The Council of University System Staff held its first meeting of the term on August 11 at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The council wishes to thank Dr. Patrick Liverpool for hosting and providing welcoming remarks.

The current work of the council includes:

- The Communication Committee has completed the latest edition of the CUSS Quarterly and it is available on the CUSS website.
- The Board of Regency Awards and Recognition has opened the Board of Regents Staff Awards nomination process earlier this year to allow additional time for institutions to identify nominees.
- Creation of an Archive Workgroup to organize CUSS historical documents and other information to be a useful resource tool.
- Creation of a Succession Planning Workgroup to assess and find ways to improve continuity when changes in CUSS membership occur during the term.

These best practices will continue as new initiatives are being developed.

**Shared Governance Survey**

The survey on the state of shared governance (for staff) was distributed on September 4, 2015 to the President’s Office at each institution as an electronic document. We ask each president to help lead this assessment effort by disseminating to their staff shared governance leadership. The survey will be sent to all members of the institution shared governance body to complete.

**Council Officer Elections**

In addition, at our August meeting Chenita Reddick (University of Maryland Eastern Shore) and Debby Mathis (University of Maryland University College) were elected as members-at-large to complete the executive committee.

**Executive Committee Members for 2015-2016 Term**

- Dana Wimbish (Chair) University of Maryland, College Park
- Lisa Gray (Vice-Chair) Salisbury University
- Amanda Azuma (Co-Secretary) University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Kevin Joseph (Co-Secretary) University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Debby Mathis (Member-at-Large) University of Maryland University College
- Chenita Reddick (Member-at-Large) University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Bill Crockett (Past Chair) University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Chevonie Oyegoke (Chancellor's Liaison to CUSS) University System of Maryland Office
Updates

- The Council is pleased the 2015 State of Maryland Wellness Program healthy activities deadline has been extended to December 31, 2015.

- The joint session for CUSS, CUSF, and USMSC will be held on November 9 at UMCP. I want to acknowledge and thank my colleagues from CUSF and USMSC for continuing to make this collaborative meeting happen.

- The council is looking forward to the culmination of our 2015 BOR Staff Award winners with the BOR recognition at their September 18 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana F. Wimbish
Chair