



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS
January 8, 2018

Meeting Notes

The Council of University System Presidents met on January 8th with Chancellor Caret and USM senior staff.

Ms. Herbst provided an update on the FY 19 enhancement request, as well as information on the FY 19 budget. Mr. Hogan updated the presidents on the upcoming legislative session that starts January 10th, highlighting issues of note that are likely to come up. Mr. Neal and Ms. Herbst gave a brief overview of the status of the strategic plan update.

Ms. Herbst provided information on the Legal Services Workgroup and its timeframe. Chancellor Caret reminded the presidents about the mid-year evaluations and noted that they will be receiving communication soon. AAG Bainbridge provided the most recent update on the Coalition Case. Ms. Herbst made note of a survey that will be sent out to each institution to measure how well the “meet and confer” process is working.

Chancellor Caret and Mr. Sadowski discussed the apprenticeship pilots and how the USM is providing support. Dr. Boughman briefed the presidents on the proposal to offer applied bachelor’s degrees at community colleges and noted that, as a system, we should look at the needs and work to develop more 2+2 programs.

Mr. Neal gave an update on the progress toward the financial goal for the Light City sponsorship. Ms. Herbst reminded the presidents about the workshop on January 22nd - "Moving E&E to the Next Level". Dr. Boughman provided a short summary of the Symposium on Diversifying Faculty to be held on April 16th.

Dr. Olmstead provided information on the National Folk Festival taking place in Salisbury in September and asked for support from other institutions. President Nowaczyk led a discussion of health and counseling costs, noting that costs are high and getting input from institutions on how they handle this. Chancellor Caret shared the draft action items from the CUSP Retreat and asked presidents to provide their feedback.