



Report from the Council of University System Faculty
Board of Regents
April 2013

The Council of University System Faculty held meetings on February 18, 2013 at UMB and on March 11, 2013 at SU. The CUSF meeting started at 9:30 with meetings of our standing committees and the Legislative report from Andy Clark. The next CUSF meeting will be April 9, 2013 at TU.

The CUSF Faculty Affairs Committee is continuing its review of the language in the draft revision of BOR policy II 2.30 on sick leave for faculty.

Dr. Richard Zhou, the senate chair at UMB reported on the state of shared governance at UMB. Shared governance at UMB is currently in a healthy state under the leadership of President Dr. Jay A. Perman, which is reflected by a number of “historical first” shared activities of the University administration with the faculty senate. Such activities include senate participation in the UMB – UMCP merger study and the inclusion of part-time faculty and library faculty on the senate. Shared governance at the school and department levels needs to be addressed in the future.

Dr. Craig Clark, the senate chair at SU reported on the state of shared governance at SU. He noted that at Salisbury University, they have the traditional committees with their Faculty Senate and they have a “Consortium” which includes the faculty, staff and students. The coordinating committee of the Consortium includes the Presidents of the Faculty Senate, staff organization, and SGA. Typically, in the Consortium, an administrator coordinates its committees and typically the committees include traffic and other traditionally non-priority tasks. Dr. Clark meets one on one with the President, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach and shared governance is doing well for senate committees. He was not sure how often Consortium committees met. Dr. Clark is convening a meeting with the faculty at SU in order to get information about the view of the faculty on shared governance. This meeting took place after the CUSF meeting and Dr. Clark will summarize the results for the CUSF report on shared governance.

CUSF considered the changes to the BOR policy on human subjects of research. The Executive committee proposed a motion to support the proposed changes. However, there were a number of questions about the cost of using an external IRB and whether an external IRB would communicate with the campus IRB. In summary, insufficient information was presented regarding the background of the motion. CUSF decided to withdraw the motion.

CUSF read the following motion to amend the CUSF bylaws at the March meeting. Bylaws changes must be presented at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting. This motion will be voted on at the April meeting. This motion reflects the desire of the membership of CUSF that the Executive committee be responsible to publicize a summary of CUSF’s activities in any year in a place where faculty will read it.

MOTION #1303 – To change Section 5.2 as described below:

5.2 Duties: The Executive Committee shall:

g. Be responsible for the publication of formal communications representing the Council.

h. [Renumber Item g to h.]

CUSF elections for members of the Executive committee will be held at the April meeting. The current members of the Executive committee are the only nominees for next year's Executive committee. The only change is that our current secretary is term limited and is switching places with one of our at Large members.

Finally, given that merit raises are included in the budget for next year, the following motion was proposed as “new business” and will be considered at the April meeting.

MOTION #1304 – CUSF believes that policies developed with faculty participation should guide the distribution of merit money.

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