

## **Report**

### **Council of University System Presidents**

**October 5, 2015**

The USM presidents held a retreat on October 5, 2015. Key topics discussed at the retreat included the FY 2016 and 2017 budgets, academic and administrative E & E 2.0 initiatives, possible strategies for allocation of funds to institutions to enhance budget equity and the appropriate use of peers, enrollment growth initiatives and meeting state workforce needs, strategies to enhance student degree completion and strategies to strengthen USM's research and innovation mission. The Chancellor and presidents also briefly discussed differential tuition, regional higher education centers, marketing the USM, and ways the USM can leverage UMUC strengths to benefit other institutions and areas economic development. Secretary of Commerce, Mike Gill joined the Chancellor and presidents and provided an overview of the primary initiatives and key goals of the department.