



USMSC October Meeting: October 11, 2009

- **What's Happening at Other Institutions:**
 - College Park: working on developing a new listserv for SGA to contact all students
 - Salisbury: faculty/staff appreciation day in light of new round of furloughs; hosted forum for pending smoke-free policy, overwhelming student response against the policy
 - UMBC: beginning to explore student review of student fees
- **Actions & Discussions**
 - Obscene Materials Policy
 - Took a stance as a council opposing a policy due to the following conditions:
 - A policy should not limit expression
 - Need for objective criteria
 - Need for uniformity in decision maker
 - Need for an outlet of policy review
 - Budget
 - 3rd round – furloughs
 - 4th round very uncertain
 - Should be looking for signs of problems in quality to get a feel for where cuts are coming from
 - Campus Safety & Security
 - Student Regent attended Campus Safety & Security Workgroup Meeting (Oct 8th)
 - Addressed concerns regarding emergency text messaging system
 - Is Towson's system effective?
 - Should there be more emphasis on reporting crime?
 - Which crimes warrant sending a text message?
- **Upcoming Issues**
 - Textbook Affordability Policy
 - How is each institution progressing?
 - Strategic Planning
 - BOR recently discussed drafting a strategic plan for the next 10 years
 - Forming an ad hoc committee to draft the plan
 - Sarah will be sitting on the committee and will be seeking student feedback and ideas
 - Where should student emphasis be? The classroom? Access and affordability?

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 8, 2009 at Coppin University