five [2023 – 2024 Bellow Scholars](#) for her project, “Paid Externships as a Tool to Advance Student Equity and Autonomy.”



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
The university has announced that—with three renewable energy power purchase agreements, the use of Renewable Energy Certificates, and other actions—the university reached [100% renewable electricity](#) for the first time ever.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY
UMBC will celebrate the [formal installation of Valerie Sheares Ashby](#) as president with an inauguration ceremony on April 27, 2023, and several other special events.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
UMCES has been awarded a three-year, [\\$2 million grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Energy to understand how microalgae can be used to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

The university announced \$30 million in investments to fund 50 projects through the [Grand Challenges Grants](#) program.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

UMES received [\\$3 million](#) from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program to expand broadband internet access and connectivity for students and the community.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

UMGC formed an alliance with the [Association for Supply Chain Management](#) to lower the cost and increase the speed to a bachelor's degree for the association's members and their families.

News from USM Regional Centers



UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

USG is launching an exciting [new digital media and cable television ad campaign](#).



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND HAGERSTOWN

USMH welcomed the center's third executive director, [Dr. Jacob Ashby](#), who previously served as the assistant dean of academic assessment and articulation at Frederick Community College.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT SOUTHERN MARYLAND

USMSM will be hosting a free summer camp program, [The Camp for Future Problem Solvers](#), for high-school students who are interested in STEM.

Dates to Remember

Meetings below will be virtual unless a location is listed. For the complete meeting schedule, visit: www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/

MAY 10, 2023

Committee on Advancement
11:00 a.m.

MAY 11, 2023

Committee on Education Policy and Student

Useful Resources and Contacts

Regents Meeting Video Archive: [View](#)

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Life

9:30 a.m.

MAY 16, 2023

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

JUNE 1, 2023

Committee on Advancement

11:00 a.m.

JUNE 7, 2023

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

JUNE 7, 2023

Committee on Finance

10:30 a.m.

JUNE 7, 2023

**Economic Development and Technology
Commercialization**

1:00 p.m.

JUNE 9, 2023

Committee on Audit

10:00 a.m.

JUNE 12, 2023

**Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and
Student-Athlete Health and Welfare**

2:00 p.m.

June 16, 2023

Board of Regents Meeting

Frostburg State University

8:30 a.m.

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