

Chair's Report (CUSF) October 2016

For this report, I do not have any overall or editorial comments. The following items are highlights from the BOR Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, AAAC (Provosts), and the BOR Finance Committee. These highlights are discussed below. The other agenda items were updates and usually covered in the USM Report Section in the Council minutes.

BOR Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (September 20, 2016)

Minority Student Pipeline – A report on the “USM P-20 National Science Foundation Math Science Partnership Grant: Final Report” was given. The purpose of this 13 million dollar grant was to increase STEM interest and achievement scores in elementary and middle school students in Prince George’s County. The program was highly successful and the results were discussed. For further information, contact Nancy Shapiro, Associate VC of Academic Affairs and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for the P-20 Education, at System. The power point titled: Minority Student Pipeline is included as an attachment.

The Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup Update – Joann Boughman provided an update of the work of the workgroup. An important conclusion resulting from data collected from the Student Council focuses on the “*diversification of the faculty*.” This topic has been a recurring theme in discussions of the workgroup. I suspect that we will be hearing more on this topic in the future.

Naming and Renaming Policy – The Committee is considering the development of a policy on naming and renaming buildings given the Bowie student’s complaint at the last BOR meeting, the renaming of Byrd Stadium, and the problems experienced elsewhere in the country. No formal action was taken.

AAAC Committee (October 4, 2016)

Strategic Plan – Anthony Foster updated the group on the USM strategic plan. CUSF will have a similar update at its October meeting and again at its November joint meeting. See the power point in the packet of materials distributed with the agenda.

BOR Finance Committee (October 6, 2016)

Charging Tuition Differential – The issue of charging tuition differential was discussed. This might be a topic of general interest to the Council as a program Topic.

Respectfully submitted, (October 7, 2016)
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