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STAGE IS SET FOR HOUSE-SENATE USM BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

Select members of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee will convene to reconcile the differences between their respective versions of the operating budget for USM.

A compilation of selected budget actions is as follows:

- The House version cuts \$4 million from USM's General Fund budget. The Senate **rejected** the House-proposed cut.
- The Senate **rejected** a House recommendation to transfer \$5 million to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Educational Excellence Awards for need-based student financial aid.
- The Senate **modified** a previous House action to transfer General Funds from USM to MHEC to fund five (5) new positions at MHEC. The House called for a \$500,000 transfer of funds while the Senate called for a \$600,000 transfer.
- The House **reduced** funding for the College Park Academy Public Charter School by \$500,000. The Senate **rejected** the reduction.
- The House **restricted** \$7 million of enhancement funding until USM provides a report to the budget committees detailing how these funds will be used and the metrics to measure the progress. The Senate **restricts** \$16.1 million; calls for a

detailed accounting of how the funds will be used and how the progress will be measured; and **excludes** the same \$16.1 million from the base funding for USM in FY 2015.

- The Senate committee adopted language stating that \$6.7 million of general fund appropriation for MPowering initiatives may only be used for MPowering initiatives.

USM and campus representatives will be following the conference deliberations very closely.

LAST LEGISLATIVE E-NEWSLETTER FOR 2013 SESSION

Today will conclude the distribution of the USM legislative newsletter for the 2013 Maryland General Assembly. The next correspondence from our office will come in the form of the 2013 End-of-Session report. If you are interested in the outcome of a specific bill, and you can't wait for the end-of-session report, you can contact me or go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/> for complete information online.