



Report from the Council of University System Faculty  
Board of Regents  
April 2011

The CUSF General Body met on February 17, 2011 at Bowie State University and Interim Provost Karen Johnson-Shaheed opened the meeting. Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations PJ Hogan gave us a legislative update noting that higher education is a very high priority in Maryland. Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance Joe Vivona gave us an update on the USM Voluntary Employee Separation Plan Ad Hoc Group. He expressed his thoughts and suggestions on a potential politically smart separation program that could appeal to faculty. CUSF helped in that effort, understanding the narrow set of options.

The CUSF General Body met on March 15, 2011 at Coppin State University and President Reginald Avery opened the meeting. Nominations for CUSF Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary were closed at this meeting with a full slate of candidates. In addition, there was a well-attended and informative panel discussion on academic freedom with guest panelists Assistant Attorney General Ann Donahue and University of Delaware Professor Joan Delfattore. Many faculty members from CSU attended and participated in the panel discussion.

The CUSF Executive Committee met with the Chancellor and Faculty Senate Chairs on April 1, 2011 at USM Adelphi for its second biannual meeting. At this meeting, topics discussed included the status of shared governance, employment of adjunct faculty, retirement and health benefits, and the USM budget.

The CUSF General Body will meet on April 18, 2011 at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The elections for CUSF Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be held at this meeting.

CUSF will co-host the New Chairs Workshop with USM on April 29, 2011.

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