The Council of University System Presidents met via conference call on July 11 with Chancellor Caret and USM senior staff.

Mr. Vivona provided information about the next steps for the Sibson Consulting Report, including a discussion of the best way to roll out the study. Mr. Sadowski gave an update on the Excel Maryland study and the timeline for the report. Dr. Boughman presented information about a USMSC resolution regarding the review process on non-mandatory fees on campus and noted that the USM plans to review and revise the policy, as necessary. She also provided further context for USMAI’s statement supporting open access, saying that it provides faculty with the opportunity to explore open access opportunities, but does not require it.

Mr. Vivona reminded the presidents about the DBM Capital Hearings later in the month. He also provided an overview of the FY 2019 operating budget outlook based on recent meetings. Chancellor Caret discussed interagency agreements between USM institutions and state agencies and said that a board policy is being developed that gives institutions guidance on what needs to happen.