



**Report by the  
Council of University System Faculty (CUSF)  
to the USM BOR at  
University of Maryland, Baltimore**

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

Since the last report, CUSF has had an ExCom and Council meeting. The Council meeting was at UMB and CUSF thanks President Perman and UMB for their hospitality. Several items were discussed. Most notable was the update on share governance at UMUC. This item is highlighted and discussed in more detail below. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 18th at Frostburg State University.

**MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES:** The following are the meetings and other activities recently conducted by CUSF since the last report. Several of the items are continuations and updates of items mentioned on previous reports.

- **Joint Meeting of Councils** – The three Councils will have a joint meeting in November at UMCP. The joint Councils welcome Regent James Brady and three to four regents to the meeting to present their vision for the System. A second major topic of the joint meeting is Annapolis Day. This initiative is moving forward.
- **Annapolis Day** – The Joint Councils have selected February 28, 2016 as Annapolis Day where the Councils will meet with legislators during the legislative session. The Councils are working closely with Patrick Hogan to coordinate this event.
- **September Council Meeting at UMB** – As noted, CUSF had its Council meeting at UMB and CUSF thanks President Perman and UMB for their hospitality.
- **UMUC Update** – This summer the Council received a challenge regarding the selection of Council Members. The Challenge focused on the definition of faculty in the CUSF Constitution. As part of the process Theo Stone, Chair of the Academic Advisory Board (AAB) [i.e. UMUC's faculty shared governance group], and members of his executive committee were invited to provide Council at its September meeting with an update on shared governance at UMUC. The consensus of Council included the following: 1) The selection of Council members by member institutions including UMUC is an internal matter of each institution. Variations in the selection process from campus to campus were noted. 2) The AAB was created by the BOR as the shared governance mechanism at UMUC. The AAB has developed policies and practices that appear to be consistent with other institutions including its selection process. 3) No motions were made since the consensus of the Council was that they didn't want create a precedence where Council needed to approve the incoming Council members from member institutions in the future.

- **Mission and Vision Statement** – The mission and vision statements were discussed and sent to committee for review.
- **Strategic Plan** – The strategic plan was discussed and it was sent to committee for review.
- **CUSF Logo** – CUSF is without a logo. Started under the previous Chair, Virletta Bryant, CUSF is in the process of developing a logo. Julie Simon from UB has been charged with the design. The new USM logo was rolled out on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. CUSF should move quickly toward the completion of its logo. The logo builds of the theme of the USM logo.
- **Frostburg Meeting** – CUSF is holding its next Council meeting at FSU. The Council will meet after the submission of this report and before the BOR meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. FSU was chosen to introduce FSU's new president, President Nowaczyk, to CUSF. Along with its normal business, two program highlights are John Wolfe who will give a primer on shared governance and the I-6.00 policy, and Anthony Foster who will provide an update on the new strategic plan.

Respectfully Submitted: October 7, 2016  
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