

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
November 16, 2012

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, November 16, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Others in attendance were Governors Walter Hicklin, Weldon Brady, Mary Long, Edward Baker, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, and Kyle Shell. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Henry Setser; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

Plenary Session

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Wright determined that a quorum was present to conduct business and called the meeting to order.

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Wright noted that today's meeting was the last Board meeting of 2012. On behalf of the Board, he wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 2

President Ambrose expressed his appreciation for the Board's engagement in a number of events and activities throughout the year. He reviewed some of the competitions recently held on campus including the musical Festival of Champions, Talking Mules and Forensic Team Debate competition, and the State Farm National Sales Competition. President Ambrose congratulated the International Office on its 65th anniversary and thanked the staff for all that they do for our international students.

Learning to a Greater Degree Award – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose said in celebration of all the *reasons to believe*, a "Learning to a Greater Degree" award was established to recognize individuals on campus whose actions clearly support UCM's identity. He introduced Robin Krause, who said that following the Board's adoption of UCM's strategic positioning platform last year, staff identified a creative way to recognize some of the extraordinary people on campus who give us reasons to believe. Recipients of the award have demonstrated one or more of the reasons to believe including engaged learning, future-focused academics, worldly perspective, and/or culture of service.

Mr. Krause provided background information and introduced the first two recipients of the award – faculty member Dr. Susan Stockton and student Lacy Stephens. Mr. Wright and President Ambrose presented each individual with a certificate and congratulated them.

General Session

Approval of Minutes – Agenda Item No. 4

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the October 19, 2012, Work and Plenary Sessions and the November 1, 2012, Teleconference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Reports

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 5

Ms. Cheryl Riley (Faculty Senate President); Ms. Beth Rutt (Professional Staff Council President); Ms. Barbara Hicks (Support Staff Council President); and Ms. Sarah Ramal (Student Government Association President) reported on their respective group's semester activities.

A particular highlight for the Faculty Senate was Ms. Riley's testimony to the Joint Committee on Education regarding performance funding. Ms. Riley distributed a copy of her comments to the Board (Attachment 1). Mr. Wright commended Ms. Riley on her presentation to the Committee. Ms. Rutt and Ms. Hicks both spoke about some of the co-sponsored events held by the Professional Staff and Support Staff Councils to benefit less fortunate members of the community. Additionally, Ms. Hicks reported the Support Staff Council is working on proposed revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.070 – Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees. Ms. Ramal said the Student Government Association's current focus is on building both of its cabinets. Additionally, the group is working on procedures related to chalking and gender expression and identity.

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to the governance groups' leadership. He shared with the Board that these groups have demonstrated a large amount of care and compassion for members of our own campus community with regard to pay, health, and a number of other things.

Missouri Innovation Campus Update – Agenda Item No. 6

President Ambrose said this is an exciting time for the Missouri Innovation Campus. Plans are under way for the second curriculum stream -- Engineering, Technology and Advanced Manufacturing – which he said is on schedule for implementation in Summer 2013. President Ambrose said Black & Veatch and Burns & McDonnell have expressed the same

degree of enthusiasm about the MIC's second curriculum stream as DST, Cerner Corporation, St. Luke's Health System and other business partners have for the Information Technology curriculum. Additionally, the R-7 Lee's Summit School District has committed to beginning discussions related to space planning for the future.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Ambrose expressed appreciation for the campus's engagement in this year's election, noting that an extraordinary number of students were involved in the process and in ensuring that students were registered to vote. He stated his gratitude for Senator David Pearce who was reelected to the Senate and serves as Chair of the Committee on Education, and to Chris Koster and Joe Dandurand who have consistently been strong advocates for the Warrensburg area. President Ambrose also expressed appreciation for the good relationship UCM has with Governor Jay Nixon.

President Ambrose said it is unlikely that new revenue will be generated for the State and the Governor is committed to keeping tuition as low as possible for students. Although this means continuing to tighten the resource environment and increasing costs in other areas, it is good public policy and provides students greater access to higher education.

