



## COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

July 6, 2015

### Meeting Notes

1. **Update on state operating budget.** Chancellor Caret and the presidents discussed the status of the state operating budget for FY 2016 and various issues that may impact the development of the FY 2017 budget request.
2. **Status of proposed change in shared funding for personnel costs.** Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the status of the JCR that requires USM and DBM, along with the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), to review the fund splits for personnel costs and submit a report to the budget committees on the current fund splits, and, if possible, a consensus regarding the proposed new splits.
3. **Capital budget hearings.** Mr. Vivona and Mr. Beck briefed the presidents on the upcoming hearings on the capital budget and potential issues with regard to the State's capital budget.
4. **Labor relations.** Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the status of service fees in USM institution labor contracts.
5. **DBM state personnel system health benefits plan.** Mr. Vivona and Ms. Goedert informed the presidents that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is implementing new software for the state personnel system – Work Day. Even though USM has an independent personnel system we are required to integrate our non-Workday system to meet the requirements for the new DBM benefits program. The presidents expressed concern about the limited time for the transition and indicated that a back up plan may be helpful. The presidents also requested some talking points on the issue.
6. **Coordinating with the state government during the Governor's health crisis.** PJ Hogan reported that the Governor is committed to continuing to serve proactively as Governor during treatment for his illness. The USM will communicate with the Governor, his staff and the Lt. Governor in order to keep the Administration well informed.