

CUSF General Body Meeting
 University of Maryland, University College
 Adelphi, Maryland

Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Institution	Attendance
Bowie (2)	Monika Gross, Joan Langdon
Coppin (2)	Chris Brittan-Powell, Virletta Bryant
Frostburg (3)	Robert Kauffman, Elesha Ruminski
Salisbury (3)	Bobbi Adams, Dave Parker
Towson (4)	Pat Alt, Leonie Brooks, Amanda Burnham, Tom Krause, Martha Siegel, Jay Zimmerman
UB (2)	Patria Julnes, Julie Simon, Stephanie Gibson
UMB (5)	Karen Clark, Richard Manski, Isabel Rambob, Nina Trocky
UMBC (3)	Nagaraj Neerchal, James Stephens
UMCES (2)	Raleigh Hood
UMCP (6)	Linda Aldoory, Dan Lathrop, Lila Ohler, Nelly Stromquist
UMES (2)	Bill Chapin,
UMUC (3)	Maggie Cohen, David Hershfield, BettyJo Mayeske
Guest(s)	Frank Kesterman (UMUC)

Future Meeting Dates for 2013-2014

February 10, 2014 (Monday)	University Maryland Eastern Shore
March 12, 2014 (Wednesday)	University of Baltimore
April 10, 2014 (Thursday)	University of Maryland College Park
May 8, 2014 (Thursday)	University of MD Center for Environmental Sciences
June 11, 2014 (Wednesday)	Bowie State University

CONVENING THE MEETING – 10:00 a.m.

Jay Zimmerman formally convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Each member of CUSF, CUSS, and the Student Council introduced him or herself to the entire body.

WELCOME FROM HOST CAMPUS – 10:014 a.m.

Jay Zimmerman introduced Javier Miyares the president of UMUC. Jay gives a brief bio of Mr. Miyares and welcomes him to the meeting.

Javier Miyares welcomes the assembled members to the renovated conference center. He notes that the center meets standards as Green building and gives a history of UMUC which was founded in 1947 as extension of UMCP school of education to bring higher education to adult students. Many of those students were returning veterans. UMUC's mission is to make higher education accessible to working adults. Since 1949 UMUC has been able to provide educational opportunities to troops stationed in Europe and then far afield. It was also among the first to use online courses to reach students.

UMUC is different than most educational institutions in that its only focus is teaching. Indeed, the only research in which they engage at UMUC is research into online teaching and learning. The UMUC students used to be labelled nontraditional. Overall, however, 73% of students are now nontraditional. Typical UMUC student works full time and has a family. UMUC has enrolled 90,000 students worldwide and 90% of students takes at least one course on line a year. Because of the student population and the way they teach the school has moved to more to an open source model of textbooks to save cost. Mr. Miyares believes this is a good thing. He also believes in "competency based education." He believes that if a student shows that he or she has gained the competency they do not need to take corresponding courses. This saves the students money. The school has been successful indeed, they are the defending champions of the national cyberchallenge

CHANCELLOR BRIT KIRWIN -- 10:32

Fiscal priorities for fiscal year 2015: Fiscal year 2015 goes into effect, July 1, 2014. The legislative session which will determine the budget for FY '15 has started. The government shutdown was really bad for the state's fiscal picture. The sequester was also bad for the state's fiscal picture. These things will effect the state's budget and possibly the budget of the system.

Last year USM got the current services budget (what would be required to maintain the current level of service) +30 million. Final negotiations were good for the system because it kept the systems base and traded cash for base. This will result in an increase of 80 million. There should also be an annualization of the 3% COLA that was received on January 1, 2014. There will also be a merit increase April 1, of 2.5 %. There is a concern in the system about the salary erosion which took place by salary freezes and the furloughs of the last few years. There was no real sense about a fix, but an acknowledgement of the problem.

USM told the governor that a 5% tuition increase was necessary. The governor bought down 2%, of the increase. This means that there will be an increase of 3% for undergraduate in-state tuition.

In Maryland the legislature can not add funds. They can only cut the governor's budget. This means that some legislators look for areas to cut; therefore, we need to rally the troops and protect the budget. The argument made by Chancellor Kirwin is that despite some positives the

budget is still fragile and it is a current services cost and that we need to protect the initiatives that the legislatures already promoted. There are no new enhancement funds because there is no money for such funds, if there is money in the future there might be more enhancement funds.

