



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY

Regents Report June 14, 2024

This is a summary report of The Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) activities since our last submission in April 2024. When we last met the semester was in full swing, and it is hard to believe that the academic year has already ended.

Since my last report, CUSF and the CUSF Executive Committee have both met. The CUSF General Body Meetings were held at Salisbury University on April 25, 2024, and May 15, 2024. The CUSF Executive Committee met on May 1, 2024. In the remainder of the report, I will highlight a few of the initiatives happening within our various committees since the last BOR report.

CUSF Meetings

CUSF General Body Meeting: April 25, 2024

A CUSF General Body Meeting was held at Salisbury University on April 25, 2024. This marked our first meeting in person at a university campus since Covid-19. It was wonderful to see members in person and visit the beautiful Salisbury campus. Thank you to President Lepre for hosting us and taking the time to join us and share updates and highlights from your campus. A special thank you to Salisbury's Senate Chairperson, Dr. Deneen Long-White, for helping to plan and organize the visit. During this meeting, we voted on next year's USM CUSF Executive Committee. Also, Dr. Alison Wrynn, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs shared updates from the USM and answered our questions. The Research Committee shared information regarding the 1st Annual Maryland Spring Stem Cell Symposium, and the Legislative Committee held a discussion of ART Policy Changes.

CUSF General Body Meeting: May 15, 2024

A CUSF General Body Meeting was held on May 15, 2024. A special mention was given by Dr. Nagaraj Neerchal for Dr. Holly Brewer. The CUSF Constitution (Institution Names) had the Third Read/Vote. I am very happy to share that this passed. Chad Muntz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Decision Support and Chief Analytics Office shared the USM Board Policy on Tuition VIII-2.01. A discussion was held and our questions were answered. The Legislative Affairs Committee shared an ART Policy Resolution, which passed. Likewise, the Faculty

Concerns Committee Shared a Mental Health White Paper, which also passed. Dr. Heather Haverback and Dr. Alison Wrynn also gave brief updates.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on May 1, 2024. At this meeting, we discussed the work being done in committees and current topics of interest to USM faculty. Dr. Alison Wrynn shared updates with the committee. We also discussed issues and ideas brought forth by faculty.

Awards Committee

Chairperson- Dr. Ben Arah, Bowie State University

The Awards Committee met their charge. This year, the committee reviewed and ranked 49 applications. They then met to discuss and deliberate. Finally, the Awards Committee made recommendations to the Board of Regents.

Education Policy Committee

Chairperson- Dr. Mary Crowley, University of Maryland Global Campus

The Education Policy Committee had a successful showcase, which was entitled: AI conference, *Incorporating Generative AI into Learning Experiences: A Virtual Showcase*. This was held via Zoom on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm ET. The event was organized by the Kirwan Center, CUSF, MarylandOnline, and Montgomery College. It was very well attended, with over 550 registered participants. The focus was based on how college and university faculty across the state are adapting their assignments and learning activities to meet the challenges of generative AI. For those who couldn't attend, there was a link available to access the recording and handouts.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson- Dr. Doris Santamaria-Makang, Frostburg State University

The Faculty Affairs Committee shared a mental health white paper with the CUSF General Board. The white paper was voted on and approved. The committee is continuing the following work with the various subcommittees. First, The Campus Safety Group presented on the “Campus Safety Survey” at the last CUSF meeting. This group will collect the feedback from CUSF and incorporate it into the final version of the survey to be sent out to all institutions in September. Second, the Personnel Support Group is working on diving deeper into the information they started exploring on their task and will start the development of a survey to be presented in September.

Legislative Affairs Committee

Chairperson- Dr. Holly Brewer, University of Maryland, College Park

The Legislative Affairs Committee has been working on resolutions regarding the ART Policy changes. A resolution was presented to and approved by the CUSF General Body.

Research Committee

Chairperson- Drs. Tom Abrams and Miroslaw Janowski, University of Maryland, Baltimore

The Research Committee worked on the 1st Annual Maryland Spring Stem Cell Symposium & Workshop, co-hosted by CUSF and chaired by Dr. Miroslaw Janowski. The symposium and workshop was an enormous success, with Opening Remarks by Chancellor Perman and a Closing Ceremony by the Delegate to the Maryland Assembly, Cathi Forbes. The committee was very proud that CUSF was one of the four bodies co-hosting this event. They are also continuing their work on intercampus research portals and ways in which a welcoming environment for foreign-born researchers can be created.

Rules and Membership Committee

Chairpersons- Dr. Jay Zimmerman , Towson University and Dr. Nagaraj Neerchal, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The committee presented the proposed changes to the CUSF Constitution. These changes included proposed amendments to the constitution to revise several out-of-date facts (such as names and abbreviations of the various USM institutions) and to make several minor editorial changes. This document was approved by the CUSF GB. This year the committee also conducted the CUSF Executive Committee election in a fully virtual mode allowing for secret ballots and CUSF's trickle-down nomination system. The committee also fielded questions regarding various process questions, such as quorum.

Conclusion

As the academic year ends, I want to thank the committee chairpersons (listed above) for their hard work. I would also like to thank the executive committee (listed below) for the time and effort they gave towards CUSF work.

The Executive Committee members were:

- Holly Brewer, Past Chair- University of Maryland, College Park
- Tom Abrams, Vice Chair- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Lorenda Naylor, Secretary- University of Baltimore
- Atma Sahu, At Large Member- Coppin State University
- Nagaraj Neerchal, At Large Member- University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Thank you to the USM BOR for your continued support. I look forward to our continued work next year.

Respectfully submitted,

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