Council of University System Staff Coppin State University September 28, 2005

September 26, 2003					
Members Present	Alternate Members				
Marie Meehan - BSU Dale O'Neal - BSU Janine Vienna-SU Judy Lowe-SU Chenita Kollock-UMES Gloria Gaguski - TU Joan Doremus – TU Bernedette Bell - CSU Mary Reed - USMO Joe Hill – UMBC - Chair Robert Smith - FSU Christine Routzahn - UMBC Thomas Noyes - UMCP	Lauren Fusillo - UMB Janine Vienna - SU Loretta Hollifield - TU ***********************************				
Larry Lauer – UMCP William Rawlinson - UMCP Andrew Rein - UMUC Donna Taylor - UMBI Lidia Schechter - UMBC Roy Ross - UMB Cindy Schuster-UB	Coppin State University				

Call to Order

Joe Hill, Chair, called the September meeting to order at Coppin State University in Baltimore at 10 a.m.

Bernedette Bell welcomed CUSS members and alternates to the university. She then introduced the president of Coppin State University, Dr. Stanley F. Battle. In his remarks, Dr. Battle mentioned that some students from the states damaged by Hurricane "Katrina" are studying at CSU this semester. Just that morning, someone made a \$25,000 donation which would be with the content of the content of

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Benefits Committee

- Request staff to provide short testimonials about health care issues impact of high prescription costs, rises in physicians' co-pays and health care premiums.
- Give legislators information at open session. If there isn't an open session, then identify the chair and arrange to meet with her/ him.
- Should staff provide their names with testimonials? "Yes," the summaries will have validity only if names are provided, otherwise stories could easily be considered as fabricated ones. No illnesses should be identified. Employees should include their legislative district information.

Communications Committee

- The Communications Committee has compiled a list of changes to be made to the members/ alternates' listing, email groups and the standing committees' page as well.
- The committee made a suggestion that individual photographs be taken of CUSS members and alternates and placed on the website. The chair indicated that he thought a group picture was more appropriate. A group photograph can be taken at USMO's meeting in December, and we will invite Chancellor Kirwan to join us for lunch.
- A short summary about each institution can be written and placed on the CUSS website. An
 alternative was suggested by the Chancellor's Liaison, i.e., to link each institution's website
 (already available via the USM website home page) to CUSS website.

Community Development

- BOR Staff Award nomination packages were sent to the chancellor and presidents' offices earlier this month. November 30th is the deadline for nominations.
- Considering the fact that only 3 Nonexempt and 3 Exempt staff receive the yearly award, the winners are really the "crème de la crème" of employees.

Legislative Committee

- Two templates need to be created one for health care, the other for retirement.
- Need to have wide distribution of information, have a link to website and have hard copies available for distribution.
- Suggest an alliance with Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) Cannot afford to have a large group opposed to what we are striving for collaboration without affiliation.

Old Business

Joan Doremus, TU, is still compiling information about Contingent II's.

New Business

 Frostburg State University parking stickers and maps were made available for the October meeting. The FSU meeting will take place in the Ort Library.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting will be at Frostburg State University, on October 25, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary E. Reed, Secretary

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