



Meeting Notes

COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

March 7, 2016

1. Goals initiative. Chancellor Caret reported that the annual goals established by CUSP, USM staff, Chancellor and Board of Regents will be evaluated and a status report provided.
2. VC Economic Development. Chancellor Caret reported that the process of selecting a new VC for Economic Development is underway with the search committee interviewing 5 candidates to date.
3. Capital Budget (5 year) Chancellor Caret briefed the presidents on the status of the USM capital budget.
4. Legislative updates. Chancellor Caret and Mr. Hogan reviewed some of the key legislation begin considered by the General Assembly, including SB 1052, hand guns on campus and a number of other proposed bills. The presidents were also briefed on the status of the USM budget.
5. RN to BSN Commission and Community College' expansion into 4-year degrees. The Chancellor and presidents discussed current efforts to address the shortage of nurses and some of the critical factors in this complicated issue. They agreed that the best approach would be for a study on the issue.
6. CUSP meetings. The Chancellor and presidents agreed to a slight modification to their monthly meeting schedule.
7. USM enrollment planning. The Chancellor and presidents discussed the next steps and timing in the process for the USM enrollment planning initiative.
8. BOR Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion. The Chancellor and presidents discussed the key issues to be addressed by the BOR Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion. VC Boughman reported that the previous Diversity Network will be reactivated as the Diversity and Inclusion Council. The leadership of the council will be in the Provosts' offices and the Academic Affairs Advisory Council but will engage a wide representation from various campus communities including shared governance bodies, diversity officers, student affairs, and other institutional experts.