



## *LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER*

January 24, 2020

### **HIGHER EDUCATION OVERVIEW KICKS OFF BUDGET SEASON**

Yesterday in the Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, members received their first look at the state of higher education in Maryland. The fiscal year 2021 higher education budget overview includes the USM as well as community colleges and independent institutions of higher education. The same overview was presented in a House Appropriations subcommittee today. Chancellor Perman testified along with St. Mary's College of Maryland President Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan. They were joined at the table by Sara Fidler (President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association), Dr. Bernie Sadusky (Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges) and Dr. James Fielder (Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission). The budget overview analyzes trends in Maryland higher education funding, tuition, and graduation rates, among other issues.

Yesterday's hearing can be viewed [here](#). The supporting legislative analysis can be read [here](#).

### **BILL TRACKING AND POSITION DEVELOPMENT**

The USM State Relations Council is comprised of individuals from each campus directly responsible for government relations. As of today, the group has identified more than 45 bills that have varying impact on the USM. The Legislative Newsletter will grow longer as more bills are introduced, hearings are scheduled, and testimony is given. Filing a bill with the Chief Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate (known as dropping the bill in the "hopper") initiates the legislative process. The USM will have a better sense of the sheer volume of bills once the "hopper" closes in the House and separately in the Senate. Those important dates, and a legislative session timeline, can be found [here](#).

## **CHANGES PROPOSED TO EXPAND CYBERSECURITY OVERSIGHT**

Senate Bill 120 expands the responsibilities of the state Department of Information Technology to advise and consult on cybersecurity strategy across state, municipal government, and public institutions of higher education. Existing law already gives the USM flexibility in its IT operations. The law does require that the system maintain functional compatibility with state IT policies but maintains autonomy from the state.

*"The Board of Regents shall develop an information technology plan for the University System of Maryland that includes information technology policies and standards, including policies and standards for information management and telecommunication systems, that are functionally compatible with the State Information Technology Plan established under Title 3, Subtitle 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article."*

The (USM) has developed cybersecurity policies and procedures appropriate for higher education institutions that may differ considerably from the state agency environment. Although these protocols maintain a functional compatibility with state cybersecurity policies and procedures, the research-intensive environment of our institutions demands protocols that may be unfamiliar to state information technology managers.

Senate Bill 120 would require that USM institutions adhere to a one-size-fits-all set of policies and procedures administered by the Secretary of Information Technology. However, the USM has deployed cybersecurity best practices tailored to meet the diverse mission of each institution. It is our desire to retain that autonomy.

The USM testified and requested an amendment to be excluded from the requirements called for under Senate Bill 120.

### **Upcoming Bill Hearings**

HB 187

#### **Public Institutions of Higher Education - Outbreak Response Plan**

Delegate Pena-Melnyk

In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 214

#### **Higher Education - Collective Bargaining - Graduate Assistants (Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act)**

Delegate Korman

In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 44 (SB 47)

**Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration**

Delegate Krebs

In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m.

Health and Government Operations

HB 92

**Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Periods - University and College Textbooks**

Delegate Long

In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.

Ways and Means

HB 245

**Election Law - Institutions of Higher Education - Voter Registration and Voting by Students (Student Voter Empowerment Act of 2020)**

Delegate Luedtke

In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Ways and Means

SB 47 (HB 44)

**Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration**

Senator Kagan

In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 2:00 p.m.

Finance

SB 193

**Public Information Act - Denial of Part of a Public Record - Investigations by Inspectors General**

Senator Kagan

In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Budget and Briefing Schedule**

Thursday, January 30, 2020

**USM Overview**

**Bowie State University**

**University System of Maryland Office**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration

1 p.m.

West Miller Senate Building, Room 3

Friday, January 31, 2020

**University System of Maryland Overview**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

1 p.m.

Room 120 Lowe House Office Building

Monday, February 3, 2020

**Bowie State University**

**University System of Maryland Office Overview**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

3 p.m.

Room 150 Lowe House Office Building

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

**Salisbury University**

**University of Maryland Global Campus**

**UM Center for Environmental Science**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

1 p.m.

Room 150 Lowe House Office Building

Friday, February 7, 2020

**Salisbury University**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration

11:30 a.m.

West Miller Senate Building, Room 3

Thursday, February 13, 2020

**University of Maryland Global Campus**

**UM Center for Environmental Science**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration

1 p.m.

West Miller Senate Building, Room 3

Thursday, February 20, 2020

**Coppin State University**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration

1 p.m.

West Miller Senate Building, Room 3

Thursday, February 20, 2020

**University of Baltimore**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

1 p.m.

Room 150 Lowe House Office Building

Friday, February 21, 2020

**University of Baltimore**

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration

11:30 a.m.

West Miller Senate Building, Room 3

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**Coppin State University**

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

1 p.m.

Room 150 Lowe House Office Building