The Council of University System Staff held its most recent meeting of the term on September 22, 2015 at the University of Baltimore. The council wishes to thank University of Baltimore for hosting.

The following is the report from the Council of University System Staff:

**Notes from the September 2015 Meeting**

- Chancellor’s Liaison to CUSS, Chevonie Oyegoke, was able to inform the council of the latest USM news, including updates on the wellness plans for the State Benefit packages.
- The BOR Staff Award Chair, Sherrye Larkins, provided the timeline for the Board of Regents Staff Award nomination process and discussed a survey to find best practices for how staff are recognized and appreciated at each USM institution.
- The Chair of the Communication Committee, Trish Johnson, provided the Council with the timeline for submissions for the quarterly CUSS newsletter.
- Members discussed the Telework Policy at USM institutions and plan to review the usage and success of the policy for best practices.
- The Council is exploring ways to encourage and increase participation at the regional system centers. CUSS is establishing a LinkedIn page as well as a CUSS Information Facebook page.

**Other Notes from the Council**

- The Chairs of CUSF, CUSS and USMSC have continued planning the agenda for the November 9 CUSF/CUSS/USMSC Joint Shared Governance meeting. This is an annual meeting held jointly to provide an opportunity to create a shared voice about the USM, shared governance, and our students, faculty and employees.

Respectfully submitted,

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