



Report from the Council of University System Faculty
Board of Regents
October 21, 2013

The September General CUSF meeting was held at Coppin State University on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. CUSF was greeted by Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville, President of Coppin State University and Dr. Sadie Gregory, Provost. The next meeting was held on October 11, 2013 at Frostburg State University. CUSF was welcomed by President, Jonathan Gibraltar, and the Interim Provost, Bill Childs.

In September, the General Body of CUSF debated and passed the following motion from our Ad-Hoc Committee on Shared Governance.

MOTION: Proposal to Enhance and Promote Faculty Shared Governance on USM Campuses - CUSF requests that the BOR support the CUSF Proposal to Enhance and Promote Faculty Shared Governance on USM Campuses as a framework and process to implement the following three initiatives:

- Implement a common reporting structure and format for the CUSF Chair's Report to the Chancellor. This also involves standardizing the senate chair's reports to CUSF.
- Implement a shared governance education module for faculty and administrators.
- Establish and put in place a system wide ombudsman.

The October meeting was taken up with the USM report by Dr. Joann Boughman and with the organization of the CUSF standing committees. We did not have time to discuss the implementation of the motion above, which was the other item on the agenda.

Dr. Virletta Bryant, Vice Chair of CUSF and Chair of the Senate at Coppin State University reported on the implementation of the restructuring plan from the faculty perspective. Some faculty take ownership of the plan and help to secure its implementation and other faculty believe it has come from the top down. Faculty input is being sought, but at times decisions are made before the faculty can be fully consulted.

Dr. Mike Murtagh, Chair of Faculty Senate at Frostburg State University provided the following report on the state of shared governance at FSU. Mike began his report with the comment that shared governance is “**alive and well**” at Frostburg. He recognizes that the President has the final say, but they have been working collaboratively together. Also, he has an open door policy with the President which is helpful. He also noted that they will shortly be searching for a new Provost. The previous Provost was involved in developing the shared governance system at FSU and was a strong proponent of it. Dr. Murtagh observed that shared governance is always a work in progress. The Senate started two ad hoc committees, one to look at *faculty evaluations* and the second will look at *workload*.

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