



## **Board of Regents' Report June 21, 2013**

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The Council of University System Staff met on April 23 at Towson University. After a warm welcome from President Loeschke, Andy Clark, Director of the Office of Government Relations and JoAnn Goedert, Assistant Vice Chancellor of USM Human Resources, presented a report of the 2013 Legislative Session. The impact of the Higher Education Fair Share Act was discussed, as well as the upcoming COLA and Merit increases.

The Council was briefed on the joint CUSF/CUSS Executive Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 16. Senior Vice Chancellor Joann Boughman attended to discuss the Tuition Remission proposal, as well as progress on the new Center. The effects of sequestration were also discussed, though both Councils are adopting a “wait-and-see” position.

The Council of University System Staff met on May 21 at University of Maryland, Baltimore. After a warm welcome from President Perman, JoAnn Goedert, Assistant Vice Chancellor of USM Human Resources, presented a report on the USM Health Care Workgroup. The Council looks forward to working with this work group and making recommendations to the unique challenges that the Affordable Care Act presents to the System.

The Council also briefly discussed the FY14 Tuition and Fee Schedule recently approved by the Board of Regents. While a disparity between in-state and out-of-state tuition was noted by the Council, Council members who deal with out-of-state students remarked that these rates are still cheaper than them paying in-state tuition in their home states.

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee were opened at the April meeting, and will remain open until the June meeting. Current nominees include members from UMCP, UMB, Towson and UB.

The next CUSS meeting will be June 25 at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, at which the new Executive Committee will be elected. As I step down from CUSS, I would like to thank the Board, the Chancellor, the University Presidents, and the USM Staff for their tremendous and continuing support of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair