

COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

November 8, 2011

Meeting Notes

1. Merger study – status report. Chancellor Kirwan and Mr. Vivona provided a status report on the study of a merger between UMCP and UMB. Dr. Foster briefed the council on the purple group meetings.
2. Briefing on Coalition Case. Mr. Faulk and Ms. Skolnik, Office of the Attorney General, briefed the presidents on the status of the Coalition case and introduced Craig Thompson and Ken Thompson, Venable, who are assisting with the trial scheduled to start in December. Mr. Thompson described the preparation need for the trial and their expectations regarding how the trial would proceed.
3. Revised Language - APT and Sabbatical Policy. Dr. Goldstein reported on the revised proposed language for changes to the policy and indicated that he would be working with the provosts and CUSF regarding the proposed changes.
4. Foundation funding - impact on institutions. Ms. Purcel provided a report on the impact of reduced returns on endowment funds and discussed possible solutions. The Advancement Committee will convene a group comprised of Regents, Advancement VPs and affiliated foundation representatives to determine recommendations to address the issue.
5. Women and Violence. Dr. Neufville discussed the issue and reported that there was funding available from the Department of Justice to assist institutions in this area.