The Council of University System Presidents met on February 5th with Chancellor Caret and USM senior staff.

Chancellor Caret and Mr. Hogan provided an update on the legislative session, including the hearings related to the USM and proposed bills that may affect the USM. Ms. Herbst briefed the presidents on the operating and capital budgets. Mr. Raley led a discussion on the USM Foundation Strategic Planning Process and asked for feedback on a series of questions to help guide the process.

Chancellor Caret asked for final input on the CUSP Retreat action items. He also provided an update on the mid-year evaluations of presidents and senior staff. President Perman discussed the pilot program with Hitech at UMB, which will be further discussed by the E&E 2.0 Workgroup. Mr. Sadowski updated the presidents on the Amazon HQ2 proposal, noting that Montgomery County is one of 20 finalists, along with Washington, DC and Northern Virginia.

Ms. Herbst provided an update on the FY 19 enhancement request. She also gave an overview of the timeline and process for the development of a board policy on fund balances and amendments to the board policy on debt management. Ms. Skolnik presented suggested changes to the faculty and staff policies on family and medical leave, as well as parental leave. Chancellor Caret asked the presidents if they or anyone on their campuses may be interested in serving as the USM representative on the Baltimore Council for Foreign Affairs.