

USMSC Monthly Report  
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### **Sunday, December 18th Student Regent selection at UMBC**

The USMSC met on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at UMBC for the annual round of preliminary interviews for next year's student regent. Four candidates were interviewed by the council and asked a series of questions concerning their qualifications and their ability to effectively represent the students of the USM. The council nominated two candidates, an undergraduate student at the University of Baltimore and a graduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park, to move on to the next round of the student regent selection process. USMSC is confident that both individuals would be excellent in this role, and we look forward to hearing the final outcome of the nomination process.

### **Upcoming USM Advocacy Day**

The USMSC is once again excited to participate in the annual Annapolis advocacy day alongside our fellow USM representatives. USMSC will be providing event volunteers, food for the event reception, and will be participating in the advocacy efforts with members of the other USM councils. The students of our council have a long and proud tradition of advocating on behalf of our system, and are looking forward to continuing that tradition as part of the USM shared governance system.

### **USMSC Presidential Transition**

Last month, former USMSC President Sydney Comitz notified the council's executive board that she would be stepping down from her position due to personal reasons and to focus on her academic and professional work. The entire USMSC is deeply appreciative for the years of service Sydney dedicated to serving her fellow students across the USM.

As Sydney was a graduate student, I assumed the role of USMSC President following my tenure as the council's Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs. I have been in contact with Sydney throughout the leadership transition, and I am grateful for all of the support that has been extended by the USM during this transition period for our council.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kirk  
USMSC President