Council of University System Staff (CUSS) Meeting

January 27, 2009

Coppin State University – Baltimore, MD

In attendance:

Members	Institution	Alternates/Guests
Linda Parker Ford	BSU	
Victoria Kelly	CSU	Interim Member
Chris Thomas	CSU	
Abby Bynes	CSU	Alternate
Jesse		

joked with us about the inclement weather and the hard decision that, as a president, he has weather to close or not

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challenged Larry to identify examples when this occurred, which, on the spot, he could not. The discussion continued with the concern that now that we are in a unionized environment on most campuses, there is more energy placed on working with the unions on policies prior to working with staff. VC Vivona indicated that this is how it is since USM is now unionized. Larry tried repeatedly to redirect the conversation to the concern about better communication between all parties as well as if BOR policies are being enforced consistently at each institution. For example, the PRE process at UMCP seems to be arbitrarily enforced when working with non unionized staff. Altogether, it was believed that the meeting was not as productive as the Executive Council had hoped it would be.

Larry sent an email to Chancellor Kirwan and VC Vivona thanking them for meeting with the Executive Council. The Chancellor responded and hopes to continue to meet and have a productive partnership. There was no response from VC Vivona.

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