



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

CUSF GOALS

1. Increase communications and advocacy with CUSF's constituents.
2. Strengthen shared governance within the USM institutions.
3. Advise and work with USM on major policy initiatives.
4. Advocate for faculty concerns.
5. Strengthen CUSF's organizational structure and increase its visibility.



CUSF Chair Robert Kauffman

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The academic year and my term as Chair are quickly coming to the end. It has been nearly two years since becoming Chair. CUSF has been very productive and it is due to the efforts of many. During fall semester of my first year, we created an action plan. The first goal in the action plan was to “*increase communications and advocacy with its constituents.*” This year CUSF participated in Advocacy Day, published a fall and spring newsletter, and disseminated Quick Notes. Quick Notes are one page summaries of the minutes that share CUSF activities with the campuses a month prior to the normal minute approval process.

The second goal was to “*strengthen shared governance within the USM institutions.*” The State of Shared Governance Report provides the Chancellor with feedback on the state of shared governance on the individual campuses. He uses the report in his yearly evaluation of the Presidents. A second initiative was “shared practices” where each campus shares with the other campuses what they are doing on their campus. A good idea, more needs to be done with this initiative.

The third goal was to “*advise and work with USM on major policy initiatives.*” This year inclusion and diversity of the faculty was a major initiative of USM. CUSF members participated in the workgroup and attended the highly successful symposium. The fourth goal was to “*advocate for faculty welfare.*” CUSF had three major accomplishments: the Regent's Awards, the Joint Ombudsman Resolution, and the initiative on academic integrity.

The fifth goal was to “*strengthen CUSF's organizational structure and increase its visibility.*” CUSF made a constitutional amendment and amended its bylaws regarding elections. It developed and passed an Action Item Plan and developed an orientation session for new members at its September meeting. In conclusion, CUSF's highly productive year has strengthened higher education through shared governance.

Robert B. Kauffman, Ph.D.
Chair, Council of University System Faculty

ROLE OF FACULTY IN USM GOVERNANCE

“It is the faculty, whose careers are dedicated to the advancement of learning, who provide the thrust and direction of any academic institution. Therefore, the faculty shall have wide powers in determining professional and academic matters, an informed advisory role in areas of administrative responsibility, and a voice in basic decisions which affect the welfare of the system as a whole.”

– Preamble of the University System Faculty Constitution



2017-2018 Members of the Council of University System Faculty

CUSF CONVENES CAMPUS FACULTY SENATE LEADERSHIP MEETING

CUSF hosted the spring meeting of the senate chairs on April 30, 2018 in the chancellor’s conference room of the Elkins building. The meeting brings together senate chairs from all campuses, CUSF executive committee members and several ex-officio from USM. Highlights of this spring meeting included, End of Legislative Session Round Up by Andy Clark (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relations), USM report by Joann Boughman (Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs), and a special presentation on Academic Integrity and Open Education Resources by MJ Bishop (Director, Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation) and Elizabeth Brunn (Management Studies Program Chair, UMUC). Chancellor Robert Caret joined for an informal Q&A during the lunch hour. These meetings have proven popular with Senate Chairs, who benefit from discussing system-wide matters and networking with their counterparts on other campuses.



Scenes from the Campus Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting

CUSF MEMBERS ATTEND ANNAPOLIS DAY

CUSF joined the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) and University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) representatives on February 21st for Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Organized by CUSF's Legislative Affairs Committee, working with vice chancellor for government relations Patrick Hogan and assistant vice chancellor for government relations Andy Clark, the purpose of Advocacy Day is for our three shared governance bodies engage with lawmakers, largely through meet and greet sessions with particular legislators, to advance our USM constituent concerns.

This year's regular legislative session is now over. In our analysis we have determined that our efforts were quite successful, with troubling legislation being modified and constructive legislative having largely passed. Furthermore, the CUSF LA Committee's efforts to be more proactive has taken root and we now have a good basis to advance faculty interests more strongly than ever. However, we know that we must always strive to do better and ask faculty across the USM to feel free to share with us issues of concern they might feel we should possibly pursue.



Scenes from Annapolis Day: CUSF members observed the opening of the legislative day from both the House and Senate chambers on Annapolis Day, and Chancellor Robert Caret addresses CUSF, CUSS, and University System of Maryland Student Council representatives.

PURPOSE OF CUSF

Article I, section 1 of the CUSF Constitution states that CUSF "advises the Chancellor and reports regularly to the Board of Regents. Its responsibility will be to consider and make recommendations on matters of system wide professional and educational concerns to the faculty and matters to which faculty bring special expertise."



Patrick N. Hogan (left) and Andy Clark (right)

MEET PATRICK N. HOGAN AND ANDY CLARK, VICE CHANCELLOR AND ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Legislative affairs is extremely important. Patrick Hogan and Andy Clark play a crucial role in maintaining the important relationship between System and the Legislature. They coordinate Advocacy Day where CUSF along with the other Councils spend a day in February advocating on behalf of USM in Annapolis. Because of this close working relationship in hosting this event, the CUSF newsletter is highlighting both Patrick and Andy to the membership.

Patrick N. Hogan has served since November 2015 as the system's vice chancellor for government relations. As vice chancellor for government relations, Hogan advises Chancellor Caret and the USM Board of Regents on governmental relations policies and strategies. Prior to this position, Hogan's positions included deputy legislative officer for Maryland's Office of the Governor, vice president of business development for the Hogan Companies, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and director of development for the YMCA of Frederick County. He is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park. Hogan succeeded Patrick J. Hogan (who, despite the strikingly similar name, is no relation), in this position.

Andy Clark has been with the system since 2007, initially as Director of Legislative Affairs, and now as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relations. He has also held positions as legislative aide to Oregon State Representative Jim Edmunson, associate director for state government relations and then senior associate director for federal relations for the Oregon University System, and contract lobbyist for non-profit trade and educational associations including the Oregon Association of Realtors, the Oregon Chalkboard Project, Chemeketa Community College and the Oregon Garden. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, and can often be seen proudly sporting his Ducks cap in the statehouse.

Hogan and Clark work with the governor and legislature in Annapolis on a wide range of budgetary and legislative issues. They also work with Maryland's Congressional Delegation at the national level to promote the USM's interests in DC. They ensure that the USM faculty and staff are aware of pending legislation, and communicate the System's needs and priorities to our leaders at all levels.

CUSF greatly appreciates the extraordinary service that Hogan and Clark provide through their advocacy for the USM in Annapolis, and appreciate their open lines of communication with our Council.

2018-2019 CUSF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The following CUSF members were elected
to be on the Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 academic year.*

Chair: Patricia Westerman (Bowie State University)

Vice Chair: Philip Evers (University of Maryland, College Park)

Secretary: Elizabeth Brunn (University of Maryland University College)

At-Large Members: Nagaraj Neerchal (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
and Karen Clark (University of Maryland, Baltimore)



Chair-Elect Patricia Westerman is congratulated by Chair Robert Kauffman

The Executive Committee would like to thank the 2017-2018 CUSF representatives for their hard work this year. For those cycling off at the end of their terms, we wish you well. For those coming back next year, we look forward to continuing to work with you, and we look forward to welcoming new representatives in Fall 2018.



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