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Council of University System Staff Report

October 3, 2011

The Council met on September 27 at the University of Baltimore (UB). The Council was welcomed by Provost Joseph Wood, who detailed many of the visible changes to UB's campus over the past five years.

- 1. Board of Regents' Awards members discussed the upcoming timeline for the Awards, as well as devising a yearly timeline that would be included in the Council's policies and procedures.
- 2. UMB/UMCP Merger members placed emphasis on promoting the upcoming public hearings to all campuses, not just those directly affected by the mergers. A message was sent out from the Council to all members to be disseminated to each campus's shared governance body looking for testimony.
- 3. Goals for CUSS for 2011-2012 -
 - Increased communication between CUSS and campus councils (faculty and student), as well as with institution Presidents and senior administration
 - Keep an eye on the legislative agenda, and be ready to provide testimony and/or comments on important legislation that may affect Staff employees
 - Watch carefully the Board of Regents' progress on the UMCP/UMB merger study, and remain available to provide input when requested.

The next meeting will be held on October 25 at Bowie State University.

Respectfully submitted,

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