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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**CUWMA Board Meeting
February 15, 2017**

Despite the break for the holidays since our December 2016 meeting, the Consortium has been highly engaged in many issues since the beginning of 2017. This report provides a brief summary of the most important of these activities.

Consortium Matters

After years of planning, the **National Intelligence University (NIU) has relocated from the Defense Intelligence Agency to Bethesda** (4700 Sangamore Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816). We wish them well in their new home, and welcome them to the Maryland group of Consortium members.

The Consortium continues to make progress in several areas. On the action agenda for this meeting is a **proposal to include the community colleges on a limited basis in the Consortium cross-registration program**. The details of the proposal are included in the agenda materials. In brief, the community colleges would limit the number of students who would participate, and such participation would be designed so as not to interfere with either existing articulation agreements or state-sponsored tuition discount programs (such as Maryland's Transfer Advantage Program). The proposal was created by the Working Group comprised of staff and academic administrators at both university and community college members.

The Consortium Research Fellows Program (CRFP) was affected by President Trump's executive order placing a hiring freeze on the federal agencies. We had expected several of the CRFP postdocs to move into full-time positions within various agencies; however, those hirings are frozen at the present time. Although the Consortium continues to receive overhead revenue as long as the postdocs remain in place, the anticipated turnover to allow new opportunities has been interrupted. **On the good news front, the federal research labs have requested an**

increased number of postdocs to deal with the hiring freeze as well as in recognition of the great work CRFP does.

I held a **meeting with Zach Komes and Steve Glaude (president and CEO) form the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED)**. Discussions focused on participation by the District-based Consortium members in increasing procurement from minority-based companies. Several institutions have agreed to look at current practices. **I agreed to serve on their Advisory Committee** as a way to have the Consortium's roles represented.

We have **signed the lease for our new office space at 1020 19th St. NW, Suite 500**. Our anticipated move is late September.

Federal Relations

The Consortium has been **very active on several fronts following the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president**. As always, it is made clear that in these activities we do not speak for the federal universities that are barred by law from advocating or lobbying.

- Each of the 14 Consortium members eligible to comment released **expressions of concern about President Trump's executive order barring immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries**. Our efforts on this front continue in order to ensure the appropriate movement of students, faculty, and staff who have valid visas and green cards to work and/or study at Consortium institutions.
- I continue our advocacy efforts in **support of the BRIDGE Act** that is intended to protect DREAMers enrolled in higher education. Several Consortium member institutions have contacted alumni who are members of Congress to explore their willingness to co-sponsor the House and Senate companion bills.
- I have been working to **deepen our relationships with members of Congress and staff** in advance of several keys pieces of legislation being considered this coming year. To that end, we have working relationships with both Republicans and Democrats on the key education and related committees in the both House and Senate. Discussions to date have included the **importance of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act**, especially regarding student expansion of financial aid among several other issues.
- I expressed **support for the Congressional Review Act aimed at canceling to the teacher preparation regulations** promulgated toward the end of the Obama administration.

- I met with staff in the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies regarding the specific Congressional appropriations to Gallaudet University and Howard University.
- I have provided briefings on federal issues of member institutions, and worked with NAICU to convene a group of presidents from HBCU institutions to discuss their continued key role in higher education and advocacy in the Trump administration.

Regional Matters

The Consortium continues to play a central role in the **Global Cities Initiative**. The GCI Steering Committee has **completed the Export Plan for the region**. Additionally, **Consortium faculty continue to provide research and expertise for the biomedical/biohealth/biotech export initiative** within the GCI effort. This work is focusing on identifying emergent companies in Maryland initially, and plans to match them with potential global markets.

As a reflection of our new, stronger partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), **I contributed a piece for the COG State of the Region blog**. The Consortium is also featured in COG's *State of the Region: Human Capital Report*.

We are **tracking various paid leave bills in the Maryland legislature**. Most are substantively different from the one passed by DC City Council by providing lower benefits, exempting small employers, and adopting co-pay models. We will continue monitoring this situation.

District Matters

The most important matter in the District continues to be the **Universal Paid Leave** bill. The bill was transmitted to Mayor Bowser in early February. The Consortium was a signatory of a letter to the Mayor urging her to veto the bill due to highly uncertain fiscal projections in the District.

Other bills introduced in D.C. City Council include the **Land Trust, District Residency, and Community Reinvestment Task Force Act of 2017** and will be discussed at the board meeting.

Professional Activities

Professional Publications

Cavanaugh, J. C. (2017). You talkin' to me? *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
Available at <http://www.chronicle.com/article/You-Talkin-to-Me-/238902>.

Kail, R. V., & Cavanaugh, J. C. (in preparation). Human development: A lifespan view (8th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Cavanaugh, J. C., & Blanchard-Fields, F. (in press). *Adult development and aging* (8th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Continuing Board Memberships

Marygrove College (board secretary)

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) (board vice chair)

American Association of University Administrators (AAUA)

Global Cities Initiative (executive committee, steering committee)

Urban Land Institute Regionalism Initiative

Professional Consulting

I am chair of the student success committee at Collaborative Brain Trust.