

USM Civic Education and Community Engagement Council

Charge

The University System of Maryland wishes to establish a standing Council to advance civic education, democracy engagement, community engagement, and service-learning across the system. This standing Affinity Group would be responsible for leading and consolidating USM's commitment to implementing the Regents' recommendations in the Regent's Task Force on Civic Education and Civic Engagement (2018) and Action Plan developed at the AACU Institute for Engaged and Integrative Learning (2023).

The CECE Council will support and promote the work of individual institutions' progress toward the Regents recommendations:

1. Foster an ethos of civic engagement and participation across all parts of all institutions and throughout the educational culture of USM.
2. Identify civic literacy as an expectation for all students.
3. Support and share best practices and explore how institutions can collaborate across the System.
4. Support institutions to develop and implement their Civic Education and Community Engagement implementation plans, which would set forth institution specific goals to strengthen institutional commitment to civic learning and community engagement, including current and future resources as needed.
5. Support institutions to apply for and maintain their Carnegie designation.

Membership

- Each USM institution will identify up to two representatives to serve two-year renewable terms on the USM CECE Council (at least one senior level member).
- The CECE Council will identify co-chairs who will serve rotating and overlapping two-year terms.
- The Council will include student representatives from the Student Civic Leaders Committee and the USMSC.
- The Council will be staffed by USM senior staff (Associate Vice Chancellor) who will be responsible for scheduling regular meetings, developing agendas in collaboration with co-chairs, and keeping meeting notes, with necessary follow-up.