



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

CUSF GOALS 2016-2017

1. Increase communications and advocacy with CUSF's constituents.
2. Strengthen shared governance within the USM institutions.
3. Advise and work with USM on major policy initiatives.
4. Advocate for faculty concerns.
5. Strengthen CUSF's organizational structure and increase its visibility.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Year in Review

This year we focused on increasing communications. We extended an outreach effort to the USM student and staff councils and we had a close working relationship with them. Chairman Brady visited the CUSF at the February meeting at UB. We had a good dialogue. The Chancellor visited the Council at its May meeting at UMBC. We developed a mission statement, vision statement, goals, and strategic plan. In addition, CUSF has a smart looking new logo.

This year we completed several of what have become annual events. As part of the legislative session, CUSF participated in Advocacy Day on February 28th with the other Councils and System. It was a truly collaborative effort. Chris Brittan-Powell did a great job coordinating our efforts. Jay Zimmerman chaired the Regent's Awards again this year. This year the State of Shared Governance Report was completed and submitted on time prior to the Chancellor's yearly evaluations of the Presidents beginning in April. A survey of senate chairs, this year eleven of the twelve campuses participated. Overall, the state of shared governance is good in the System.

Next year we will again emphasize the theme of communications. One of the objectives this year was to visit the campus and advocate on behalf of CUSF and shared governance. Unfortunately, time and scheduling issues inhibited the completion of this action item. In 2013, CUSF passed a resolution requesting a System Ombudsman. In a collaborative effort between the student, staff and faculty councils, CUSF is once again advocating for and advancing the implementation of this valuable service.

Robert B. Kauffman, Ph.D.
Chair, Council of University System Faculty



CUSF Chair Robert Kauffman

Our mission is "to strengthen higher education through shared governance."



2016-2017 Members of the Council of University System Faculty

PURPOSE OF CUSF

Article I, section 1 of the CUSF Constitution states that CUSF "advises the Chancellor and reports regularly to the Board of Regents. Its responsibility will be to consider and make recommendations on matters of system wide professional and educational concerns to the faculty and matters to which faculty bring special expertise."

CUSF CONVENES CAMPUS FACULTY SENATE LEADERSHIP MEETING

CUSF's Executive Committee convened the second meeting for the year of all chairs/presidents of USM campus governance bodies on April 7, 2017, at System headquarters in Adelphi, MD. The overall objective of these semi-annual meetings is to facilitate the sharing of best practices as well as to educate each other of the uniqueness of each campus.

The group heard from Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joann Baughman, who gave the report from the USM. Director of Institutional Research for the system Chad Muntz discussed the USM Enrollment Report.

Shared governance is central to CUSF's mission. As part of that commitment, CUSF surveys all of the campus faculty senate bodies as to their assessment of shared governance on their campuses. Senate chairs discussed and approved the report, "Survey on State of Shared Governance in the USM." In addition, they were presented with the system's "New Program 5-Year Enrollment Review," which consists of follow up actual enrollment numbers for new programs approved and are in operation throughout the system.

These meetings have proved popular with Senate Chairs, who benefit from discussing system-wide matters and networking with their counterparts on other campuses. They will meet again in October of 2017.



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CUSF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The CUSF Legislative Affairs (LA) Committee seeks to facilitate effective interactions on relevant legislative matters on behalf of USM Faculty. These efforts include the monitoring and evaluation of proposed legislation and advocacy of particular legislative actions. We have had the pleasure of working collegially with the USM Chancellor's Office in these efforts.

Every year the faculty of the University System of Maryland (USM) dedicate a day to meet with the Maryland State Legislature. This past March we took a slightly different tact by joining with our sister USM councils for staff (CUSS) and students (SGA) to create a collective USM event in order to have a bigger impact with the state government. In addition to this joint function, USM faculty joined with staff and students to hold numerous meetings with individual lawmakers to address both common/joint USM constituent issues and also matters of particular import to faculty.

