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## Board of Regents Report October 24, 2014

Our last meeting was held on September 23, 2014 at the University of Baltimore. CUSS was welcomed by President Kurt L. Schmoke. Dr. Schmoke briefed the council on several important areas related to the University of Baltimore, its staff, and its local community. This included an overview of the role shared governance at UB, where UB is heading, and the impact it will have as educational and economic entity for the city of Baltimore. The council was joined by the leadership team of the UB Staff Senate -Kristen Tull, Bill Schnirel, and John Brenner

The following has occurred since our last report:

- The Council has reviewed and fully supports the proposed amendments to USM/BOR VII-2.70 - POLICY ON STUDENT CLASSIFICATION FOR ADMISSION AND TUITION PURPOSES.
- Continue to participate and provide input as a member to the USM Sexual Misconduct Policy Workgroup that recently convened on October 9, 2014.
- At our September meeting, Associate Vice Chancellor JoAnn Goedert provided a comprehensive review of the changes to the State of Maryland's State Employee Health Plans. This session help provide insight and guidance for shared governance to assist in our communication with our constituencies on the many changes occurring in 2015.
- The Communication Committee has finalized our annual newsletter which is being released this month highlighting the accomplishments of the past term. The committee is looking to start enhancing our communication channels with social media and news feeds in the coming term.
- The Policy and Legislation Committee is working on revamping our Annapolis Advocacy Day into what we are calling Annapolis 2.0. This new approach is to increase our reach and effectiveness with the anticipated changes occurring in the legislative and executive branches in 2015.
- The BOR Staff Award Committee has finalized the 2015 award packets. These were distributed to the institutions the week of October 13.
- The Benefits and Compensation Committee is looking at institutional and system wide employee discount programs that can be shared.
- The Executive Committee will be conducting more system wide assessments on shared governance, its role, and importance in the USM.

Our next meeting is on October 28 at Frostburg State University.

Respectfully submitted,

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