



### **USM Student Council Report for the USM Board of Regents**

Date: December 16, 2022

Meeting: December 2022 Full Board of Regents Meeting

Organization: University System of Maryland Student Council

Representation: Arsalan Siddiqui, President of the University System of Maryland Student Council

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Good Morning Chair Gooden, Board of Regents, and Esteemed Colleagues,

This month, the USMSC met with and interviewed several USM Student Regent Candidates at our December Meeting which took place at the University of Maryland, College Park. As we usually do, we were sent a very diverse group of students, each bringing amazing stories, and experiences; and after a long and thoughtful discussion between the representatives, we decided to move forward with a few of those candidates. Those candidates' names have been forwarded to the Chancellor, and will be meeting with him and his team in the coming weeks and months.

The USMSC has been discussing two main issues. Firstly, the council is revisiting the posthumous degree policy and still discussing whether there should be any edits to the document, and will meet in January to finalize and vote on any recommendations. The USMSC is also working on drafting a policy for student mothers. There is no consistency across the system on what the accommodations should be for expecting mothers. Some schools require their students to be back in classrooms within 3 business days, some provide several weeks. The USMSC will also meet in January vote on any recommendations

The USMSC has also sent in the student awards packet to the Chancellor and his team. Those are still being reviewed by the USM Office, but once those details have been sorted out, we will be sending those to the campuses. The Vice President of Student Affairs, the Presidents and SGA/GSA leaders at the respective campuses have been made aware of the awards.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arsalan Siddiqui".

**Arsalan Siddiqui**

President of the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC)

