Council of University System Staff (CUSS) Meeting - MINUTES

June 22, 2010

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Princess Anne, MD

In attendance:

Members

Alternates/Guests

Marie Meehan	BSU		
Chris Thomas	CSU		
Absent	FSU		
Jackie Eberts	SU	*****	
Brenda Yarema	TU, Member at Large	Chancellor's Liaison to CUSS:	
Kay Kazinski	TU	Rosario I. van Daalen	USMO
Giordana Segneri (by			

6. At November meeting, we can get a feel for whether or not collaborat

4. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT (COLETTE BECKER)

Chancellor's Council meeting

- Discussed 400- vs. 600-hour discrepancy in carryover of annual leave between state and USM employees and informed Chancellor's Council that CUSS agreed after much discussion that USM Staff employees have a better benefit and we will not be pursuing any changes at this time
- Informed Chancellor's Council that CUSS Executive Committee elections would be held at June meeting.
- Met new CUSF Chair, Joyce Shirazi from UMUC, who seemed very interested in working with CUSS

5. CHANCELLOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Brought Chancellor's message for 2009-10 CUSS Newsletter—circulated print copy for review at meeting; perfect message for Staff employees to read

 Important that we get newsletter circulated in August—part of emphasizing to Staff employees to write their story and let legislators know how Staff employees contribute to USM and to State

Policy Review

- Policies discussed in previous meetings (military related) have been approved by the BOR and are posted on the web
- Policy regarding FMLA(also military related) to bring it into line with federal law has been approved by the BOR and is posted on the web

New Regent brought back, Louise Gonzales

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Index cards were passed out to the voting members of CUSS to vote for the Vice Chair of CUSS. The count of the ballots is as follows:

- o Brenda Yarema: 3
- o Lori Smith-Watson: 3
- o Colette Becker: 7
- o Dave DeLooze: 2

By majority vote, Colette Becker will remain Vice Chair of CUSS for 2010-11.

The two Members-at-Large will be elected by ballot at the August CUSS meeting. Currently, the USM institutions are all having discussions on how they will be handling furloughs for FY11. Shared Governance at each Institution plays a major role in this process.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Willie Brown needs, **immediately**, a count of the number of: <u>Exempt and Nonexempt</u> <u>Staff employees on Regular and Contingent Category II status, who are "Excluded from</u> <u>Collective Bargaining"</u> at each of the USM Institutions.