

Council of University System Staff
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
July 18, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

President Remarks

President Goodwin thanked Kalia for representing CUSS very well. He thanked CUSS members for their service and all staff for how much they contribute to the USM. He believes that shared governance is very critical to have in the USM.

In 2025 UMCES will be celebrating their centennial anniversary. In the past 100 years, UMCES has grown to 6 locations across the State of Maryland. These locations are located throughout Maryland Communities.

UMCES was founded on a unique mission. Their mission is to create a predictive ecology through programs of research and education to inform Maryland on the management of her natural resources and the recovery of the Chesapeake Bay. This is how long they have been concerned about our research. We work from mountains to oceans.

They also maintain the Maryland Sea Grant program, which is a statewide program that serves higher education institutions as well as many K through 12 programs.

Maryland has one of the smallest programs in dollar amount with the highest impact.

Approval of Minutes

The members of CUSS reviewed the minutes. A motion was made through a poll and was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Chancellor's liaison Report- George Samuel

- Thanked CUSS members for the great work they do.
- The 2% Cola and 2.5% Merit increase as been processed. No reported issues.
- The \$600 match was processed successfully. Up to \$600 match for employees making contributions to the SRA plan. Does not apply to all employees, only to those participating in the State's Pension Plan.
- RSVP to save you seat for Professional Development week. If you are interested in presenting, pleas apply to be a presenter.

Chair's Report – Kalia Patricio

Kalia provided updates.

- Indicated that it was the last meeting for the year
- No update from the Chancellor's Council (Cancelled for July)

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- Board of Regents Staff Awards winners have been announced.
- Please complete and/or send out Member Information Form to your 2023-2024 members!
- End of year reports- Send to Kalia(krp@umd.edu) no later than 7/31/23.
- Reminder: 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Awards & Outreach

Legislative Affairs Committee

Staff Resources & Special Projects Committee

Staff Resources & Special Projects Committee Cont'd

Meeting Adjourned