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### Board of Regents Report June 10, 2016

## As I conclude my term as chair I would like to take a moment and send my appreciation to key individuals and groups for their support and assistance. I want to thank the following.

• The members of the Council of University System Staff for their hard work and dedication this past term (see below). Each represented the staff employees of the USM with distinction and pride. The work fulfilled by this council is a testament to each and every one.

 My Executive Committee for their energy, commitment, and patience. This includes Vice Chair Lisa Gray (SU), Co-Secretary Kevin Joseph (UMBC) and Amanda Azuma (UMB), Membersat-Large Debby Mathis (UMUC) and Chenita Reddick (UMES), and Past Chair Bill Crockett (UMB). Each demonstrated great leadership and vision. Without them, I would have been lost. They were outstanding.

 My fellow chairs, Virletta Bryant (CSU) from the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) and Gayon Sampson (TU) from the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). It has been a pleasure this past term working in collaboration and partnership with both. I hope our councils continue this spirit of collaboration in the future.

• The USMO staff. In particular, Wilma Ogburn and Tina Madarang for their guidance and assistance throughout the year.

# On behalf of the Council, we would like to recognize the following individuals and groups for their support and work during the term.

 Thanks to our new Chancellor's Liaison, Chevonie Oyegoke, for her guidance, knowledge, and context. CUSS appreciates your support and looks forward to continued collaboration as our relationship grows.

 Wishes to convey our appreciation for the continued support from USMO Senior Leadership Team: Chief Operating Officer & Vice Chancellor Joseph Vivona; Senior Vice Chancellor Joann Boughman; Vice Chancellors Ann Moultrie, Patrick N. Hogan, and Leonard Raley; Assistant Vice Chancellors JoAnn Goedert and Andy Clark; Chief of Staff to the Chancellor Janice Doyle; and Senior Advisor to the Chancellor Katie Ryan.

 Thanks the 12 USM Presidents who actively engaged, challenged, and supported initiatives brought from shared governance to the various Board of Regents meetings and at the Chancellor's Council sessions.

• Convey our appreciation to Chairman Shea and the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland for providing a responsive and engaging atmosphere for the Council to effectively function within the spirit and intent of shared governance. The Council is grateful for the continued support each Regent has shown for all USM employees.

• Express our gratitude to Chancellor Robert L. Caret for his exceptional service on behalf of all USM staff, USM, and Higher Education. His stewardship of the USM through budget concerns, the Strategic Partnership of UMCP and UMB and the revitalization of diversity and inclusion initiatives has been outstanding. The Council is grateful for his service as a champion for the University System of Maryland, its institutions, students, faculty, and staff.

#### **May Meeting**

The May Meeting was held on May 19 at UMBC. CUSS was welcomed by Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Philip Rous. Dr. Rous briefed the council on several important areas related to the UMBC Community. This included an overview of current opportunities, challenges, strategic planning and future outlooks. In addition, the newly elected leadership from the UMBC staff council participated in the meeting.

The Council thanks each President for their hospitality and support during the past year

#### **BOR Staff Awards**

The council finalized the final review of the nominations. The nominees are being submitted to the BOR for review at their June 10 meeting.

#### **Executive Board Nomination**

The council is pleased to announce elections will occur on June 28 at the next council meeting.

#### Creation of Ad Hoc Committee on FSLA impact

After a robust discussion with our Chancellor's Liaison to CUSS, members voted to create an ad hoc committee to continue to monitor the impact of the new FSLA overtime rules on staff particularly coaches, resident directors and admissions counselors where additional clarity is needed. The ad hoc committee will also consider the effects of reclassification on employees including the need for new job categories both for exempt and non-exempt employees. The committee will make recommendations to Liaison Oyegoke for strategies to ensure the best communication with impacted employees.

#### **Next Meeting**

Our next two meetings will occur at BSU on June 28 and UMCES (Horn Point) on July 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana F. Wimbish Chair



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