



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM FACULTY

CUSF Executive Committee
Zoom
Wednesday February 7, 2024
12:00 – 1:42 PM
FINAL MINUTES

Attendee	Modality
Heather Haverback - Chair (TU)	Zoom
Tom Abrams – Vice Chair (UMB)	Zoom
Holly Brewer – Past Chair (UMCP)	Zoom
Lorenda Naylor – Secretary (UBalt)	Zoom
Atma Sahu – Member at Large (CSU)	Zoom
Nagaraj Neerchal – Member at Large (UMBC)	Zoom
Alison Wrynn – (USM)*	Zoom
Zakiya Lee – (USM)*	Zoom
Kelsey Beckett (USM)*	Zoom

*Non-Voting ExCom Members.

12:00- 12:03 Call to Order

Heather Haverback, Chair (TU) called the meeting to order.

12:03-12:04 Approval of January 2024 CUSF Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes approved as is.

12:05-12:15 Report from USM

Alison Wrynn, USM, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Wrynn reported on the following items. Kelsey Beckett, USM Chief of Staff and Director of Operations, who is present at our meeting today, will replace Dr. Zakiya Lee on CUSF.

Dr. Lee has moved to a new full-time role within USM as Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs.

Legislative Session - This Friday is the bill deadline for the Maryland Legislative Session.

UMCES's President. The search and hiring process is coming to a close. Interviews have been scheduled in March.

Environmental Education. Climate change continues to impact the US.

Kirwan Center. Nancy O'Neill was hired as the new executive director.

FAFSA bill. USM is closely monitoring the federal FAFSA bill, which could negatively impact universities. If the May 1st acceptance deadline by universities is delayed it could also possibly delay housing deposits.

Zakiya Lee, USM Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Student Success Forum. It will be held on March 1st. Campuses will send teams to the summit. It will be held at BSU in person.

Legislative Session. USM is currently monitoring over 100 bills (collective bargaining, higher ed academic approval process, pregnant and parenting students, student withdrawal policy). If you would like to track these bills please attend Andy Clark's 9:30 a.m. call on Monday's. He provides a regular legislative summary and briefing.

12:16 - Chair Updates – Heather Haverback

CUSS Survey. CUSF will have Chancellor Perman review the CUSS survey before it is disseminated to university presidents to ensure coordination.

CUSF Faculty Survey. Heather Haverback is going to send out the AAUP survey on shared governance this year to faculty. Here is the link to the AAUP Shared Governance survey : https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/AAUP_Shared_Governance_Assessment_Tool.pdf Nagaraj Neerchal advised that we should send out one survey for CUSS and CUSF to streamline the process for university presidents. Atma Sahu suggested hiring a survey expert.

Advocacy Day Logistics. Heather reported that February 21st has been designated as USM Joint Council Advocacy Day in Annapolis. She sent out a link to CUSF members. There is room for CUSF (50 people). There is offsite parking available. If you have questions on bills please ask your university government relations person.

Other Updates. USM, CUSF Constitution – Heather reported that the Constitution needs updated. Nagaraj Neerchal advised that our CUSF Constitution needed to be revised for

several reasons: a) university names need to be updated since several institutions have changed names over the years; b) apportionment numbers need to be changed. Numbers in the constitution are no longer applicable since full-time faculty numbers have changed over time; and c) Article V on Constitution Adoption should be deleted. The Constitution hasn't been updated in over a decade. Zakiya Lee advised that it requires 2 reads and approval of the Board of Regents, Education Policy committee. Lorenda Naylor advised that a solid strategy is to request items a and b are voted on, but not item c (constitution adoption) in order to gain consensus and secure the necessary votes. Alison Wrynn suggested that we run Article V adoption by attorney Katherine Brainbridge.

12:55 - 1:40 New Business

General Body Meeting Agenda (Feb 23rd). Heather reported that Coppin State University President Jenkins will be attending our February 23rd meeting. Holly Brewer recommended that the AAUP survey should be reviewed by CUSF.

Senate Chair Meeting Agenda. Heather sent out an email to all university senate chairs regarding the February 23rd meeting agenda. Nagaraj Neerchal suggested addressing the CUSS & CUSF survey implementation at the meeting to strengthen coordination and planning.

Tom Abrams (UMD) wants to add several items to Feb 23rd meeting: 1) he attended a TU forum on the Middle East, which was positive. It included speakers and poetry that provided a bridge for understanding and healing. Tom would like to have additional webinars through CUSF on this important topic. Heather Haverback advised Tom Abrams to please coordinate with Faculty Concerns Chair, Doris Santamaria (TU); 2) hi-tech support to share across USM campuses. Heather Haverback advised that each campus selects their own technology and software; 3) creating a welcoming university for foreign born faculty to reduce attrition. Heather Haverback recommended that Tom take this issue to Faculty Concerns Chair, Doris Santamaria (TU).

1:42 Adjourn

Holly Brewer made motion to adjourn. Lorenda Naylor seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.