1. FY 2014 Budget. Chancellor Kirwan described his meeting with Governor O’Malley on the FY 2014 budget and USM programmatic initiatives and discussed with the presidents the preliminary budget for FY 2014. The Chancellor and presidents also discussed the development of a communications strategy in support of the budget request.

2. Labor relations. Mr. Vivona provided a report on the status of meet and confer agreements. Institutional status reports on meet and confer implementation are due by January 14.

3. Follow up to CUSP retreat. Dr. Burnim noted that at the CUSP retreat, the presidents expressed interest in periodically discussing important topics of interest at a CUSP meeting. The presidents discussed a number of topics of interest and agreed that the first topics to be discussed would center around the issue of jobs, including institutional efforts to support job attainment for graduates as well as a broader view that focused on the future of jobs in the U.S. and Maryland and the impact of global competitiveness.