



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM FACULTY

*Chancellor's Remarks and
CUSF General Meeting
Lowe House Office Building, 6 Bladen Avenue, Annapolis MD
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Minutes*

CUSF members as well as counterparts from the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) and the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) spent the day visiting with Legislators in Annapolis to support the Governor's budget as well as the USM workforce development initiatives, especially in cybersecurity, healthcare technology, and artificial intelligence, and the USM's role in the proposal for Amazon HQ2. During the noon hour, Chancellor Caret joined members to provide brief remarks and take questions. Caret started by thanking Andy Clark, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, for his leadership in putting together this USM advocacy day. Caret went on to highlight the focal points of the day, underscoring his repeated message that USM receives better state support than most higher education systems do. Caret assured attendees that legislators do, indeed, listen when contacted by constituents and that our efforts can make a difference in public policy decision making. Caret closed his remarks by thanking all in attendance. Caret answered a few questions about the USM efforts in workforce development, the impact of athletic programs and student athletic fees on campuses, and the importance of working to make textbooks affordable for students.

CUSF meeting attendees:

Bowie (2)	Patricia Westerman
Coppin (2)	Chris Brittan-Powell, Mona Calhoun
Frostburg (3)	Robert Kauffman, Kelly Rock
Salisbury (3)	
Towson (4)	Beth Clifford, Ryan King-White, Rajeswari Kolagani
UB (2)	Haitham Alkhateeb
UMB (5)	Susan Antol
UMBC (3)	James Stephens

UMCES (2)	
UMCP (6)	Philip Evers, Janice Reutt-Robey
UMES (2)	
UMUC (3)	Mary Crowley-Farrell, Sabrina Fu
Guests:	Zakiya Lee (USM)

At the abbreviated CUSF meeting that began later in the afternoon, Dr. Robert Kauffman, CUSF Chair, called the meeting to order and entertained discussion and motions relating to upcoming elections for members of the Executive Committee:

- CUSF approved a motion to reopen nominations after the election of each position.
- CUSF approved a motion to permit each nominee to a position to provide a 3 minute personal statement, followed by a time-limited question-and-answer period before voting for that position.
- CUSF approved the following nominees and closed nominations for CUSF Chair: Dr. Chris Brittan-Powell and Dr. Patricia Westerman.
- CUSF approved the following nominees and "semi-closed" nominations for CUSF Vice Chair: Dr. Haitham Al-Khateeb, Dr. Elizabeth Brunn, and Dr. Philip Evers.

Robert Kauffman thanked Chris Brittan-Powell, Chair of CUSF Legislative Affairs committee, for his good work in planning the events of the day. Robert also announced that CUSF will welcome MJ Bishop, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director, Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation, at the March CUSF meeting; and will be joined by Board of Regents Chair Jim Brady in April. Finally, The Faculty Concerns committee will present a panel on student evaluations and peer evaluations of faculty at the May meeting.