

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate
Open Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2008
HSFI 516

Roll Call:

Present Senators: John Barber, Collette Becker, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Patricia Boland, Danielle Brown, Kiscia Cannon, Bill Crockett, Michael Crowe, Dave Delooze, Ken Fahnestock, Libby Guarnera, Ronald Kasl, Phyllis Lovito, Kimberly McCorr, Tom McHugh, Jean Marie Roth, Jill Venezian.

Excused Senators: Liz Casher, Shannon Cooper, William Griffin, Debbie Horstman, Roy Ross, Dionne Washington, Andrea Lefever, John McNair.

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

Minutes: Motion by Tom McHugh and seconded by Dave Delooze to accept the minutes as submitted.

Ken stated that Jean Marie Roth's name was erroneously left off the ballot in the Staff Senate elections. Jean Marie will serve as an alternate for the upcoming 2008-2009 term. In the future, all nominations must be made on the official nomination forms and not by email to the Staff Senate Chair.

Remarks from the Executive Committee: Ken

Executive Committee Meeting - No meeting

Meeting with HR - no meeting

Meeting with President Ramsey -

- Staffing in Human Resources is now up to speed
- Beginning July 1st background checks and credential verification (where appropriate) will be done on new employees.
- Commencement activities have begun.
- Facilities Master plan is being reviewed
- Traffic Patterns are being reviewed.
- Plans for HSF III are being discussed
- Flexible work time will be discussed at the next meeting with the Deans.
- Clarification on SB 177 carryover of earned time from 400-600-this is not for USM employees ONLY State of Maryland.

Nominations for the FY 2009 CUSS Representatives:

Needed are:

2 Exempt	Dave Delooze/Colette Becker
1 Non-Exempt	Roy Ross
3 Alternates	Ron, Aphrodite (table the 3 rd alternate representative)

Committee Reports:

Campus Life - Aphrodite/Ken - Faculty and Staff Senate Executive Committee members will now meet together to discuss like issues.

The Faculty Senate drafted a letter to President Ramsey regarding childcare on campus and asked Ken to sign-it as the Chair of the Staff Senate. Ken had concerns about the way the letter was written and refused to sign it. More discussion regarding this issue to take place.

By Laws - Collette - Bylaws are up to date and posted on the website.

Policy and Legislation: Roy's report - read by Dave Delooze - can be found in CUSS Report

Communication and Nomination

New Staff Senators for the 2008-2010 term are:

Ronald Kasl
Colette Becker
Thomas McHugh
Dave Delooze
Shannon Cooper
Libby Guanera
Patricia Boland
Elizabeth Casher
Andrea Lefever
Kimberly McCorr
Kiscia Cannon

Jean Marie Roth Alternate 2008-2009

Community Outreach - No report.

CUSS: Dave Delooze
Meeting Date May 20, 2008
Meeting Location: UMBC

President Freeman Hrabowski welcomed the CUSS members and spoke briefly about the importance of CUSS's participation in the shared governance within the USM. He then shared information about UMBC and stated that he was excited about all that has happened with UMBC such as; doing really good in the ACC Basketball Tourney and the Lacrosse Tourney as well. He also stated that UMBC has two (2) Rhodes Scholars out of 144 world-wide.

Chairman Wolfe gave the Chair's report for his last month's activities attending the various USM meetings.

1. He made it perfectly clear that he was advised by the Chancellor's office, CUSS's role in the USM is as an advisory group to the Chancellor and BOR. CUSS is not a bargaining unit such as the various unions within the system.

2. He shared Cuss's concerns with the Chancellor's Council that CUSS represents 8000+ out of 14000 Staff personnel and that the Union's bargaining affected in an adverse condition those of us not represented by a bargaining group (parking rate increases are one of the ways we are affected without a voice).

3. The Bohannon Commission (replaced the Hogan Commission) a commission set up by the state legislature to look into ways of funding Higher Education within Maryland has

recommended setting up I'D's for student starting in Kindergarten and following the student through entire life of education to include Higher Ed. and graduate Studies.

Chancellor's Liaison: Rosario Van Deelan reported that the State Legislature has set up the Pynski Commission to review State agencies giving Domestic Partner Benefits. She stated later in the year the committee may open public hearings on this issue.

Rosario asked that we remind everyone of the \$600 match that has been approved.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - discussed the pending shared governance training at each campus that CUSS will provide and we discussed supporting John Wolfe by attending the next BOR when he presents the concerns of CUSS regarding the USM's reaction to Union negotiations affecting the majority that are not covered under collective bargaining.

Communication Committee: getting newsletter ready for publishing

Colette informed CUSS of the names of the BOR Award winners (5 from UMBC and 1 from UMCP)

Legislative: Basically no report as Legislative session is over for this year. Reminded everyone that SB177 was passed and signed into law. This action now allows State and USM employees to carry up to 600 hours over into the next calendar year. However, at the time one leaves state or USM service, the state or USM will only buy back up to 400 hours or 50 days.

