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Board of Regents Report February 12, 2016

The Council of University System Staff January meeting was held at the University of Maryland, University College in Largo, Md. The council wishes to thank President Miyares for hosting and providing welcoming remarks.

Notes from the Council of University System Staff January 2016 Meeting

- The Executive Committee CUSS Constitution and Bylaws Review ad hoc committee conducted a technical review of the bylaws and constitution. The committee presented its findings to CUSS members at the January meeting at UMUC. The committee recommended further review to ensure that bylaws/practice was aligned with constitution.
- The Communications Committee is distributing the CUSS Quarterly Newsletter. It features a new section that spotlights a USM institution president. The inaugural section features President Maria Thompson of Coppin State University.
- Due to the snow closures that affected many of our institutions, the Board of Regents Awards and Recognition Committee extended the deadline for nomination packet submissions to February 12, 2016. The Board of Regents Awards and Recognition Committee made this decision on January 21 and sent it to all the Institutional reps for the awards process through the Communication Buzz emails used to communicate regularly with institution contacts to encourage nominations.
- CUSS Benefits Committee continues to examine the usage and success of job sharing initiatives and the use of Telework at USM institutions. The Committee also continues with the assistance of the Chancellor's Liaison to monitor the new FLSA exemption regulations and how it will impact employees and their benefits throughout the USM system.
- The CUSS Legislative Affairs committee has been participating in the planning for the February Advocacy Day in Annapolis with Mr. Hogan. CUSS is looking forward to a joint advocacy day that highlights the USM. CUSS and the other councils have been coordinating efforts to arrange meetings with key delegates.