

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
October 27, 2017

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, October 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel II. Other Board members present included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Marvin E. Wright, Walter Hicklin, and Mathew Martinez. Governor Weldon Brady was unable to attend the session and was excused. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Hayley Hanson; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Wetzel called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present to conduct business.

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Dr. Wetzel remarked on an eventful and memorable summer, particularly the grand opening of the newly constructed Missouri Innovation Campus attended by Missouri Governor Greitens. Dr. Wetzel addressed UCM's budget challenges and thanked everyone for their efforts to address them. He remarked about the World Series and expressed congratulations to alumnus Jim Crane and the Houston Astros for making it into the World Series. In closing, Dr. Wetzel noted a slight modification to the Board's meeting structure and expressed appreciation for everyone's cooperation in making the new structure work.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose introduced and welcomed Amanda Scarborough, a graduate student in the College Student Personnel Administration program. He commented the Fall has been both interesting and productive and provided highlights from a recent recruitment trip to Nepal, India and Saudi Arabia. While there, he had the opportunity to meet with a number of alumni who have a deep appreciation for UCM and their college experience.

President Ambrose expressed appreciation for the opportunity to share with others all the good things UCM has accomplished. He expressed appreciation for the positive working relationship he and the staff have with the Board, as well as the willingness of the campus to engage change, particularly at a time when the University is working to address fiscal budget challenges.

The President remarked on the grand opening of The Missouri Innovation Campus; collaborative efforts with Metropolitan Community Colleges and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District to offer an accelerated pathway to a college degree for students in the

metropolitan Kansas City area; the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Missouri National Guard; and the recent Abet certification. President Ambrose also remarked on the recent signing of a MOU with the Air Force to meet its pilot shortage challenge and showed a video of the event. In closing, President Ambrose said he would meet with the MOHELA Board next week to discuss funding to expand the scale of The Missouri Innovation Campus in partnership with *College Promise*.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve items listed as part of the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 24, 2017, Work Session; August 25, 2017, Plenary Session; September 5, 2017, Board Retreat; and September 19, 2017, Board Committee Chairs meeting. It also included emeritus status for Donna Bodenhamer and Connie Hayes (effective September 30, 2017); Lynn Alkire, Terry Butler, Sonny Castro, Rhonda Crews, Laura Miller; Larry Ray; and Viridia Stevens (effective December 31, 2017). Other items approved were a three-year renewal of the current Education Advisory Board (EAB) contract for the Academic Performance Solutions (APS) agreement for a total cost of \$180,000 paid over three years; award of contract for Concrete Repair and Concrete New Construction to Richter Excavating and Plumbing Services of Warrensburg, Missouri on an as-needed basis; Environmental Testing and Consulting Services on an as-needed basis to Asbestos Consulting Testing of Lenexa, Kansas and Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri; and On-Call Plumbing and Excavation Services on an as-needed basis to Richter Excavating and Plumbing, LLC of Warrensburg, Missouri (Attachments 1-5). The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Information items included under the consent agenda were written governance groups reports; curriculum update on MDHE review process; Status of Faculty Report; FY 2018 First Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and FY 2018 First Quarter Investment Report (Attachments 6-10).

Reports/Updates

Updates – Agenda Item No. 5

President Ambrose provided the following updates:

UCM – Lee’s Summit – UCM is engaged in several new initiatives that will allow it to aggressively address the needs of learners regardless of where they are located. UCM had the opportunity to conduct a tour of The Missouri Innovation Campus to more than 150 engineers this past week. The tour was included as part of a continuing education track for the engineers.

Learning to a Greater Degree – UCM continues to increase its usage of tools that helps us perform at much higher levels in helping students to succeed, as is evident with the Board’s approval of renewal of the current Education Advisory Board contract for the Academic Performance Solutions agreement for a three-year period.

Legislative Update – President Ambrose expressed appreciation for the campus safety and immigration law updates provided by General Counsel during yesterday’s Work Session. He will meet with Senator Kehoe to discuss gun legislation and to assess requirements for pre-legislation filing.

President Ambrose discussed the formation of a Senatorial Caucus, which Senator Hoskins has agreed to help organize. He encouraged Board members to express their appreciation to Senator Hoskins when they see him next, for his willingness to help.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Mary Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee met the preceding day. A progress report of Pertle Springs was provided. The Committee anticipates bringing an action item to the Board in December related to the Union renovation.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Mary Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met the preceding day. She noted several of the Committee’s action items were approved as part of the consent agenda. Dr. Long expressed appreciation for the very detailed Charter Schools report presented by Dr. Hughes at yesterday’s meeting. She then asked Provost Curtis to present the next agenda item. Provost Curtis first introduced Dr. Robert Lee, Dean of the College of Education and then asked Dr. Vici Hughes to present the Charter Schools item.

