



**I-3.01 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

(As approved by the Board of Regents, June 10, 1994; Amended July 13, 2001; Amended April 13, 2012; Amended April 19, 2019)

**SECTION I: MISSION AND PURPOSE**

The University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) is an apolitical advisory board established to assist the Chancellor. The Council derives its authority from the Board of Regents and shall act as a conduit for communication between students and the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. In keeping with its proactive nature, the Council will propose new policies and policy changes to both the Chancellor and the Board of Regents, as well as review other proposed policies.

The primary function of the USMSC will be to advise the Chancellor on issues, matters, and policies having direct bearing on students and student affairs of the System as a whole. In fulfilling this function, the Council will transmit to the Chancellor its majority and minority views on behalf of its constituent student bodies.

The USMSC will also function as a network for sharing ideas and concerns of general interest to students and act as resource contacts for student government associations on the individual campuses.

**SECTION II: STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATION**

- A. The USMSC is primarily composed of two Representatives from the following degree-granting USM institutions and regional centers: (1) Bowie State University; (2) Coppin State University; (3) Frostburg State University; (4) Salisbury University; (5) Towson University; (6) University of Baltimore; (7) University of Maryland, Baltimore; (8) University of Maryland, Baltimore County; (9) University of Maryland, College Park; (10) University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; (11) University of Maryland, University College; (12) University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science; (13) Universities at Shady Grove; and (14) USM at Hagerstown.
- B. The USMSC Executive Board shall be composed of elected officers limited to: President, Vice President of Graduate Affairs, and Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs.
- C. Participants in the USMSC that support the function and mission of various aspects of the USMSC compose the Board of Directors.
- D. Ex-Officio members to the USMSC are:
  - a. The Student Regent and
  - b. USM System Office representatives.

# **USM Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Board of Regents**

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## **SECTION III: MEETINGS**

- A. A simple majority of the active USM institutions and regional centers, as defined by the Bylaws, will constitute a quorum.
- B. An official meeting of the USMSC is one where quorum is met with additional constraints according to the Bylaws.
- C. Official meetings of the USMSC will be open to all interested persons, unless a closed session is called during an official meeting.

## **SECTION IV: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

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

## **SECTION V: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES**

- A. To amend this Constitution, the following criteria must be met:
  - a. Any proposed amendment will be presented in a written form to the USMSC at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which a vote is taken.
  - b. 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.