

*Proposal for the formation of a  
Student Advocacy Committee.*

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Last year the state of Maryland had a deficit of over 800 million dollars. Because of this large deficit the state decreased the amount of funding that all community colleges in the state would have normally received. This led the Community College of Baltimore County into its own deficit of 6.4 million dollars, causing an increase in tuition and a reduction in staff. At the end of last year's legislative session Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith was able to allocate 3.4 million dollars from the county budget to the Community College of Baltimore County. As of now our college has an estimated deficit of 3 million dollars\*.

Therefore I am proposing the formation of a **Student Advocacy Committee** that will be tasked with organizing the student body in order to effectively lobby the State of Maryland for the additional 3 million dollars that our school needs. Our task will be made easier because of the fact that this year the state of Maryland has a revenue surplus of 1 billion dollars and the fact that this is an election year. I am confident that if student participation is high we will succeed.

\* This estimate has not been confirmed