



## **USM Student Council's Report to the USM Board of Regents**

*December 2023 Full Board of Regents Meeting, University of Maryland, Baltimore*

Good morning Chair Gooden, Chancellor Perman, the Board of Regents, and University Presidents,

### **General Meeting**

We had our December general meeting last week at Towson, and we thank President Ginsberg and Dr. Hurte for welcoming us. We interviewed seven Student Regent candidates and have forwarded four finalists to Chancellor Perman. The council is also continuing to work on the graduate student housing resolution and is reaching out for the expertise and perspective of more international graduate students as well as connecting to international student services offices (or their equivalent) across campuses.

We also welcomed our Director of Communications and Marketing to the team who hopes to increase student connectedness across the system and create some tools that can sustain for future years.

### **Other Events**

We have reviewed the applicants for the USM Student Forum and are very grateful to Dr. Khademian and USG for being willing to host this event early next year. I have been in conversation with USG's Assistant Director of Events and we are coordinating the logistics. I also attended the campus safety summit earlier this month, learning more about the importance of increasing channels of communication and developing relationships proactively to maintain trust during times of conflict.

Student leaders and students in general balance multiple roles that are further challenged when issues arise that directly affect the campus and learning environment. We appreciate your mentorship and continued support in helping students rise to the occasion and strive for communication that is respectful, safe, and transparent.

Thank you, and happy holidays.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vainavi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the letters.

**Vainavi Gambhir**

President, University System of Maryland Student Council