The Council of University System Presidents met on February 6 with Chancellor Caret and USM senior staff.

Chancellor Caret, Mr. Vivona, and Mr. Hogan provided an update on the legislative session, including the FY 2018 budget, the USM hearings, and legislation of note. Mr. Vivona also briefed the presidents on the status of enrollment projections and profiles. Mr. Raley shared information about Hidden Waters and invited the presidents to consider it as a venue for some of their events. Ms. Moultrie gave an update on USM’s sponsorship of the LightCity Festival, including opportunities for institutional involvement.

Chancellor Caret presented information about the educational forum for the February Board of Regents meeting, which will be focused on freedom of speech issues. Ms. Bainbridge provided an update about the Coalition case.

President Perman shared some highlights from the Healthcare Workforce Working Group report and led a discussion of the initial findings. Ms. Bainbridge gave an overview of recent presidential executive orders that may affect the USM. Dr. Boughman and Mr. Raley led a discussion with the presidents about the USM BOR Faculty and Staff Awards and some possible changes to those.