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Meeting: February 2022 Board of Regents Meeting
Organization: University System of Maryland Student Council
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Good morning, Chairwoman Gooden, members of the Board of Regents, Chancellor Perman and Presidents,

It is always a pleasure to join you all and sharing the student's perspective within the University System of Maryland. This year, the University System of Maryland Student Council's focus has been building "community" between students, faculty, and staff. It is important that all parties' voices are being heard throughout of system. I believe we are all here for the greater good of one another.

Connection with students

Throughout my term as President, I have focused on connecting with students through one-on-one session, group session, attending SGA and GSA meetings all while creating a safe space for students. Students have expressed the need for more mental health resources, support, and flexibility. This may be different throughout the system, for each University. To progress in this area, I would like to meet with each of the President's to address the mental health concerns on their perspective campus.

During this Spring 2022 semester The University of Maryland Student Council has begun case studies with students regarding their mental health. These case studies will run until the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

Mental health: Students need more mental health services to deal with the effects of covid.

Students are requesting more support from faculty and staff during this time. In an earlier report, we asked for faculty and staff to empathize with students and be more aware of students going through challenging times.

Executive Team

Elections for the 2022-2023 term have opened (April 27, 2022) and will run until May 11, 2022, we are requesting that all Universities inform the students of the University System of Maryland Student Council's elections, so we may have a great turn up for this election to move the system forward.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Harper

University System of Maryland Student Council President

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