The Board spent time in Work Session yesterday reviewing President Ambrose's presentation he previously made to the Joint Committee on Education. President Ambrose said that UCM embraces the performance funding model, noting that the University is a high-performing institution that embraces accountability. In conclusion, he stated that UCM is well-positioned to move into the next legislative session.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, reported that the Committee met the previous afternoon. During the meeting, the Committee received an update on activities within the Student Experience & Engagement area, as well as the University Advancement Division. Ms. Dandurand shared highlights of the updates including a successful blood drive coordinated by student veterans; the American Democracy Project resulting in the registration of 600 voters; the formation of a Student Advisory Food Committee; upgrades to the University Union; formulation of a University Chapel master plan in response to interested donors; and attendance of 100+ alumni at an event hosted by UCM's Alumni Office in Jefferson City. Ms. Dandurand asked Dr. Shari Bax to lead the presentation of the following agenda item.

Tobacco Policy – Agenda Item No. 9

Dr. Bax, Dr. Janice Putnam, and Ms. Amy Kiger reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 8 of the meeting materials (Attachment 2) that included the process used to result in a recommendation for a “tobacco-free” campus, with a few exceptions. These exceptions included personal vehicles, the Keth Memorial Golf Course range, and parking lots during designated public events such as Commencement, sporting events, and performing arts events (which is consistent with other UCM policies).

Mr. Wright noted that the Board had a very lengthy discussion in Work Session in October and reviewed the recommendations from every possible angle. He thanked the committee for their work and noted that if the recommendation is approved by the Board, it would go into full effect on July 1, 2014. This would provide an 18-month period to educate and inform the campus of the changes. President Ambrose said that positioning is important and if approved, positive messaging to current and prospective students and visitors of our “tobacco-free” campus would be positive.

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to Board of Governor Policy 1.2.120 – Use of Tobacco that would make the University of Central Missouri a “tobacco-free” campus and include exceptions of personal vehicles, the Keth Memorial Golf Course range, and parking lots during designated public events such as Commencement, sporting events, and performing arts events. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long.

Ms. Dandurand said that she would have liked the proposed revisions to have greater consideration of smokers and included a designated smoking area on campus. Mr. Wright reminded the Board that revisions to the policy will not take effect until July 1, 2014, and that further refinement can be made as steps are made towards implementation.

A vote was taken on the motion. *Mr. Baker and Ms. Dandurand voted no. All other Board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.*

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Gus Wetzell II, Committee Chair for the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met the previous afternoon to review a number of the Academic Affairs agenda items. He asked Provost Deborah Curtis to present the following items.

2013 Academic Calendar – Agenda Item No. 10

Provost Curtis referred the Board to Tab 9 of the meeting materials, which contained a briefing paper that recommends changes to the 2013 Academic Summer schedule that is more student-focused and efficient to administer (Attachment 3). She initially presented

the calendar to the Board at its October Work Session. Since that time, Dr. Curtis has obtained additional feedback that reflect most of the concerns are related to the implementation of the calendar changes, which Dr. Curtis said she will entertain exceptions to on a case-by-case basis with a focus on what serves students best. A copy of the 2013 Proposed Summer Sessions Calendar was distributed (included with Attachment 3).

Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the 2013 Summer Sessions Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Renewal of Charter Schools Agreements – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Curtis invited Dr. Victoria Hughes to present this agenda item. The Board was referred to a briefing paper included under Tabs 10 – 12 of the meeting materials (Attachment 4) related to the renewal of charter school agreements for Benjamin Banneker Academy of Technology, Gordon Parks Elementary, and Scuola Vita Nuova. Dr. Hughes stated that retention in the charter schools is good and that test scores continue to improve. She also noted that a recent *Kansas City Star* article cited that 40% of Kansas City students attend Charter Schools. Dr. Long said reports given by Dean Wright and Dr. Hughes at yesterday's Academic Affairs Committee meeting are encouraging. She is particularly pleased with the work of the Charter Schools Office in coaching Charter Schools' staff and ensuring accountability and alignment of curriculum with regard to state tests. Dr. Long asked that the Board remain informed of the schools' continued progress.

Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve (1) a five year charter renewal for Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology ending June 30, 2018; (2) a five-year charter renewal for Gordon Parks Elementary ending June 30, 2018; and (3) a five-year charter renewal for Scuola Vita Nuova ending June 30, 2018, subject to approval by the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.

Minor Program Deletions – Agenda Item No. 12

Provost Curtis informed the Board of two Minors Program deletions – General Recreation and Tourism Management.

