



**University System of Maryland
Board of Regents
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life**

**Minutes
Closed Session**

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents met in closed session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 via conference call. The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Regent Brady (chair) and Regents Comitz, Gonzales, Gourdine, Kinkopf, and Slater. Chancellor Caret was also present.

Also attending were: Ms. Bainbridge, Dr. Bishop, Dr. Boughman, Ms. Doyle, Dr. Lee, Ms. Moultrie, Dr. Shapiro, and Dr. Wolfe.

Action Items

USM Regents' Faculty Award Committee Recommendations for 2015 Faculty Awards

The CUSF Regents' Faculty Awards Committee reviewed 37 nominations from 11 institutions and recommends 17 awards, honoring 17 individuals. Summaries of the backgrounds of prospective award recipients were attached, and nominees' full portfolios are available upon request. Dr. Boughman confirmed that all proper protocols were followed to ensure a fair and honest review and selection process.

The Chancellor recommends that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life recommend that the Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Regents' Faculty Awards Committee and present the awards to the faculty members during its April 2016 meeting. The motion was moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Comitz, and unanimously approved.

Honorary Degree Nominations

The Committee reviewed a total of 16 nominations from four institutions. The names of the nominees and the degrees being recommended as well as nomination letters and supporting documentation for the nominees were made available to regents prior to the meeting. Dr. Boughman shared that institutions have been increasingly diligent about vetting their nominees. Additionally, the USM Academic Affairs staff has researched the nominees and find no issues of concern with these nominees' backgrounds.

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life recommends that the Board of Regents approve the institutional nominations submitted in Fall 2015, to be added to the list of individuals approved for the awarding of honorary degrees. The motion was moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Gourdine, and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn

Regent Brady called for a motion to adjourn and reconvene in executive session. The motion was moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Slater, and unanimously approved. Regent Brady adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regent James Brady