



Report from the Council of University System Staff

Board of Regents Report

February 17, 2017

The Council of University System Staff held its last meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at University of Maryland University College in Largo, MD. The council wishes to thank President Miyares for providing the history of UMUC, past, recent and current initiatives.

Notes from the January 2017 Meeting

Committee Reports

The BOR Staff Awards & Recognition Committee led by Co Chair Deniz Erman & Mike Ruddock are preparing the evaluation process for the BOR Staff Awards 38 nomination packets submitted on February 3, 2017. 12 USM institution's submitted nomination packets. Tim Casey from Coppin State University trained CUSS Members on the electronic evaluation process. Evaluations begin Feb 10th –March 10th.

The Communication & Marketing Committee led by Co Chairs Trish Johnson and Mark Freeman will release the next newsletter in March. They will produce a document to share with legislatures during advocacy day.

The Legislative Affairs & Policy Committee led by Chair Paul Gasior is preparing for the February USM Council's Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Andy Clark joined our meeting to share the following:

- Governor Hogan approved a 1.35 billion dollar budget for USM. No Merit or COLA in the budget.
- The Budget assumes 2% tuition increase for students this year. Requires the governor to buy down 3% of spending.
- This year, the governor asked for a mid-year cut of 14.7 million dollars from the USM. That cut is in perpetuity. The governor is going to propose legislative to allow low and middle-income taxpayers to receive a tax reduction.
- Andy Clark hosts a conference call every Monday at 9:30 am to discuss what happens going forward in Legislative session as well as what's happened in past weeks. CUSS Legislative committee chair joins that call.

Chancellor's Liaison Chevonie Oyegoke shared:

- Daily Records staff selected six business leaders to watch for 2017. This year, USM Chancellor Robert Caret was chosen as one to watch.
- 2017 wellness activities are in place for this year. Activities are similar to last year (select primary care physician and complete wellness assessment online).
- UNUM will send enrolled employees an email regarding life insurance

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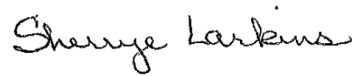
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The Council of University System Staff next meeting will be held at Annapolis for USM Councils Advocacy Day on February 28th. Followed by our March meeting at Coppin State University on March 28, 2017. Board of Regent Chair James Brady will attend the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherrye I. Larkins".

Sherrye I. Larkins, CUSS Chair