



Report from the Council of University System Faculty
Board of Regents
September, 2015

The Council of University System Faculty's first meeting of the academic year will occur on September 24, 2015 at Bowie State University.

During the summer, on July 6, 2015, the Executive Committee met with Chancellor Caret and welcomed him to his new position. He was informed that CUSF worked closely with USM regarding the E&E 2.0 initiative and looks forward to more opportunities for collaboration. Some of the areas CUSF has expressed interest in include exploring new faculty retirement programs, redesigned courses and differential tuition.

The Executive Committee also informed the Chancellor of structural components CUSF had implemented to improve shared governance throughout USM. One initiative is the shared governance survey which is submitted each year and captures the opinions of the Senate Chairs, and their selected respondents, on the state of shared governance at their institution.

Last year CUSF made recommendations to revise the BOR faculty awards. Over the summer key stake holders continued working on logistical details that would impact implementation. This year the Council will continue to review the policy to identify strategies to increase faculty participation.

Once again this year CUSF will work on multiple initiatives some of which include, reviewing the Shared Governance Policy, monitoring DBM's wellness program, implementing a legislative agenda, and identifying best practices on implementing shared governance at all levels within institutions.

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