Dear University of Maryland Community:

In April 2011, the Maryland General Assembly mandated that the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents (BOR) undertake a study on the possibility of merging the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The study is to include the pros and cons of the merger of the two institutions, and the resulting impact on their communities and on our state.

Pursuant to the request of the State legislature, USM designed a merger study plan that included the formation of several task groups to study various aspects of the merger. These task groups have been meeting now for several weeks.

They now want your input!

Two open forums will be held on campus so that you can provide your thoughts and perspectives on the possible merger.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 CAMPUS OPEN FORUM
Hosted by President Wallace Loh and Provost Ann Wylie
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Colony Ballroom, second floor, Adele H. Stamp Student Union

This will be an overview of the merger study process. This forum will be very interactive and we want your participation. Comments and questions are welcome and encouraged. There is no need to sign up in advance to speak.

Friday, October 28, 2011
BOARD OF REGENTS OPEN FORUM
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Prince George's Room, first floor, Adele H. Stamp Student Union

This forum will be hosted by the Board of Regents. The intention is for members of the University community to provide input directly to the Regents.

For this forum, you must sign up in advance to speak and you are asked to submit a copy of your comments in writing to the Regents. The registration form may be accessed at:

Both open forums will be streamed live on the Internet. Please go to the University of Maryland's home page at: www.umd.edu on the day of the open forum(s) and click on the link to view the events.

I look forward to seeing you at both open forums.

Please Note: The Regents will also be hosting a similar open forum at the University of Maryland, Baltimore on October 21.
Sincerely,

Wallace D. Loh
President