We received feedback from several sources informing us that our efforts this year were effective. Problematic legislation was largely thwarted and desirable measures generally advanced. It is our hope moving forward to enhance our efforts in coming years. Faculty legislative efforts have generally been more reactive. Given the challenging times higher education is facing, we feel that it is important for us to be more proactive in our approach. Toward that end, we ask faculty across the USM to feel free to share with us issues of concern they might feel we should possibly pursue. Further, if USM faculty members have an interest in engaging in such activities, please let us know. (Contact Chris Brittan-Powell at CBrittan-powell@coppin.edu).



Delegate Adrienne Jones addresses USM attendees of Annapolis Day. She is Speaker Pro Tem and Chair of the Education and Capital Budget subcommittees in the Appropriations committee. (Photo credit: Robert Kauffman).

CUSF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Increasingly, universities are turning to the Internet and new technologies to deliver their programs. With the use of these new technologies, the issue of academic dishonesty and plagiarism may be on the rise also. For example there are websites where students pay for the services of a "tutor" who will enter the online class for the student and perform their work (e.g. Paymetodoyourhomework.com). The tutors are people located all over the world. There is a need to determine the extent of the problem associated with these new technologies. Topics for further investigation include identity fraud, copyright enforcement, cheating as opposed to plagiarism, faculty reporting of these problems and the lack of continuity on these issues within the USM.

At its April meeting, the Educational Policy Committee decided that it would, in the coming year, pursue an investigation into the problems surrounding the serious increase in cases of academic dishonesty. Currently, the intent of the committee is to write a white paper on the issue as a preliminary step towards policy recommendations. At its May meeting and during fall semester 2017, the committee will decide on the specific topics addressed. If you wish to give the committee input on this issue, please contact the committee chair, Elizabeth Brunn, at Elizabeth.brunn@umuc.edu.

MEET DR. JOANN BOUGHMAN, USM SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Boughman's bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees are from Indiana University, and she is a widely-published Board-certified medical geneticist. Her areas of research include the genetics of deafness, blindness, congenital heart disease, and periodontal disease. Prior to her current position, she served as a professor, vice president for research and development, graduate school dean, and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

As USM Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Boughman's responsibilities include academic policy, academic planning and accountability, faculty affairs, program evaluation, transfer and articulation issues, academic innovation, research, cultural diversity, and student affairs. She also serves as a liaison between CUSF and the USM administration, and as such, helps forward CUSF's mission of enhancing shared governance at the system level.

CUSF MEMBERSHIP, 2016-2017*

The Executive Committee would like to thank the 2016-2017 CUSF representatives for their hard work this year. For those cycling off at the end of their terms, we wish you well. For those coming back next year, we look forward to continuing to work with you. For the first time next year, we will have an orientation for those who are chosen to represent their campuses starting in Fall 2017.

Bowie State University Patricia Westerman Benjamin Arah	Towson University Jennifer Ballengee Elizabeth Clifford Ryan King-White Rajeswari Kolagani Laksamee Putnam Jay Zimmerman	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Rosemary Jagus David Secor
Coppin State University Chris Brittan-Powell Virletta Bryant Vanessa Coles	University of Baltimore Stephanie Gibson Julie Simon Jessica Sowa	University of Maryland, College Park Drew Baden Oingbin Cui Ethan Kaplan Madlen Simon Martha Nell Smith
Frostburg State University Kelly Hall Peter Herzfeld Robert Kauffman Michael Murtagh Elesha Ruminski	University of Maryland, Baltimore Karen Clark Isabel Rambob	University of Maryland Eastern Shore William Chapin Robert Johnson Emmanuel Onyeozili
Salisbury University Roberta Adams Vitus Ozoke David Parker	University of Maryland, Baltimore County Joyce Tenney Nagaraj Neerchal James Stephens Lina Zhou	University of Maryland University College Elizabeth Brunn Sabrina Fu David Hershfield Albert Nekimken

*Alternates are included



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2017-2018 CUSF Executive Committee Candidates

The following incumbents ran unopposed to continue in their positions on the Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 academic year, and were elected into office at the May CUSF meeting.

Chair: Robert Kauffman Vice Chair: Nagaraj Neerchal

Secretary: Patricia Westerman

At-Large Members: Chris Brittan-Powell and Elizabeth Clifford
