COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS
Notes from June 7, 2016 Meeting

1. Capital budget workshop outcomes. Mr. Vivona discussed the outcomes of the capital budget workshop, the status of the development of the FY 2018 capital budget, and the upcoming capital budget hearings with DBM.

2. Pension audit issues. Mr. Vivona alerted the presidents regarding an issue related to pension subsidies for employees who are Contingent II contractual employees. Currently these employees are barred from participation in the State retirement plan, however auditors have raised questions concerning their exclusion. USM staff will work to clarify the nature of Contingent II employment in the USM.

3. E & E 2.0 reporting. Mr. Vivona discussed with the presidents the continuing importance of reporting cost savings from institutional E & E initiatives.

4. JCR requests. Mr. Hogan reported on the status of a number of JCR requests.

5. Coalition case update. Ms. Bainbridge briefed the presidents on the current status of the coalition case, providing a summary of the remedies proposed by the state and the Coalition and the schedule for the next steps in the case.

6. Status of BOR Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup. Dr. Boughman briefed the presidents on the next steps for the BOR Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup which includes the reinvigoration of the USM Diversity Council.

7. Proposal for BPower initiative. Chancellor Caret briefed the presidents on his concept of the BPower initiative which will have Coppin and University of Baltimore as the lead institutions working with Baltimore’s Promise and College Bound.

8. GBC – Support for Baltimore City Youth Works Program. Chancellor Caret asked if institutions were continuing to support the program this coming year and discussed options for USM to provide support as well.

9. Budget workshop proposal. Chancellor Caret discussed holding a special session with the presidents at the August 2 CUSP meeting to discuss the issue of “budget equity” and the presidents discussed the various aspects that could be considered.

10. Health workforce task force. Chancellor Caret told the presidents that Jay Perman was going to head up a special taskforce to study the issues of health workforce shortages in the state and asked presidents to let him know if they were interested in serving on the group.

11. CUSP Chair 2016-17. The presidents voted to support Jay Perman as the new chair for CUSP for 2016-17 year.