

CUSF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2013

In Attendance were: Jay Zimmerman, Virletta Bryant (phone), Robert Kauffman, Bobbi Adams, Nagaraj Neerchal, and Joann Boughman (guest).

CONVENING THE MEETING

The ExecCom January 1st meeting was convened by Jay Zimmerman at 12:15 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at System headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 23rd ExecCom Minutes. The minutes were approved.

SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Joann Boughman, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, provided her report with an emphasis on the upcoming legislative session. She indicated that they have attended several hearing in preparation for this year's legislative session.

Legislative Session and the Budget – She indicated that System is positioned fairly well for the upcoming legislative session. First, they are asking for a 128 million dollar or 7% increase in funding. Although most of the request is for current service items, there are “enhancement” funds for new programmatic services. In addition, there was a request to supplement the funding with an additional 10 million dollars from the fund balance. Second, the increases in budget reflect the alignment of System with the Governor's proposed agenda for the State including a positive economic forecast for the State. Third, she reminded everyone that in the legislative process, the Legislature can deduct proposed funding but cannot add new funding that hasn't been submitted by the Governor. With this in mind, System is well positioned for the upcoming legislative session.

Workforce and Education – Anthony Carnevale, Director of Research and Professor at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, presented a report at the Chancellor's Council prior to this meeting on the workforce and educational needs. Jay and Joann provided a brief summary of his report. First, he provided a history on the relationship between higher education and workplace needs and how the relationship has changed since the 1960s. Second, certificates are becoming more important today. Third, people with a bachelor's or higher degree have increased earning capability over their life time. Fourth, he suggested that we may be over producing STEM graduates. It seems as if many of these students move into management positions. Fifth, he indicated that there is a greater need for educated people in the workplace, particularly in this region and this dovetails with the Governor's agenda for the future as well as higher education being a significant driving force in the Maryland economy.

Maryland Longitudinal Data System – The data system should be functional by July 2013. It combines four major data sets including the K-12, the higher education, and the Department of Labor’s data systems. They will be able to follow students throughout their academic careers and for five years after they enter the workforce. This system will help to measure outcomes and will be a significant planning aid.

Legislative Session – CUSS and the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) are currently doing a lot of work at the current legislative session. Both organizations have set aside time to meet with legislators or their staff. In addition, they will have a rally downstate. The question was raised whether CUSF should become involved in the process also.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ExecCom Election – There was a discussion regarding the election process and who might chair the nomination committee. Four people were suggested: Joyce Tenny, Steve Mount, Joyce Shirazi, and Paul Flexner.

Motion #1212 – There was a discussion regarding the implementation of Motion #1212. After a discussion, it was recommended that its implementation should be a topic addressed at the April 28th Senate Chair’s Meeting. In addition, there was enough data collected this year to construct a report. Jay requested that ExecCom members send him a draft of a letter that he can send out to the Senate Chairs regarding this matter.

I-6.00:III[B] – In Section B under practices in the shared governance policy, there was an issue regarding the need for this sentence: [*This percentage shall not apply to paragraph G. below.*]. There was a discussion regarding what process should be followed to address this passage. After a discussion, it was suggested that it would be necessary to determine the implications of the passage and that someone from Joann’s office should investigate and report to CUSF on the implications of the issue.

Separate Committee for Adjuncts – The issue of adjuncts was discussed and how to best address their needs through CUSF. Jay had suggested that they might want to make a separate committee that handles adjunct issues. Several different options were discussed as was the problem of how adjuncts are represented on the different campuses.

Retreat with CUSS – The CUSS ExecCom has requested doing a retreat with the CUSF ExecCom. Jay wanted to know whether this was something that the CUSF ExecCom wanted to do. The consensus was that it was a good idea and members checked their calendars for suitable dates.

Spring Senate Chair’s Meeting – Virletta noted that the next Senate Chair’s meeting will be on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. at System in Adelphi. Among the business items covered will be MOTION #1212 as previously discussed.

Faculty Voice/Communications Position – After a brief discussion, Jay requested Bobbi and Nagaraj to write a proposal to change the bylaws.

Agenda – Given the lateness of the meeting, the agenda for the next CUSF General Body meeting was briefly discussed and considered okay.

NEW BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

There was no new business. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: none

Approved