

Press Release

State Commission to Hold Public Hearing on Higher Education Funding

The Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education will hold a hearing for members of the public to testify on issues related to funding of higher education. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 7 to 9 pm at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. If you are interested in testifying please **contact Mya Pierce at the Department of Legislative Services (410-946-5510 or 301-970-5510) by 9 a.m. November 12 to pre-register to testify. You may also sign up in person from 5 – 7 p.m. at the registration table in the Colony Ballroom.** Depending on the number of people who sign up, testimony may be limited to 5 minutes per person. Fifty (50) copies of any written materials must be provided the day of the hearing.

The Commission was created by the Maryland General Assembly to study the establishment of a consistent and stable framework for funding higher education and the appropriate funding level of Historically Black Institutions. The Commission is chaired by Delegate John Bohanan and includes Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, other State legislators, university presidents, business leaders, and other higher education and public officials. We invite students, parents, faculty, and other interested members of the public to testify at the public hearing and share your interests and concerns regarding issues such as access, affordability, quality, and economic competitiveness.

More information about the Commission can be found at:
www.mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/chapters_noln/Ch_45_hb0133T.pdf and
www.mlis.state.md.us/other/Funding_Higher_Ed/index.htm.

A map of the College Park campus can be found at:
www.transportation.umd.edu/visitor/campusmap.html.