



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

The CUSF General Body met on September 16, 2011 at the University of Maryland University College. CUSF Vice Chair Jay Zimmerman convened the meeting. Provost Greg Von Lehmen welcomed CUSF to UMUC and provided an overview of UMUC programs, noting that UMUC has a head count of 90,000 students making it the largest public university and the largest online university. He also addressed several questions regarding shared governance and adjunct faculty.

Associate Vice Chancellor and Special Assistant to the Chancellor Nancy Shapiro presented an update on Race to the Top - A Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, and Common Core. Senior Vice Chancellor Irv Goldstein provided an update on the joint committee reports, UMCP-UMB Merger Study, Baltimore City Study, Coppin Study and three separate committees involving intercollegiate athletics. He also addressed a proposed change in the USM tenure and promotion policy and provided the background for the amendment, indicating that a Board of Regents committee reviewed the status of creative activities including patents, working with businesses, and intellectual properties, which is part of the Strategic Plan. Several CUSF members had concerns about the concept and the emphasis on commercialization. Some noted that the wording might be redundant since it was believed that these functions were already covered within the existing policy, and others recommended shortening and/or improving the wording to reduce ambiguity.

The next CUSF General Body Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Frostburg State University. Assistant Vice Chancellor Ben Passmore will join CUSF at this meeting.

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