



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

February 1, 2016

Meeting Notes

1. FY 2017 budget discussion. Chancellor Caret and Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the Governor's FY 2017 operating and capital budgets.
2. Enhancement proposals and allocations. Chancellor Caret discussed the allocations of the enhancement funds that were provided in the FY 2017 budget. The proposals were ranked based on the overarching goal of the initiative of greater degree completion. Seventeen proposals were funded totaling \$6.8 million.
3. Legislative updates. Mr. Vivona and Mr. Hogan briefed the presidents on issues that may be considered by the General Assembly, including legislation on collective bargaining, pensions and quasi endowment.
4. CUSP meetings – change in day/time. The presidents discussed the possibility of changing the date for the regular CUSP meetings from the first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month. If the date is changed to Tuesdays, the meetings will start at 8:30 instead of 9:30.
5. Quick updates included the follow up topics: mid-year presidential evaluations, coalition bargaining, the Physician Assistant program at UMES, BOR policy on travel for Associates of the Chancellor/Presidents, impact of the snow storm at institutions, conference in Cuba, and the WTCI welcome for Fulbright Scholars.
6. Enrollment strategy and priorities. The Chancellor, presidents and senior staff discussed the various factors and strategies that institutions may consider as part of planning for the USM enrollment projections for FY 2018 and FY 2019.