



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY

CUSF General Body Meeting

Thursday April 25, 2024

9:30 am-11:53 am

Meeting Location:

Salisbury University

<https://usmd-edu.zoom.us/j/96227223169?pwd=Wk5aN3Z1MDIvOWR6YkdYdVQ1TTBTdz09>

FINAL MINUTES

In person voting members (10): Heather Haverback (Chair, TU), Tom Abrams (UMD, Vice Chair), Ellen Schaefer-Salins (SU), Mirosław Janowski (UMD), Maida Finch (SU), Lorenda Naylor (Secretary, UBalt), Maria Joao Antunes (TU), Sergiy Borodachov (TU) Jamie Pearson (UMCES), and Karen Russ (UMD).

In person, non-voting (1): Kelsey Beckett (USM).

On Zoom Voting Members (18): Rosellina Ferraro (UMCP), David Anyiwo (BSU), Benjamin Arah (BSU), Loretta Baryeh (CSU), Atma Sahu (Member at Large, CSU), Ahmed Zhony (CSU), Jay Zimmerman (TU), Briana Snyder (TU), Mary Crowley-Farrell (UMGC), Emma Bate (UMGC), Agis Iliadis (ECE UMCP alternate voting), Kelly Elkins (TU), Kelechi Ekpogu (UBalt), Nagaraj Neerchal (Member at Large, UMBC), Amy Froide (UMBC), Timothy Nohe (UMBC), Emily Gorman (UMB), Doris Santamaria Makang (), and Etahe Johnson (UMES).

On Zoom Non-voting (1): Dr Alison Wrynn (USM)

Call to Order **9:30-9:32**

Consent Approval of March CUSF Minutes & April Agenda **9:33-9:35**

Approved. No objections.

Welcome by President Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury University **9:36-9:50**
Introduction by Dr. Deneen Long-White

President Lepre gave an update on SU.

ExCom Election Voting**9:51-10:15**

Heather Haverback – shared her vision as CUSF Chair

Heather advised that Lorenda Naylor cannot run for CUSF Secretary this year since she completed two consecutive terms. As a result, Lorenda ran for Member-at-Large and Loretta Baryeh ran for secretary. The ExCom slate of candidates was unopposed. As such, no vote was necessary. For AY24-25 the CUSF ExCom will consist of Heather Haverback, Chair; Tom Abrams, Vice Chair; Loretta Baryeh, Secretary; Nagaraj Neerchal, Member at Large; and Lorenda Naylor, Member at Large.

Edits/Change to Constitution (Institution Names)**10:16-10:27**

Second Read/Vote
Rules Committee

Heather shared that the bylaw changes include: updated university names and correction of typos. The changes were reflected in the red line document were sent via email. Jay Zimmerman confirmed the institution name changes. Mary Crowley-Farrell asked if apportionment numbers changed. Jay advised they had not. Lorenda Naylor made motion to accept changes to the constitution. Jamie Pearson seconded the motion. Kelsey Beckett sent out the vote electronically. Kelsey then took roll call. Jay advised we should have a secret ballot. Kelsey reported 24 votes counted in the affirmative. Amendments to the CUSF constitution passed.

Report from USM**10:28-11:00**

Dr. Alison Wrynn, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Kelsey Beckett, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations for Academic & Student Affairs

Dr. Wrynn joined the meeting via Zoom. She provided a presentation on the USM Strategic Plan: Vision 2030. There are 5 priorities: See slide deck. Dr. Wrynn opened up the conversation for questions. Nagaraj Neerchal and Kelly Elkins asked questions on the USM strategic plan. Dr. Wrynn's vision for AI is to utilize it to reduce paperwork and tedious tasks, but not to use AI for teaching. Faculty should teach classes, not AI.

Dr. Wrynn continues to make visits to USM campuses. Currently, she is working on prison education programs for USM; looking at how to broaden programs. USM has programs at UBalt, BSU, and TU. Dr. Wrynn visited Jessup Correction Institute recently. In addition, she attended the faculty awards ceremony at BSU last week. She also attended the CUSF joint meeting with Faculty Senate chairs this week. Dr. Jay Perman also attended and gave an update on the USM budget. Jay Zimmerman asked about campus protests across the country. Dr. Wrynn shared that Cal Poly-Humboldt closed due to protests. She reported that protests at USM campuses have been respectful. Nagaraj followed up on UMBC protests.

Chair Report and Updates**11:01-11:02**

Heather Haverback stated she will pass to stay on time.

Discussion of 1st Annual Maryland Spring Stem Cell Symposium**11:05-11:15**

Mirsolaw Janowski reported for the CUSF, Research Committee. He shared details on the upcoming USM stem cell symposium. The aim is to increase USM visibility for faculty and encourage more students into stem cell research. Miroslaw emailed CUSF members a flier. Chancellor Perman will be attending.

Nagaraj Neerchal made motion to endorse USM stem cell symposium. Loretta seconded the motion. The decision was made to remove the motion and give a show of hands in support. By show of hands 15 voted in favor, no abstentions.

Discussion of ART Policy Changes**11:16-11:25**

Heather Haverback (Chair) & Holly Brewer (Legislative Affairs Chair)

Heather shared that the CUSF aim is not to change the language around section 7c (faculty termination policy), but to support the changes in lecturer titles. Today, we are tasked with ensuring accurate wording of the resolution, which will be sent to Candace by May 1st. Heather invited Jay to speak. He reported he only attended one committee meeting. Nagaraj made the motion to vote on the resolution. Maida Finch seconded the motion to take a vote.

Heather Haverback took roll call. AN electronic vote was sent by Kelsey. She reported there were 24 voted in favor. Vote carries unanimously.

Committee Updates**11:26-11:50**

Education Policy Committee - Mary Crowley reported the AI symposium will be held tomorrow on Zoom.

Faculty Concerns – Doris Santamaria-Makang reported the committee has 3 different groups: 1) campus safety, no update; 2) affirmative action; and 3) Kate Sheehan reported an update.

Research Committee - Tom Abrams reported that Michelle Masucci, USM, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, met with the research committee to discuss creation of a research portal.

Rules & Membership – Jay Zimmerman reported there was no new information since the election was held today and amendment to Constitution was voted on this morning.

Legislative Affairs – Tom Abrams reported they have reviewed the ART policy, they also got AAUP to review the ART policy (see last month's minutes). Nagaraj added that the

language on the ART policy is vital. Tom suggested having a committee specifically on this policy. Heather advised that she will discuss it with ExCom.

Adjourn Formal Meeting

11:53

Maria Joao Antunes made the motion to adjourn. Lorenda Naylor seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Committee Meetings and Lunch

12:00-12:30

Tour of Salisbury University

12:45-1:30

Month	Schedule of CUSF General Committee Meetings AY- 2023-2024	Location
September	9/20/23 (Wednesday)	Virtual 9:30-12:30
October	10/24/23 (Tuesday)	In Person USM Baltimore 9:30-1:00 (lunch will be served)
November	11/15/23 (Wednesday)	In Person UMBC Joint-Council Meeting (details forthcoming)
December	12/13/23 (Wednesday)	Virtual 9:30-12:30
January	1/23/24 (Tuesday)	In Person USM Adelphi 9:30-1:00 (lunch will be served)
February	2/23/24 (Friday)	Virtual 9:30-12:30
March	3/27/24 (Wednesday)	Virtual 9:30-12:30
April	4/25/24 (Thursday)	Salisbury University
May	5/15/24 (Wednesday)	Virtual 9:30-12:30

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