



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

Meeting Notes
December 2, 2013

1. FY 2014/2015 operating budget. Chancellor Kirwan and Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the status of the FY 2014/2015 operating budgets.
2. Waiver of one-year residency requirement for in-state tuition for companies moving to MD. Chancellor Kirwan discussed the possibility of changing BOR policy - which requires one year of state residency to qualify for in-state tuition status - in circumstances in which organizations bring jobs to Maryland by moving their operations to the state. The presidents supported the concept and the Chancellor said that a proposed change would be drafted and shared with the Chancellor's Council.
3. Status of coalition case decision. Ms. Bainbridge, Assistant AG, briefed the presidents on the status of mediation as required by Judge Blake's decision. The presidents expressed their perspectives and concerns about the decision and possible outcomes of mediation on their universities. The issues discussed also included concerns about what are considered core programs, the need for additional data that wasn't submitted in the trial on the success of the unique program strategy and information from states that have successfully met their OCR obligations. They also discussed the impact of the mediation effort on requests for new academic programs and asked for OAG guidance.
4. Status of labor relations. Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the current status of labor negotiations.
5. BOR ET3I task force. Chancellor Kirwan briefed the presidents on the newly established BOR task force on Enabling Transformation through Technology and Innovation. He noted that the focus of the task force is not on enhancing technology per se, but on using technology as a tool to transform academic and administrative operations.
6. Recommendations of the nonexempt plan workgroup. Mr. Vivona and Ms. Goedert reviewed the two recommendations from the USM workgroup with the presidents; the presidents supported the recommendations.

7. December 24, 2013 – holiday or workday status. Chancellor Kirwan discussed with the presidents their campus plans regarding December 24, 2013.
8. SREB – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Mr. Miyares shared information about the SREB reciprocity agreement noting that legislation needs to be enacted so that Maryland can participate in the program, which will make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state.
9. USM Women’s Forum. At the request of the chair of the USM Women's Forum, Dr. Dudley-Eshbach urged all Presidents to ensure that her/his campus has appointed at least two members to the Forum, as some campuses have no representatives. It was also suggested that Presidents provide funding so that several individuals from each campus are encouraged to attend the Forum's annual conference.