At the next meeting nominations will be accepted for next years CUSS Executive Committee members; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, to be voted at the July Meeting. Member's at Large nominations and vote will take place at the August CUSS meeting.

June's meeting will involve developing the FY 2009 Cuss Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held at UMES

Standing Committees

Special Events: - No Meeting - no report

IT: Colette -

- the campus is looking into a one ID/login system.
- Software is in place to reduce the amount of SPAM to users. Should have noticed a reduction in your inbox.
- COEUS training will take place during the summer months.
- Enhanced 911 system with new voice phone
- SOL wireless installation is complete.
- SON Computer refreshing program
- SOP addition planning
- Library MEBO wireless will be completed in September
- Financial check-track will be available in September.
- Redesign of the ORD website

Library: Collette - no meeting - no report

Parking:

Jim Hill responded to the letter the committee sent to him regarding the FY09 Budget and he will get back to us with the administration's comments on the issues that we raised sometime on or after May 20th.

- 1.) Issue the proposed \$1.00 increases for the next 3 years
- 2.) Issue regarding the cost of Bio Park Shuttle and maybe combining shuttle services throughout the campus
- 3.) City Tax shown on the budget that is carried yearly but not paid.

AFSCME has presented a parking proposal to the CBOC on behalf of the non-exempt employees but it is still in negotiations.

Most of the meeting was set aside for Robert and the Parking staff to update us on the needed repairs to the facilities. They showed a Power Point presentation on the projects in all the garages. (Many of the garages are in bad need of repairs and the cost will be several millions of dollars)

Safety Awareness: Jill Venezian

May Meeting Summary: (also appeared in May meeting minutes)

- 1) **Safety initiatives:** The number of bike patrol will increase from ONE current officer to FOUR officers in order to decrease police response time (and keep it under 3 minutes) despite the presence of increased traffic due to campus construction. Bike patrol officers will be wearing bright yellow.
- 2) **Handicap parking enforcement will go into effect in 30 days.** No unauthorized parking on the street or campus garages. Police will be giving tickets of \$202.
- 3) **New video surveillance system will start in June.** They are replacing the current ones with 43 real-time day and night cameras with police monitoring 24hr/day. Every area of the campus will be covered.
- 4) **The campus police department now consists of 59-60 people,** the closest to full strength in the chief's career.
- 5) **Escort Patrol vans** runs from 6:00 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., 7 days a week. Walking escorts within the campus area are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They even take you to the Light Rail. Call Police Communications Operator: 410 / 706-6882.
- 6) **Lost UMB One ID cards.** If you lose your card, you must contact BOTH the UMB One office AND the Police. If you just receive a replacement card without contacting the police, you will not have access into your respective buildings. In addition, the police should be contacted in order to help make sure ID cards are not being misused by thieves for building access, etc... Also, the police have hundreds of lost UMB cards. If you've lost yours, call them.
- 7) **CAMPUS NO SMOKING POLICY!** There is no smoking allowed on any University grounds and within 30 feet of any University owned entrance. The **only** places that are NOT owned by the University where people may smoke are the sidewalks... but not within 30 feet of an entrance.
- 8) **They are still working on resolving the issue of safely crossing MLK.** The only thing to add is that there is a RideUMB shuttle that runs from Baltimore to Greene to Lombard across MLK to the BioPark that police advise people to use for their safety if they do need to cross MLK. The shuttle runs about every 15 minutes. For more info on the new route visit:
<http://www.parking.umaryland.edu/rideumbflyer.pdf>
- 9) **This is the season for car theft!** Please be smart about your cars and what is in them b/c

the police anticipate about 400 cases of car theft to be reported over this summer. Hopefully it won't be yours... or mine.

10) **Computer theft.** The police have recovered over \$150,000 in stolen computers and the dental students are notorious for getting their computers stolen. They recovered the dental computers because of LoJack. If your computers do not already have this feature, they highly recommend registering for it for a low price (more info at <http://www.lojackforlaptops.com/>). Also, students may bring their computers down to the Pine St. Police station to have them engrave the computers for your safety (they will **NOT** engrave your social security numbers on them).

11) **Corporal William Griffin** is our go-to-man with comments, and concerns at wgriffin@police.umaryland.edu.

The next committee meeting will be in **July**.

Old Business:

- (1) It was reported that staff at the University of Baltimore have been able to obtain State Issued ID's? This enables them to ride the MTA for free. Is it true? Ken will get details.

New Business:

If you are in need of furniture, there are still furnishings left in the old dental school. Contact Vassie Hallomon.

With no further business, a motion was made by Collette and seconded by John Barber to adjourn the meeting

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Lovito
Secretary/Treasurer