

CUSF Executive Committee Minutes

December 5, 2011

In Attendance were: Joyce Shirazi, Jay Zimmerman (by phone), Robert Kauffman, Virletta Bryant, and Steve Mount.

CONVENING THE MEETING - 12:23 PM

The Executive Committee of CUSF meeting was convened at 12:23 PM by Joyce Shirazi at the System headquarters in Adelphia, Maryland.

APPROVAL OF CUSF EXCOM MINUTES - 12:23 PM

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2011 Executive Committee. The motion was approved. In addition, the Secretary will place the minutes on the website.

IRV GOLDSTEIN, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR - 12:24 PM

Irv briefed the group on the following topic/issue areas:

UMCP/UMB Merger Study: Friday, December 9th is decision day for the merger. The BOR will decide on the report and its recommendations that will be forwarded to the Legislature. With the study quickly coming to its conclusion, Irv framed the forthcoming study in terms of the seven months of work performed on the study, on the enormous undertaking by the staff, the numerous sessions, and the extensive research conducted. With that noted, Irv indicated that the process was healthy, that there was more collaboration going on between the institutions than originally envisioned, and that they can develop models that can enhance collaborations. [Secretary's Note: *On December 9th the BOR recommended the Strategic Alliance option where the two institutions remained independent but would seek ways to increase collaborations.*]

Athletic Report: Irv noted that although it started with College Park, the issues addressed in the draft report will affect everyone. He noted that this study is independent of the Child Abuse issue and focuses on financial transparency. There are three different entities with their own reporting requirements: NCAA, the Feds, and System. The new system will have a bifurcated reporting approach between academics and finance.

Proposed Child Abuse Policy: Irv indicated that the proposed policy was on the fast track for approval. He noted that JoAnn Goedert, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, has been invited to the next CUSF meeting to obtain feedback from faculty on the proposed policy. [Secretary's Note: *A more in depth discussion of this policy along with faculty reactions and suggestions is found in the CUSF General Body meeting on 12/8/11.*] [Secretary's Note: *On December 9th the BOR approved this policy.*]

UMCP Dropped Eight Paired Sports: In an attempt to bring its costs under control, the University of Maryland College Park is dropping eight paired sports. There is a chance of keeping the sports if funding can be found for them. In addition, Irv noted that they will honor all scholarships and coaches contracts.

Coalition Lawsuit: Currently, MHEC is being sued by a coalition that is associated with but not formally part of Morgan. The suit is not just a Maryland issue but is a national issue that emanates out of desegregation obligations. The lawsuit focuses on the use of program duplication as a method to segregate or limit programs in historical black institutions (HBI). The information presented by Irv on the Coalition lawsuit was informational. Irv noted that since the trial was postponed until January 2012, he wouldn't need to testify until then.

Replacement Search: In response to a question, Irv noted that they will be conducting a national search to find his replacement. Other details are not known at this time.

White House: Irv indicated that both Brit and Freeman Hrabowski, President of UMBC, are at the White House today (12/5/11) with President Obama, Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, and a select group of higher education leaders. They will be discussing the issues of productivity and affordability in higher education.

Senate Chair's Meeting: In order for Irv to advise and prepare Brit for the Senate Chair's meeting on December 9th, there was a discussion of the agenda items for that meeting. Irv indicated that they may need to leave the Friday Senate Chairs meeting early to attend the BOR meeting in the afternoon.

With his business done, Irv left the meeting. Also, Steve Mount left to administer an examination.

DECEMBER CUSF GENERAL BODY MEETING ITEMS - 1:30 PM

Joyce covered several of the topic areas for the upcoming general body meeting on December 8th.

Proposed Child Abuse Policy: Joyce indicated that JoAnn Goedert, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, will be speaking on the proposed Child Abuse policy at the December 8th General Body meeting.

UMCP/UMB Merger: Since the draft of the report is essentially complete, there should be little discussion of the proposed merger at the General Body meeting. The draft report will be acted upon by the BOR on December 9th, the day after the General Body meeting. Undoubtedly, most of the questions will most likely focus on the anticipated recommendations.

SENATE CHAIRS MEETING - 1:30 PM

The Senate Chairs meeting will be held on December 9th at the System headquarters in Adelphia, Maryland. The meeting will be chaired by Jay Zimmerman, CUSF Vice-Chair. The agenda has been finalized and distributed.

CUSF COMMITTEE ACTION - 1:30 PM

Faculty Benefits and Rights Committee: The Faculty Benefits and Rights Committee has been very active. They have even be talking about having a newsletter. They have requested additional time at the December 8th meeting.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS - 1:34

Panel Discussion: Virletta indicated that there were no updates on the panel discussions. Joyce indicated that the committee reports will provide the ExecCom with a lot of insight regarding our direction, and based on this input, the ExecCom should be able to assist them.

Potpourri: This week was a particularly busy week for members of the ExecCom. Sunday was the Chancellor's Open House. Monday was the ExecCom meeting. Tuesday was to Regent's Awards. Thursday was the CUSF General Body Meeting. Friday was the Senate Chairs Meeting and the BOR meetings. There was a discussion regarding the logistics and last minute details regarding the upcoming meetings along with other miscellaneous items.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:40 PM

With no further business, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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