

August 20, 2012

To: Martha Nell Smith
Chair, University Senate

From: Steve Petkas
Chair, 2011-2012 Staff Affairs Committee

Re: Council of University System Staff (CUSS) Election Results (Senate Doc#11-12-44)

During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Staff Affairs Committee was responsible for conducting an election to secure at least three full-time representatives and up to three alternate representatives from the University of Maryland to serve on the Council of University System Staff (CUSS).

The Senate Office sent announcements to the campus community and all eligible staff members regarding the election period. Staff members who are eligible to run and vote for CUSS members include excluded exempt and non-exempt staff who are not in a collective bargaining unit and contingent II staff employees. At the meeting on January 31, 2012, CUSS members provided an overview of the responsibilities and benefits of serving on the council.

The candidacy period ran from February 8, 2012, to March 12, 2012. Staff members Sister Maureen Schrimpe, Willie Brown, Dolores Jackson, Larry Lauer, Michael Paszkiewicz, and Dana Wimbish submitted their names and candidacy statements for consideration. The elections took place via email between March 26, 2012, and April 6, 2012. Ballots returned to the Senate Office were counted and reported to the Staff Affairs Committee on April 16, 2012.

The top three vote-getters were Sister Maureen Schrimpe, Willie Brown, and Dolores Jackson. Larry Lauer, Michael Paszkiewicz, and Dana Wimbish were elected to serve as alternate representatives. Following the election, however, Paszkiewicz reported that he must step down from his role. Therefore, Brown, Schrimpe, and Jackson will serve as the three full-time representatives and Lauer and Wimbish will serve as the two alternate representatives for the 2012-2014 years. The elected CUSS representatives were given two-year-terms starting on August 1, 2012. All elected members will also serve as ex-officio members on the Staff Affairs Committee of the Senate, as specified in the Senate Bylaws.

The Staff Affairs Committee respectfully requests that these election results be announced to the University Senate at the first meeting of the Senate in September 2012. Thank you.

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