



## COUNCIL *of* UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY

### **Regents Report February 14, 2025**

This is a summary report of The Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) activities since our last submission in December 2024. The legislative session is in full swing and CUSF members are keeping up to date on issues that pertain to higher education and faculty. -One way in which members are staying informed is through participating in Andy Clark's Joint Councils Weekly Legislative Update Calls on Monday mornings. The council is also preparing for Advocacy Day, which will take place on February 19, 2025.

Since my last report, CUSF and the CUSF Executive Committee have both met. The CUSF General Body Meeting was held on January 22, 2025 at the USM Adelphi Office. We are also scheduled to meet on February 12, 2025. In the remainder of the report, I will highlight a few of the initiatives that are happening within our various committees.

### **CUSF Meetings**

#### **CUSF General Body Meeting: January 22, 2025**

A Council of University System Faculty General Body Meeting was held on January 22, 2025. The meeting was held in person (with a virtual option) at the USM Adelphi Office. One highlight of this meeting was having UMGC President Gregory Fowler join us to talk about UMGC and their many initiatives. Another highlight was having Chancellor Perman join us and share USM updates and answer questions. We were also thankful to have Andy Clark join us and discuss USM Government Relations and Advocacy Day. Dr. Heather Haverback and Dr. Alison Wrynn also gave brief updates.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee members are:

- Heather Rogers Haverback, Chair- Towson University
- Tom Abrams, Vice Chair- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Loretta N. Baryeh, Secretary- Coppin State University
- Lorenda Naylor, At Large Member- University of Baltimore
- Nagaraj Neerchal, At Large Member- University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The Executive Committee has been meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. At these meetings Heather Haverback, Alison Wrynn, and Kelsey Beckett shared updates/reports with the committee. General Board agendas are also discussed.

## **Awards Committee**

Chairperson- Ben Arah, Bowie State University

The CUSF Awards Committee has sent forward the recommendations to the USM BOR. Again, the committee noted the excellence of the applications this year.

## **Education Policy Committee**

Chairperson- Dr. Mary Crowley, University of Maryland Global Campus

The Education Policy Committee is working on numerous initiatives, including the following. The committee is working with the Kirwan Center on the AI Showcase and organizing planning meetings and information for the showcase. With the Chancellor's encouragement, they are formally examining the USM policy for deficiencies, especially whether it adequately addresses faculty-on-faculty and student-on-faculty bullying and cyberbullying generally.

## **Academic Concerns Committee (ACC)**

Chairperson- Dr. Doris Santamaria-Makang, Frostburg State University

CUSF's ACC includes three groups working on issues identified by its members and that are concerning faculty members across the USM institutions: *Campus Safety Group, Affirmative Action/Diversity Group, and Support Personnel Group*. Each group is continuing their work.

## **Legislative Affairs Committee**

Chairperson- Dr. Holly Brewer, University of Maryland, College Park  
Legislative Affairs is preparing for Advocacy Day.

## **Research Committee**

Chairperson- Drs. Tom Abrams and Miroslaw Janowski, University of Maryland, Baltimore

No Report Submitted.

## **Rules and Membership Committee**

Chairperson- Dr. Jay Zimmerman, Towson University

The committee ran an election for the C7 taskforce, and three CUSF members were chosen to serve.

I look forward to updating you as we develop CUSF's priorities for the year.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dr. Heather Rogers Haverback**

**CUSF Chair**