



Chair's Report (CUSF) January 2018

MEETINGS: The last report was for the December meeting on December 14th. The material collected for the report was accumulated after December 1st. Other than the BOR meeting on the 15th, there has not been a lot of activity. The BOR meeting is covered below and it is the topic of a commentary. The following is a brief summary of the activities since the last report.

BOR Meeting – The BOR met on December 15th at Coppin State University. The major event of the meeting was the panel discussion on academic integrity (Note: See commentaries). The commentary provides the background leading up to the panel discussion and the contribution of the CUSF Education Policy Committee. As suggested in the commentary, there was a paradigm shift where the issue of academic integrity is now overt rather than covert. Now that the issue is out in the open, it can be addressed and the institutions who are leading in solutions can share their solutions with other institutions.

COMMENTARIES: This month there is one commentary. It is on the followup from the panel discussion on academic integrity at the BOR meeting at Coppin State University. As noted in the commentary, there has been a paradigm shift. An issue that was covert is not overt. It is now out in the open. This enables an open discussion and sharing of solutions between institutions.

Respectfully Submitted (1/2/18)
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Chair's Commentary 1801.1: Academic Integrity Panel Followup

The activities surrounding academic integrity have moved very quickly. It began with a commentary submitted as part of my October Chair's Report. The commentary was based on the findings from the CUSF Education Policy Committee. In writing my reports to the Chancellor's Council and BOR, I normally submit the commentaries as part of my reports. The October commentary peaked the interest of the Board. Picking up on the CUSF initiative, the AAAC (Provosts) has discussed the topic twice at their meetings as has the Ed Policy Committee of the Board. It should be noted that the discussion at the Ed Policy Committee meeting was primarily in preparation for a panel discussion at the December meeting of the Board of Regents. In addition, CUSF had a panel discussion on the topic at its December meeting on December 14th.

Since the October commentary, there have been three other commentaries submitted as part of the November and December Chair's Reports. These commentaries were submitted to the BOR as part of my December Report.

I would like to commend the CUSF Ed Policy Committee for bringing forth this issue. Also, I would like to thank them for most of the information upon which the commentaries were based. It was invaluable.

Also, I would like to thank them for helping us to position this issue as a general issue facing all institutions. As I have been reminded on more than one occasion, CUSF has been the driving force behind this issue and CUSF's Ed Policy Committee has been the driving force within CUSF. We need to continue taking the lead.

Activities culminated with the December 15th panel discussion at the BOR meeting at Coppin. Joann Boughman, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student Life, did an excellent job of assembling the panel and presenting the issue of academic integrity to the Board of Regents.

For me, the biggest take-away from the panel discussion is that there was a *paradigm change*. What was *covert* is now *overt*. The issue of academic integrity is now out in the open. Now that the issue is out in the open, it can be more thoroughly addressed. Also, the schools that have shown leadership are able to share their expertise with everyone else in an effort to address this issue without fear that the issue will be discovered. In addition, we need to determine the next phase in the process and implement it. Several suggestions were made in the December commentaries.

It was a job well done by everyone.

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