The mission of the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) is to provide a voice for Staff employee concerns in reference to basic decisions that affect the welfare of the University System of Maryland (USM) and its employees. For more information about CUSS, our mission, and our initiatives, please visit the "About Us" section of the page.

Website: [https://www.usmd.edu/usm/workgroups/SystemStaff/index.html](https://www.usmd.edu/usm/workgroups/SystemStaff/index.html)

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**What exactly is CUSS?**

- Staff from all University System of Maryland (USM) institutions meet monthly at different universities to discuss issues that impact staff.
- CUSS reps advocate for staff during the legislative session and represent staff not covered by collective bargaining.
- CUSS members participate in a yearly joint meeting with staff, students, faculty, and Chancellor (joint session).
- Responsibilities include: Committee work, attend monthly meetings, review Board of Regents Awards, and distribute information to campuses.
- CUSS reps serve as a liaison between USM and each individual institution and as such are responsible for disseminating information from CUSS back to their home campus.

**TOP BENEFITS**

1. Meet staff from each University System institution.
2. Have a voice at the system level where decisions are made.
3. Travel to a different University System institution each month.
4. Enjoy wonderful camaraderie and teamwork.
5. Collaborate with members of the Student/Faculty councils.

*CUSS representatives come from the following institutions:*