



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

October 7, 2013

Meeting Notes

- 1. FY 2015 budget development.** Chancellor Kirwan and Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the development of the budget for FY 2015 and the uncertain impact the Federal government shutdown may have.
- 2. Discussion on issues from BOR retreat.** Chancellor Kirwan and presidents discussed the BOR retreat and provided feedback regarding the issues and discussions. The presidents recommended that the BOR financial aid review include input from various institutional presidents since student profiles can vary dramatically among USM campuses. With regard to the BOR IT task force, the presidents recommended that the task force include two USM presidents and focus on both academic and administrative issues.
- 3. VA 2-year college transfer grant.** Chancellor Kirwan briefed the presidents on the Virginia two-year college transfer grant program and discussed whether a similar program would be beneficial in Maryland. Two presidents noted that they currently provide similar programs. The presidents agreed to review the program and discuss it again at the next council meeting.
- 4. Oregon pay it forward concept.** Mr. Hogan briefed the presidents on a program being proposed in Oregon. The Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission is charged with considering whether to develop a pilot "Pay It Forward" plan; the Commission is to report to the Oregon legislature on the proposed concept in the 2015 legislative session. At this juncture it appears unlikely that a similar plan would work in Maryland.