Charter Schools Charter Renewals – Agenda Item No. 6

- *Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology* (Attachment 11) - Dr. Hughes introduced Dr. Marion Brown, Superintendent of Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology; Ms. Charlotte Gant, Benjamin Banneker Board Secretary; Dr. Jesse Barnes, Dean of Students; and Attorney Taylor Fields of Fields and Brown who were in attendance. President Ambrose noted the charter agreement was discussed during the preceding day’s Work Session, and acknowledged the pathway to a quality education for Benjamin Banneker’s students is equally important to UCM and Benjamin Banneker. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors allow the existing charter term between UCM and Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology to expire on June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

- *Gordon Parks Elementary* (Attachment 12) – Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the charter agreement between UCM and Gordon Parks Elementary for a term of five years from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.
- *Scuola Vita Nuova* (Attachment 13) – Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the charter agreement between UCM and Scuola Vita Nuova for a term of 10 years, from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2028, or for a term of five years, from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023, dependent upon the Annual Percentage Report scores from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Board Committee on Finance and Administration

Mr. John Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met the preceding day. He asked Dr. Best to present the following agenda items.

Acceptance of External Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 7

Although there was a decrease in overall net assets in the last fiscal year, institutionally, UCM is still strong. The UCM Foundation has increased its scholarship support over the last five years and this past year provided an additional \$140,000 in scholarship monies. As part of the audit presentation at yesterday’s Work Session, an in depth discussion was held concerning liability tied to MOSERs. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors accept the external audit report prepared by Rubin Brown* (Attachment 14). *The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

MBA Tuition Equity - Agenda Item No. 8

A recommendation was made to charge the same tuition across all modes and locations of MBA course delivery effective Spring 2018 (Attachment 15). Consistent with the current MBA tuition for Lee’s Summit delivery, the difference between the base graduate tuition rates would accrue to the School of Business Administration within the Harmon College to offset program costs and assist in addressing necessary program resources. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve an MBA tuition rate of \$463.90 per credit hour effective Spring 2018 across all delivery modes and locations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

Project Contingencies – Agenda Item No. 9

The Board supported eliminating project contingencies as part of the contractual process.

Board Business

Board Policies – Agenda Item No. 10

Ms. Hanson reviewed proposed revisions to BOG Policies 1.2.040 and 4.1.010 and noted the consolidation of the two policies to articulate in one location the authorities delegated to the University President by the Board of Governors (Attachment 16). *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to BOG Policies 1.2.040 and 4.1.010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously. Dr. Long made a motion for the Board of Governors to approve the consolidation of BOG Policies 1.2.040 and 4.1.010 to comply with best practices, and articulate in one location the authorities delegated to the University President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Special Honors and Awards – Posthumous Degree – Agenda Item No. 11

President Ambrose shared information about David B. Miller, a 39-year old non-traditional student from Sedalia, Missouri, that passed away unexpectedly. Due to the unique circumstances of Mr. Miller's passing, President Ambrose recommended a posthumous degree (Attachment 17) be awarded to David Miller at the Winter 2017 Commencement. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous degree to David B. Miller at the Winter 2017 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

2018 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule – Agenda Item No. 12

The 2018 Board of Governors meeting schedule (Attachment 18) was presented to the Board for approval. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the 2018 Board of Governors meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 13

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Briefing Paper – Emeritus Status Requests</i>
2	<i>Briefing Paper – EAB Contract for Renewal of Academic Performance Solutions</i>
3	<i>Briefing Paper – Concrete Repair and New Construction</i>
4	<i>Briefing Paper – Environmental Testing and Consulting Services</i>
5	<i>Briefing Paper – On-Call Plumbing and Excavation Services</i>
6	<i>Governance Groups Reports</i>
7	<i>Curriculum Update</i>
8	<i>Briefing Paper – Status of Faculty Report</i>
9	<i>FY 2018 First Quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenses</i>
10	<i>FY 2018 First Quarter Investment Report</i>
11	<i>Briefing Paper – Charter Renewal – Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology</i>
12	<i>Briefing Paper – Charter Renewal for Gordon Parks Elementary</i>
13	<i>Briefing Paper – Charter Renewal for Scuola Vita Nuova</i>
14	<i>Rubin Brown – External Audit Report</i>
15	<i>Briefing Paper – MBA Tuition Equity</i>
16	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed Revisions to BOG Policies 1.2.040 and 4.1.010</i>
17	<i>Briefing Paper – Award of Posthumous Degree</i>
18	<i>Briefing Paper – 2018 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule and Other Dates</i>