

# CUSF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2013

In Attendance were: Jay Zimmerman, Virletta Bryant, Robert Kauffman (phone), Nagaraj Neerchal, and Joann Boughman (guest). Bobbi Adams was not in attendance.

## CONVENING THE MEETING

The ExecCom April 1<sup>th</sup> meeting was convened by Jay Zimmerman at 12:15 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at System headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland. Due to phone connection issues, the meeting didn't effectively start until 12:25 when a phone connection was finally made.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 4<sup>th</sup> ExecCom Minutes. The minutes were approved.

## SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Joann Boughman, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, provided her report regarding the activities at System. She indicated that there was one week left in this year's legislative session and quickly coming to an end.

**Legislature** – As noted there was one week left for this year's legislative session. Joann noted that there are major differences between the house and senate operating budgets. The House is recommending a 10 million dollar cut and the Senate is recommending a 800,000 cut in the operating budget. There was a discussion regarding the transfer of funds to MHEC, P.J. Hogan's efforts in this respect, and the implications of the cuts. Joann indicated that there were problems on both sides of the bill and she remained optimistic for a positive solution.

**College Readiness Completion Act** – This was a large bill that was advanced under several other pseudo-names in previous minutes including the "omnibus bill." Joann highlighted several of the components in the bill. For example, this bill would require all USM institutions to institute "block scheduling" where all freshman would take the same schedule of courses, and common course numbering for community colleges and four-year institutions. Joann indicated that System was in a much better situation today regarding dealing with this bill.

**Department Chairs Workshop** – System has hosted a Department Chairs Workshop for new Department Chairs at System. She noted that 53 new chairs have signed up for the workshop. Jay will present on behalf of CUSF at the workshop. There was a brief discussion regarding topics that Jay might address at the workshop (e.g. Family Leave Act).

**Binge Drinking Report** – Both Jay and Joann reported on the status report on binge drinking presented by Dr. Arria at the Chancellor's Council meeting earlier the same this day (April 1). The report presented by Dr. Arria was a status report for System with the final report expected to be completed in May of this

year. The survey surveyed all System universities, community colleges, and privates on alcohol use and behavior in an effort to get a handle on student drinking. Several excerpts from the study were highlighted. First, there may be a correlation between violence and heavy drinking. Second, the study found that 15% of the students will have tried the drug ecstasy, 15%-20% have tried marijuana, and 90% will have used or abused alcohol before graduating.

**Tuition Remission** – Jay asked Joann for an update on the tuition remission proposal. She indicated that Joe Vivona was addressing it as it is currently working its way through the system.

**Gender Differences** – There was a brief discussion on the gender differences in pay issue. [Secretary's Note: *See Additional Business in the March 2013 ExecCom minutes.*]

## SENATE CHAIR'S MEETING

Virletta provided an update on the Senate Chairs meeting. There was a brief discussion on the agenda for the meeting. In addition, Virletta indicated that she will send out a gentle reminder to the chairs for their reports for the Chair's Report.

## OLD BUSINESS

**CUSF Liaisons** – There was a discussion of the role of CUSF liaisons. It was emphasized that they are important in the communications process with the campuses and in disseminating information to the individual campuses. It was suggested that the problem involved defining the role of the liaisons. After a discussion, it was agreed that the item should be put on the Council's agenda.

**Retreat with CUSS** – Jay discussed his attempts to setup a joint meeting with the ExecCom committees of CUSF and CUSS. It was noted that this was only something that ExecCom needed to do if there was really a need for the joint meeting. Two dates were advanced: the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 a.m.

## COUNCIL AGENDA

There was a brief discussion regarding starting the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with committee meetings. Jay noted that there wouldn't be a legislative conference call since the legislative session will have ended on the Monday before the meeting.

There was a motion to approve the agenda. It passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Sharing Shared Governance Panel Discussions** – Robert suggested that the group consider doing a series of panel discussions on campuses on shared governance. The discussion highlighted several points. First, CUSF is responsible for defending the shared governance policy and for advocating for shared governance. Part of this process is working with the individual campuses. Second, it was noted that Towson's Senate Chair had suggested a peer review process for shared governance. Third, the panel discussions could be implemented next fall. Fourth, it was suggested that the Senate Chair's meeting for next fall might be held at Coppin. It was suggested that if the Chancellor would attend the meeting, this might be a satisfactory alternative.

## ADJOURNMENT

There was no new business. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: none

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