

USM Statement on Academic Freedom – ~~2015~~2017 Update

The following statement on academic freedom was passed at the May 2012 CUSF meeting and the preamble was passed at the September 2012 CUSF meeting. It is included here to help give you context. Both the document and the preamble are attached. As noted in the following section from the minutes regarding the passage of the preamble, disposition of the document was to be accomplished by the individual institutions via the Senate Chairs. The purpose of this agenda item is to determine where everyone is on the implementation of the Statement on individual campuses.

If you don't know where you are on campus with this document or if nothing has been done on your individual campus, don't fret. This is why we are following up on this item.

FACULTY RIGHTS AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE MOTION - 11:47 AM ¹

The USM Statement on Academic Freedom was passed at the May 2012 CUSF meeting. There were two issues identified with the resolution after its passage. First, it was suggested that the Faculty Rights and Benefits Committee write a preamble to the document. The resolution addressing this issue is presented below. Second, there was a question regarding the disposition of the document. As part of the discussion of this motion, *it was the intent of the CUSF membership that this document be distributed to the individual institutions (Senate chairs). It is the intent that this model document be passed in its entirety or adapted by the individual senates for inclusion in the faculty handbook or other appropriate faculty documents.* The motion was moved and seconded.

MOTION #1214: Resolution: To accept the preamble to the USM Statement on Academic Freedom document passed at the May meeting (MOTION #1211).
[Disposition: Motion passed unanimously]

We will take the following survey during our meeting. If you won't be there, email me your information. The information will be used by the CUSF Council to help determine future actions regarding the implementation of the Statement on the campuses.

- 1) Which of the following best describes the status of the implementation of USM Statement on Academic Freedom on your campus?
☐ It has been fully implemented on our campus.
☐ It is in the process of being implemented on our campus.
☐ It will not be implemented on our campus.
☐ I don't know what the status is regarding its implementation.

- 2) Comments on the status of the implementation.

3. Your campus is? _____

¹ CUSF General Body Meeting, Towson University, Towson, Maryland Minutes, Friday, September 21, 2012, p.5