



Staff Council Report April 15, 2011

The February 22 meeting was held in Annapolis. CUSS passed out 188 letters of introduction to the 47 Senator offices and 141 Delegates offices. Additionally, CUSS sent a letter to the Governor during the week of February 6 expressing our concerns regarding competitive salaries for staff and faculty after three years of furloughs and layoffs, and retention raises for staff.

The March 29 meeting was held at Coppin State University. The first major topic of the meeting surrounded the State retirement benefits discussion in Annapolis. The council initiated a letter writing campaign, which resulted in at least 900 messages being sent to our representatives in Annapolis.

The second major topic of discussion surrounded the mandate that the Board of Regents develop a plan to merge the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) and the University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB). It is the request of the Staff Council that we either be actively involved or informed as the plan progresses, and at minimum, there be proportionate staff representation from the two institutions, actively involved in the development of the plan.

The next meeting will be held on April 26 at Towson University.

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