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TO: Chancellor Brit Kirwan, the Board of Regents, and the
Council of Presidents of the University System of Maryland
FROM: Wm T. Stuart, Chair, CUSF Executive Committee
SUBJECT: Council Report for MARCH 2010

CUSF Remains very concerned about the Budget Crisis, but appreciates the great efforts of Chancellor Kirwan, the USM Staff and the Board of Regents in trying to protect the academic integrity of the University System.

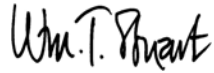
At our 24th March Meeting, held at Salisbury University, we discussed and otherwise shared our concerns on a number of matters:

- Legislator Rosapepe's pending bill (SB702) to cap tuition in any year to 5%. We were heartened to learn that this would not go into effect unless/until Bohannon Commission's "promises" have been fulfilled, including funding of up to \$700 million.
- We are alarmed at proposals before the legislature to mandate severe reductions of staff/faculty benefits, including tuition remission.
- CUSF will be looking closely at the 10-year Strategic Plan, draft copies of which will be distributed to CUSF membership, for discussing at next CUSF meeting and those to follow.
- We are aware and concerned the low college graduation rate by Maryland students, but are supportive by USM efforts to get our State 'up to code'. [An aside: we are disappointed with the very low graduation rate of UMCP Basketball players, but happy with some reversal of such low rates recently.]
- We await news of the results of the Duplication Task Force of MHEC, and remain concerned by the implications of Fordice mandates for assessing such program 'duplication'.
- College Success Task Force executive summary report was discussed. We are aware and concerned that Maryland has yet to successfully compete for 'Race to the Top' support... primarily due, it appears, to the short (2 year) timeline for tenuring of public school teachers, instead of the preferred 3-year tenure review.

- CUSF continues to be involved in workgroups studying TAs and Graduate Assistants and Adjunct faculty.
- We are very pleased with the number and high quality of BOR Faculty Research Awards.
- We hope that at the upcoming Department Chairs Workshop there will be good attention to the matter of shared governance.
- An action item: we approved, unanimously, the following – that “CUSF urges USM to increase its’ percentage of tenure track appointments, relative to the number of non-tenure track appointments... and specifically to monitor all campuses to be sure that each is in compliance with existing Regents policy II.106

Our next CUSF meeting will be at UMBC on Tuesday, 20th April.

Collegially,



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Martha Siegel (secretary), Lee Richardson and Joyce Tenney (members-at-large), and E.
William Chapin (immediate past chair).