

CUSF Executive Committee Minutes

April 2, 2012

In Attendance were: Joyce Shirazi, Jay Zimmerman, Robert Kauffman, Virletta Bryant (by phone after 1:20 PM), Steve Mount, and Irv Goldstein (guest).

CONVENING THE MEETING - 12:20 PM

The ExecCom meeting for April was convened by Joyce Shirazi at 12:20 PM in a conference room at System headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland. All were in attendance although Virletta was not able to join the meeting because of an unanticipated complication until 1:20 PM.

APPROVAL OF CUSF EXCOM MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2012 Executive Committee. The motion passed. The Secretary will place the approved minutes on the website.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chancellor's Council: Joyce discussed the Chancellor's Council which preceded this meeting. There were two main topics. First, was the "meet and confer" item and second Joyce indicated that she read some of the poems from the Fete for Irv. Jokingly, she noted that given the choice, the group of presidents would have preferred to hear more of the poems about Irv than discuss meet and confer. Second, Joyce noted that the Academic Policy that was working its way through committee with CUSF should check it in terms of other policies addressing the proposed policy.

There was a brief summary regarding the remaining meetings. Because of the meet and confer discussion, Joyce switched with Robert between the March and April meetings. The remaining meeting is listed below.

Monday, April 2, Chancellor's Council at USM, Robert Kauffman

SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - 12:26 PM

Irv Goldstein arrived at the meeting at 12:26 PM and gave his report on academic affairs.

Budget: Irv provided a brief update on the budget. He noted that until the Legislature acts, there is not much to report. He noted that there was a plethora of emails sent from faculty and that they were very helpful.

Regional Centers: There was a brief discussion about taking a one million dollar cut from the regional centers for one year and then working the funds back to the regional centers by other means.

Hagerstown Center: He noted that they hired a new executive director at Hagerstown. Although he didn't indicate whom, the new executive director is from Virginia Tech and has considerable experience in online learning. Irv complemented FSU on their work with Hagerstown and noted that it was exemplary.

Tuition: There was a discussion regarding tuition increases as a way to offset the budgetary cuts. Essentially, if we don't get the budget we need, should we raise tuition? Irv noted that the tuition situation has changed in recent years. The State used to be ranked as the six or seventh most expensive state in terms of tuition. Currently, we have dropped to around 23rd in the rankings. Since Maryland has not kept pace with other states in terms of tuition increases, there is still some potential room for tuition increases without becoming too expensive. There was a discussion regarding *differential tuition*. This is where more expensive programs (e.g. engineering or science) or even more popular programs (e.g. business) charge a surcharge fee or higher tuition for students in these programs. The philosophical and practical problems and issues were discussed, and it was concluded that until the Legislature concludes, not much was going to happen.

Meet and Confer: Since there was not much new to report since the discussion provided by Joe Vivona at the March 16th CUSF meeting [Secretary's Note: *See the March 16, 2012 General Body minutes for a full discussion of "Meet and Confer."*]. It was noted that System needed to do something regarding this issue and now it has. [Secretary's Note: *With his report completed, Irv departed the meeting.*]

AGENDA ITEMS AND BUSINESS- 1:15 PM

Elections: Steve gave a summary of the election process for next year and the group discussed several issues regarding the process. First, one of the nominees had submitted a self-statement that was considerably over the 200 word limit. Options discussed included: a) leave it as is, b) truncating the statement at 200 words with a brief statement to that effect, c) edit the statement down to the appropriate length, and d) include a disclaimer that there was no statement submitted. Upon closer examination, it was determined that there was a statement submitted that could be used as the self-statement. This alternative was chosen.

Second, one nominee hadn't sent in a self-statement. Steve indicated that he had attempted to contact this person to no avail. It was concluded that the following statement or something similar to it would be placed on the ballot as this person's self-statement [No self-statement was submitted.].

Third, the issue of the election process for at-large members and the issue of *double voting* were discussed. It was decided that although it would take longer to complete the election process, the at-large process would be as follows. There would be a ballot that would elect the first at-large candidate. A majority was needed. Then the process would be repeated to select the second at-large candidate.

Fourth, there was the issue of who was eligible to vote in the election in terms of the bylaws. Essentially, each university is apportioned a total number of delegates based on the size of their faculty. They can vote up to but not over their allotment of delegates. If all their delegates and alternate delegates are in attendance, the alternate delegates cannot vote. Robert noted that the attendance sheets were structured to quickly address this issue. He will email Steve and Joyce a copy of the attendance sheet [Secretary's Noted: *Done.*]

Tabled Telephone Motion: After a brief discussion on the tabled motion (telephone motion), it was concluded that the best course of action is to leave the motion tabled.

Panel Discussion: Regarding the meeting at UMB, Thom Faulk, Acting Chief Counsel for Educational Affairs, Attorney General's Office, will be at the meeting to discuss faculty legal protection and other matters.

Chair's Meeting: Jay provided a brief overview of the agenda for the upcoming Chair's Meeting on Friday April 6th at System in Adelphi.

Legislative Update: No Report. In addition, Joyce noted for Jay's benefit next year as the future Chair of CUSF, the benefits of the Monday morning dial-in for the legislative update with Andy Clark between 9-9:30 AM.

Tabling of Phone Vote: There was a discussion regarding the tabling of the phone vote at the recent General Body Meeting in February and whether it should be brought up again this year. [Secretary's Note: *See Motion #1207 at the February 15 General Body Meeting for a discussion of this topic.*] After a discussion, Joyce indicated that she might work on this next year when she becomes past-chair. There were divided opinions regarding the need for the change in the bylaws.

Action Items: No items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:08 PM

With no further business, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: No Attachments