



Report from the Council of University System Faculty
Board of Regents
November 25, 2013

The November General CUSF meeting was held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore on Thursday, November 14, 2013. CUSF was greeted by Dr. Bruce Jarrell, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at UMB.

Dr. Nina Trocky, Chair of Faculty Senate provided the following report on the state of shared governance at UMB. The University of Maryland, Baltimore, faculty senate now routinely welcomes staff and student senate members. Their participation in the monthly senate meetings assures greater sharing and transparency. Dr. Trocky continues the tradition of bi-monthly meetings with Dr. Perman sharing key issues and concerns identified by the senate and asking for Dr. Perman's input and/or support. This year's Regents Award process was extended a few days allowing deans to compile supporting documents for all nominees. Dr. Perman will form a small working group to review the nominations process. Another thing that the UMB senate has been examining is at the level of malpractice protection that students need when they go in to community settings.

The CUSS and CUSF Executive committees have moved to coordinate our respective Legislative Affairs committees in order to more effectively lobby the legislature in 2014. The chairs of these two committees have been in contact and have agreed to work together.

CUSF discussed the form of the Annual CUSF Shared Governance Report and the senate chair's reports that inform it. CUSF is preparing a form for the senate chairs to fill out and this draft will be considered in the December meeting. The general body also had a discussion about how to ensure that faculty are consulted before decisions are made at lower levels of an administration, such as colleges and departments.

The CUSF Academic Affairs committee will examine how much difference there is in the amount of work when teaching a course online as opposed to in class instruction. The Faculty Affairs committee would like to address the fact that collegial sick leave does not apply to librarians in BOR policy. Finally, CUSF will host the biannual meeting of all senate chairs of USM institutions on December 12, 2013 at USM Headquarters.

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