

R003-0405

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE SELECTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND BOARD OF**
30 **REGENTS**

- 40 **WHEREAS:** The University System of Maryland Board of Regents is “committed to
50 providing the citizens of Maryland with the best possible public higher
60 education opportunities;” and,
- 70 **WHEREAS:** The people who enter the University System of Maryland become students; and,
- 80 **WHEREAS:** The Board of Regents has one student representative and sixteen representatives
90 appointed by the governor; and,
- 100 **WHEREAS:** There is no faculty representation on the Board of Regents; and,
- 110 **WHEREAS:** In recent years, the Board of Regents has made large and in many cases 100
 excessive tuition increases; and,
- 120 **WHEREAS:** The Board of Regents has recently proposed a number of other detrimental
130 changes such as increasing the number of classes instructors teach, eliminating
140 minors and other programs that provide unique qualities to our university
150 system but have low student participation, forcing students to pay additional fees
160 if they take more than 132 credits at any USM institution; and,
- 170 **WHEREAS:** Since all members of the Board are appointed, they have no
180 accountability to students, faculty, or taxpayers.
- 190 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
200 commends that at the end of the current terms of the Board of Regents, major
210 structural changes in the organization of the Board be undertaken; and,
- 220 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That these changes shall provide numerically equal
230 representation for students, faculty, and representatives of taxpayers’ interests,
240 and that taxpayer’s representatives should continue to be appointed by the
250 governor and that faculty and student representatives should be elected by their
260 respective constituencies.
- 270 **Mandates:** Governor Robert Ehrlich
280 President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller
290 Speaker of the House Michael Busch
300 Chancellor of the University System of Maryland William E. Kirwan
310 Clifford M. Kendall, Chairman of the Board of Regents

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