



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

January 5, 2016

Meeting Notes

1. Governor's FY2017 Budget Recommendations. Chancellor Caret and Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the provisions of the Governor's FY 2017 budget.
2. Legislative Session and Committee Hearings. Mr. Hogan briefed the presidents on the bills to be submitted and issues that are likely to be raised in the 2016 legislative session.
3. Enhancement Budget: College Completion Proposals. Chancellor Caret provided guidance to the presidents regarding the RFP process for requesting enhancement funds for initiatives to enhance college completion.
4. USM Collective Bargaining Negotiations. Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on a number of issues being raised in collective bargaining negotiations.
5. Follow up to CUSP retreat. Chancellor Caret reviewed the notes from the CUSP retreat and made final assignments to the issues identified at the retreat.
6. Potential changes to state pension laws. Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the impact of potential changes to the state pension laws.
7. Crisis Planning. Chancellor Caret discussed issues related to communication strategies during a crisis including satellite phones, GETS/WPS cards, use of alternative email systems and updated contact information.
8. BOR Policy - Associates to the Presidents and Travel. BOR policy creates positions of Associate of the Chancellor and Associate of the President to recognize the contributions and services to the USM of the spouse of the Chancellor and spouses of the Presidents. The policy also allows reimbursement for USM-related travel expenses incurred while traveling as an Associate when such travel is as an official agent of the USM and/or the Chancellor/President. Chancellor Caret discussed the procedures for approval of travel of the Associate of the Chancellor/President.