

Andy Clark: Our main issue is that eligible students coming to our campus on Conway Scholarships, not just the lack of funding from MHEC.

Deborah Neels: There is also a bill in support of wrongfully convicted criminals. It turns out that this bill was designed for one person.

Willie Brown: Support for Dream Act. Brought up at recent BOR meeting, Board voted on resolution to support it, as did SGA. Would like to meet with us in March.

Brenda Yarema: Do we have the funds to support Dream Act? State added 2.5 billion dollars more spending. We may not have enough money for that new spending. We're not keeping our promise to state employees and retirees, so how can we expand these benefits.

Bill Crockett. It's fine to do respond by e-mail. From a budgetary standpoint, what is the impact?

Willie Brown: What are the requirements?

Andy Clark: Must attend Maryland high school for three years, parents must demonstrate they have paid state taxes.

Brenda Yarema: Where will this money come from – the \$6000 to \$7000 subsidy for undocumented students.

Willie Brown: Does everyone agree with the process of doing so by e-mail?

Nancy Bowers: How is this a staff issue?

Willie Brown: Simply asking if the councils and senates can support the resolution.

Nancy Bowers: The budget is being diluted with all of the demands upon it.

Brenda Yarema: Let's see the financials on this issue.

Mi'Shaun Stevenson: And the impact upon enrollments of other students who cannot enroll in USM Institutions.

Willie Brown: Not vote for at least 10 days so that individuals can have time to research the issue.

Mi'shaun Stevenson: Will the e-mail that we receive have resources to make our decision?

Willie Brown: Yes. We are also in agreement of process.

3. Receive handouts

9:30 am: Proceed to State House: Meet Patricia Harrison DLS

Will divide into two groups – one group for Senate introduction, one for House introduction

10.20 – 10.30: Begin State House Tour: Ms. Harrison, Department of Legislative Services

11.30: Deliver handouts and meet with Senators and Delegates