



**COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS**  
**September 6, 2016**

Meeting Notes

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The presidents discussed the recent report from CUSF on shared governance, the status of the new venture funds, and the next steps on issues of budget equity as follow up to the August budget workshop as well as the report to be submitted to the General Assembly budget chairs as required by SB 1052. The Chancellor also proposed setting up a small workgroup which will review the funding model for the regional higher education center and he briefed the presidents on the BPower initiative and on the recent report on BCCC.

The presidents were briefed on the status of collective bargaining, the establishment of the USM Baltimore office, the advisory committee to the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, the status of the FY 2018 operating and capital budgets including USM's enhancement request and the required reduction scenario, and the Light City festival.

The presidents had considerable dialog on the impact of the new FLSA rules and options to be in compliance.

The presidents discussed the need to keep high ability students in the state and were briefed on the State's Distinguished Scholar program and programs of admissions applications referrals. They also discussed efforts to prevent fraud in test taking for online courses.

AAG Bainbridge provided an update to the presidents on the status of the coalition case and briefed them on the NLRB decision.