Chancellor Kirwin says he is committed to shared governance. He gave Kudos to Jay and CUSF on delivering a report last year on the state of shared governance across the system. First time he got such a report and it is a good step and it. Looks forward to the report for this year.

Chancellor Kirwin also noted that movement on the coalition lawsuit is both slow and deliberate. There will be a meeting with the mediator, Judge Grimm, on January 31. After that the meetings of the parties will be initiated.

ANDY CLARK:

Legislative affairs works hard on a weekly cycle to follow the bills that effect the USM. They meet every Friday to dole out assignments about current week and review the week. On Monday Andy Clark runs a conference call on legislative issues for any interested members of CUSF, CUSS and the Student Council. The first one of the session will be January 27th. Jay will send out time and phone number. Every Friday there is also a legislative newsletter which can be forwarded by the different chairs. The first newsletter will come out this Friday.

Some bills to watch: HB 18: It would mandate a Financial Aid shopping sheet for all first time full time freshman. The schools are ready to comply with this.

There is also HB 19: This is from delegate Cardin. It is a sexual assault survey based on the CDC surveys.

HB 56 and 63 are sales tax exemptions for textbooks. They are different, however. One allows for a tax free date(s) and the other allows tax free text books in higher education.

SB 18, 24 These bills are also some variation which allow veterans and their spouses, no matter where they are domiciled, eligible for instate tuition.

SB 30 This has been initiated by Senator Young and is about Internet Privacy. It addresses when staff or Faculty can ask for social media info. Senator Young wants to add civil penalties. There already is a USM policy, however, so the bill might be moot.

Reauthorization of Higher education Act -- This will likely will not happen to 2015. Andy Clark says that he has worked in legislative affairs for years and has never seen such a slowdown in work product as he has in the current congress.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Educational Instruction and Academic Support group discussed the following issues:

1) Grad Students have very high tuition rates unless like at UMCP they are fully funded. Unlike with undergraduate where most student should be from Maryland, many students are from out of state. Should we look at ways to limit cost of grad tuition?

- 2) They had a “free spirited discussion” on textbook cost
- 3) Are student evaluations of faculty meaningful

Employee Benefits and Services group discussed the following issues.

- 1) Health care
- 2) COLA
- 3) USM Policies

Legislation and Policy group discussed the following issues.

- 1) The process need for working together.
- 2) How to make ourselves available for Andy and PJ. When they need our help we will be there. Essentially, we all need to stay on the same team and work together to present a strong front to the legislature.

Shared Governance group discussed the following issues.

- 1) Make sure we have a seat at the table to have an opportunity when presented to us. We need to join together.
- 2) A good idea to enhance shared governance would be to invite different representatives from home school when the meetings are there. For example if CUSS has a meeting at UB. The CUSF and Student Council UB members could be invited to the meeting. This can enhance ties.

LUNCH

APPROVAL OF December, 2013 MEETING MINUTES -- 1:50

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December CUSF meeting. The motion passed.

Election -- 1:51

Chair Jay Zimmerman proposed that we open chair nomination now through end of February. That in February we open nominations for other executive positions which we can close in March. We should also discuss the issue of whether to amend the bylaws to allow someone to run for more than one position.

Both these ideas were actively discussed by the general body.

Motion: To delete article 6.3 from the bylaws and renumber the other bylaws accordingly. This will allow CUSF members who lost election to a position on the executive committee to run for other positions on the executive committee.

6.3 No individual may run for more than one position in any year.

[Secretary’s Note: Thanks to Virletta Bryant for help with the following notes]

Motion Passed: 15 yea, 3 nay, 2 abstentions.

Nominations: Jay Zimmerman opened the floor for nominations to the position of Chair. It will remain open until the February 10, 2014 meeting. [Secretary’s note: upon review of the bylaws,

it was determined election would be held in April and nomination would remain open until the March meeting. The General body was informed of the change via e-mail]

Jay Zimmerman gave a description of the positions of the executive committee before requesting volunteers for the nominating committee. Dave Parker (SU), and Patria de Lancer Julnes (UB) volunteered to serve on the nomination committee.

Reapportionment: In the CUSF constitution and bylaws there is a set formula for how many representatives each institution is allowed based on the number of full time faculty at the institution. There are discrepancies between sources which has resulted in the work study report being used as the final source. There was some discussed about adjuncts and how they are counted as representative on the council.

Motion: Request USM for a breakdown of faculty by full time and part time positions.

Vote to table the Motion 11 yea, 7 nay, 1 abstention.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS -- 2:09

Adjournment 2:36

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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