Sponsored Programs Activity Report – Agenda Item No. 13

Dr. Joe Vaughn reviewed a briefing paper included under Tab 13 of the meeting materials related to FY 2012 Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity Activities (Attachment 5).

Financial Aid Report – Agenda Item No. 14

Ms. Angela Karlin provided a Student Financial Assistance update as shown in Attachment 6 of these minutes. Included in her report was information related to the number of FAFSAs received; Pell Grant monetary awards; total amount of aid disbursed; and 2012-2013 Student Financial Assistance goals. It was noted that the Office has a good working relationship with UCM's Foundation who has committed an award of \$286,000 to students by the year's end.

Purchase of Aircraft

Provost Deborah Curtis and Executive Director of Aviation Tony Monetti presented information contained in a briefing paper that was distributed and discussed at length with the Board of Governors during its Work Session the preceding afternoon, related to the purchase of a used multi-engine Piper Seminole aircraft (Attachment 7).

A request was made to purchase a used Piper Seminole up to but not exceeding \$300,000. Mr. Monetti researched a specific used Piper Seminole that is currently listed at \$220,000. If this particular plane is purchased, UCM plans to sell two existing Dutchess Aircraft from its inventory, generating estimated sale proceeds of \$60,000 to be applied to the purchase of the Piper Seminole. The remaining \$160,000 of the purchase price will be funded via UCM reserves from the Harmon School of Business and General Fund which will be replenished with new flight fees generated by the Piper Seminole. Provost Curtis stated her support of the purchase, which she feels will help to move the program forward and generate additional revenue for the University.

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors authorize the purchase of a multiengine Piper Seminole aircraft for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with a final decision on the aircraft purchase being made by President Ambrose. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

Note: *Following the conclusion of the Academic Affairs Committee report, the Board took a short recess from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.*

Board Committee on Finance

External Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported that the Committee met as a Committee of the Whole yesterday afternoon to receive the University's external audit report from RubinBrown (Attachment 8). The Board was pleased that the University received an unqualified opinion, which is the equivalent of a

clean audit. Mr. Brady noted that beginning next year, UCM will show an underfunded liability – MOSERS. This affects not only UCM, but other higher education institutions in the state under MOSERS. Mr. Brady introduced the Finance staff and expressed appreciation for all of their hard work.

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors accept the RubinBrown's audit of UCM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously.

Residence Hall Furniture – Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Merrigan reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 15 of the meeting materials related to the purchase of new residence hall furniture for the Fraternity Complex, PanHellenic Hall, and Yeater Hall (Attachment 8). *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the purchase and installation of new furniture from KLN Furniture in the amount of \$276,821.35 for use in PanHellenic, Yeater, and Fraternity Complex residence halls. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

USDA-RUS Rural Public Television Digital Transition Grant Equipment - Agenda Item No. 17

Information included in a briefing paper under Tab 16 of the meeting materials related to the purchase of USDA-RUS Rural Public Television Digital Transition Grant Equipment was presented (Attachment 9). Mr. Brady asked who was responsible for preparing the grant application. Ms. Rosemary Olas facilitated the grant application and research and was assisted by Sarah Bailey (budget), John Long (researched equipment requirements and costs), and other staff who edited, proofed, and helped research information for the grant application. Mr. Brady commended the staff for their good work.

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract for the purchase and installation of in-studio HD production cameras and attendant production control equipment in the amount of \$659,982.26 to Alpha Video & Audio, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 18

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Faculty Senate President Cheryl Riley's Testimony to Joint Committee on Education</i>
2	<i>Briefing Paper – Tobacco Policy</i>
3	<i>Proposed 2013 Academic Summer Schedule</i>
4	<i>Briefing Papers – Renewal of Charter Schools Agreements for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Benjamin Banneker Academy of Technology</i>• <i>Gordon Parks Elementary</i>• <i>Scuola Vita Nuova</i>
5	<i>FY 2012 Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity Activities</i>
6	<i>Student Financial Assistance Update</i>
7	<i>Briefing Paper – Purchase of Multi-Engine Seminole Aircraft</i>
8	<i>RubinBrown External Audit Report</i>
9	<i>Briefing Paper Residence Hall Furniture</i>
10	<i>Briefing Paper – USDA-RUS Rural Public Television Digital Transition Grant Equipment</i>