



Report from the Council of University System Faculty  
Board of Regents  
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There were two CUSF Executive Committee meetings in August 2011. The first meeting was for the incoming Executive Committee. The new members are Jay Zimmerman (TU), Robert Kauffman (FSU), Virletta Bryant (CSU) and Steve Mount (UMCP). The main focus of the meeting was on operational issues, as well as on reviewing CUSF concerns with the new committee members, such as the USM budget and implementation of the Adjunct Faculty Policy.

The second meeting was a joint transitional meeting of the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees. Senior Vice Chancellor Irv Goldstein provided an overview and update of events and committees involving USM, such as the Task Force to Study Higher Education in Baltimore City and the Study on the Potential Merger of UMCP and UMB. CUSF is extremely happy to be invited by the Chancellor to participate in this study as task group participants addressing various questions. This study is of great importance to faculty and it has potential effects that will not be limited to UMB and UMCP.

The Chancellor invited CUSF and CUSS to participate in a discussion of health benefits for participants in the Optional Retirement Program at a Joint Committee on Pensions Briefing on September 7, 2011 in the Maryland House Appropriations Committee Room in Annapolis. Assistant Vice Chancellor JoAnn Goedert, CUSS Chair Willie Brown and I will speak on behalf of USM to the Maryland Legislative Joint Committee on Pensions. CUSF supports establishing parity between the ORP and Maryland State Retirement and Pension System with regards to retiree health insurance benefits for dependents by making the benefits available with 16 years of employee service, irrespective of the retirement program.

The first CUSF General Body Meeting of this academic year will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the University of Maryland University College.

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