

CUSF Executive Committee Minutes

March 8, 2012

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

CONVENING THE MEETING - 12:20 PM

The ExecCom meeting for March was convened by Joyce Shirazi at 12:20 PM in a conference room at System headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland. Both Jay Zimmerman and Robert Kauffman attended by phone connection.

APPROVAL OF CUSF EXCOM MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Executive Committee. The motion passed. The Secretary will place the approved minutes on the website.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Committee Attendance: Jay attended the Chancellor's Council which occurred prior to this meeting (3/8/12). He gave the following report. He indicated that PJ Hogan talked about the *legislative session*. There was an update on the *coalition case*. There wasn't much new since the report at the previous February General Body meeting. Third, the *Strategic Alliance* has transformed into EmpowerMD.com. Fourth, System is conducting an *economic impact study* of higher education which focus on the economic impact of higher education much the same as any other industry within the State.

There was a brief summary regarding the remaining meetings. These are listed below.

Wednesday, March 20, AAAC at TU, Steve Mount
Monday, April 2, Chancellor's Council at USM, Robert Kauffman

SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - 12:36 PM

Irv Goldstein arrived at the meeting at 12:36 PM and gave his report on academic affairs.

Budget: Irv indicated that there will be cuts to everyone. The budget is in a state of incredible flux. Since the Senate is currently having hearings on the budget, and the House will have its hearings next week, there is nothing to definitively report at this time. In response to a question regarding the loss of the COLA, Jay noted that the 2% COLA comes from the Governor and not from the Legislature. Irv indicated the possibility of tuition increases again, and noted that traditionally, the Governor has been pretty good to

higher education.

Coalition Case: The case is progressing. There was a summary judgement in the capital portion of the suit. The curriculum portion in the operation portion of the suit will be forthcoming. The first phase ended two weeks ago. They now have roughly 70 days for finding of fact and roughly another 20 days to respond after which there are closing arguments and then it goes to the judge. The judge's opinion will most likely be appealed.

Health Care Costs: An increase in health care costs didn't come up in today's meeting, but it does potentially affect the budget.

Coppin University: Irv provided an update on the vote of no confidence on President Avery. He has responded to the letter from the Senate. Next, there will be some negotiations. It was noted that the President may need to do a better job communicating with the faculty.

[Secretary's Note: *Due to another commitment, Jay left the meeting at 1:00 PM*]

UMUC: A brief update was provided regarding the President of UMUC's leave of absence. Irv noted that it should be satisfactorily resolved in the next couple of weeks.

[Secretary's Note: *With the conclusion of his report, Irv departed the meeting at 1:18 PM.*]

BUSINESS ITEMS - (Continued)

Committee Attendance: Attendance at upcoming meetings by ExecCom was revisited [Secretary's Note: *See table at beginning of the minutes.*].

Tabled Telephone Motion: After a brief discussion on the tabled motion (telephone motion), it was concluded that the best course of action is to leave the motion tabled.

Nominations: Steve is handling the nominations for ExecCom next year. There was a brief discussion regarding the recommended process.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:32 PM

With no further business, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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