

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**April 29, 2011**

The University of Central Missouri Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus, Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Walter Hicklin. Other Board members present included Governors Weldon Brady, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Edward Baker, Richard Phillips, and Darren Doherty. Governor Marvin Wright was unable to attend and was excused. 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. Hicklin called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hicklin noted that this is a time of year when special recognitions and awards are made, and extended congratulations to all individuals receiving them. He added that the community will celebrate and congratulate the accomplishments of our graduating students next week during Commencement.

**Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 3

Dr. Ambrose said there are a number of year-end celebrations being held across campus. One such celebration was an event hosted by the Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) Program where representatives of three of Kansas City's largest employers were in attendance. These employers knew the CADD students by name and had a strong interest in employing several of them following graduation. Dr. Ambrose expressed appreciation to the faculty who help to bridge relationships between employers and students.

Dr. Ambrose acknowledged governance groups' leadership and the willingness of the campus to work together this year to effect change. He stated his appreciation to the campus community and to the Board for thinking strategically, and for their innovation and creativity in making UCM a better place for students. The commitment, sacrifice and effort made by faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends throughout this past year have contributed significantly to a very positive year.

Dr. Ambrose called on Dr. Sluder to provide an Enrollment and Scholarship Update, which was outlined in a handout (Attachment 1). Mr. Brady noted that during a *Choose Red* campaign

presentation that was recently made to the Board, it was stated that the campaign would target the Stateline Grant. Dr. Sluder's report reflected a decline in the number of these grants awarded. Dr. Sluder said he is reviewing the data to determine the reason for this and will provide a response once he identifies the reason(s).

Dr. Ambrose said that UCM celebrated the Summit Center's 10-year anniversary last week. Enrollment at the Center, under the leadership of Dr. Sluder, will make a difference in net revenue returns for the University next year. He commended Dr. Sluder and his staff for their work. Mr. Phillips asked what some of the things are that have contributed to the increased enrollment. Dr. Sluder listed such items as the *Choose Red* campaign; a one-month deadline extension for submittal of scholarship applications; a communications cycle with potential students that includes Deans; changes in the scholarship programs that are more appealing to potential students; and an awareness on campus that enrollment is a key part of the University's fiscal plan for the future. In regard to marketing strategies, Mr. Phillips noted that school districts are not waiting until high school to have students visit college campuses; they are now doing so in junior high school.

Dr. Ambrose said UCM will have a large number of students graduating at next week's Commencements. Additionally, the Graduate Commencement will begin at 6:00 p.m. when UCM will honor former President Bill Clinton with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Ambrose expressed appreciation to Dr. Joe Vaughn and a large number of people including staff and community members that contributed to the preparations for Mr. Clinton's visit to campus. He reviewed other recognitions that would be made during Saturday's Commencements including a Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Gregg Williams, and recognition of the Charno and Byler recipients.

To close his remarks, Dr. Ambrose asked Dr. Joyce Downing to share information about UCM's THRIVE Program which initiated with the 2010-2011 academic year. Dr. Downing presented a Power Point that included program information (Attachment 2) and then introduced the staff and students who will return this fall for the second year of the program. Joining them will be a second cohort of 12 students.

Mr. Brady asked if the University anticipates any funding challenges following the second year of a two-year start-up grant. Dr. Downing said that parents contribute to the costs of their student attending UCM, and that funds are available to carry the program through year three.

Following the presentation, the THRIVE program students and staff had a photograph taken with Mr. Hicklin and Dr. Ambrose.

#### **Introduction of Charno Award Recipients** – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Morrell said that an oversight occurred with the change of the Board's original meeting date in April, and the Charno Award recipients who had been invited to attend the meeting, were not notified of the change. Therefore, the recipients were not in attendance; however, Dr. Morrell

announced that Jackie Bhattarai, a psychology and Spanish major from Warrensburg, Missouri, and Andrew Stallmann, an actuarial science and mathematics major from Washington, Missouri, were selected as the 2011 Charno Award Recipients and will be recognized at Spring Commencement.

**Introduction of J.P. Mees Award Recipient** – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Mike Jeffries, President of the Professional Staff Council, introduced and shared background information about the 2011 J.P. Mees Award recipient Karen Hibdon. Following the introduction, photos were taken with Mr. Hicklin and Dr. Ambrose, and the Board extended its congratulations.

**General**

**Approval of the March 30, 2011, Work Session, and March 31 and April 4, 2011, Plenary Session Minutes** – Agenda Item No. 7

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the March 30, 2011, Work Session and the March 31 and April 4, 2011, Plenary Sessions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Reports**

**Verbal Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 8

The leadership of each of the campus governance groups – Dr. Michael Bersin, President of Faculty Senate; Mr. Mike Jeffries, President of Professional Staff Council; Ms. Brenda Dooley, President of Support Staff Council; and Mr. Derek Wiseman, President of Student Government Association – were in attendance and provided a verbal report of the activities of each of their respective groups during the 2010-2011 academic year. Mr. Hicklin expressed appreciation to each leader and commended each of the governance groups for their work throughout the year.

**Legislative Update** – Agenda Item No. 9

Dr. Ambrose said that much of the focus throughout this legislative session has been on the budget process. He expressed appreciation to Phil Wright for the assistance he provides the University in Jefferson City, and to Senator David Pearce and Representative Denny Hoskins for representing UCM in the State's Legislature.

Dr. Ambrose provided an update on the General Assembly's initial discussions surrounding a possible 15% reduction in state appropriations to higher education. The University worked hard to prepare itself for the anticipated reduction in FY 2012. Subsequently, conversations with Governor Nixon resulted in the anticipated reduction being lowered from 15% to 7%. However, one of the requisites for this was for universities to minimize the cost of higher education to

students as much as possible. This proposal was not challenged or changed in the House; however, a request was later made to the Senate Appropriations Committee to identify an additional \$20 million for higher education and public education to help offset the loss of resources and to further reduce the rising costs for students. A recommendation to reduce the funding cut from 7% to 4.8% will move to conference within the week. If approved, this would restore \$1.6 million to UCM's general fund. UCM will use the additional funds to assist and retain students with significant financial need that are in good academic standing. Additionally, a portion of the funds will be set aside to assist students receiving Pell Grant funding, in the event there is a cut to this program.

The State's budget is expected to pass within the next week, which includes funding for the *Nurse Incentive Grant*. If passed, this would provide an additional \$78,000 for UCM's Nursing program. Dr. Ambrose said that with all of the challenges the Legislature has encountered throughout this session, it has remained focused on education and has attempted to minimize reductions in this area.

Dr. Ambrose said the University received an invitation from the House Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs to meet and discuss its relationship with Whiteman Air Force Base and UCM's *Whiteman Advantage* initiative. There is much enthusiasm in Jefferson City about UCM's efforts to extend services to active service members and veterans in all branches of the military.

#### **Board Committee on Student Affairs & Alumni Relations**

The Board Committee on Student Affairs & Alumni Relations did not meet in April.

#### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Mr. Phillips, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met the preceding day. He asked Dr. Joy Stevenson to provide an update on International student enrollment. Dr. Stevenson distributed and reviewed the data related to international enrollment (Attachment 3). Following Dr. Stevenson's report, Mr. Phillips called on Dr. Michael Wright, Dean of the College of Education, to report on the next two agenda items.

#### **Amendment of Charter Schools Agreements** – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Wright commended Dr. Victoria Hughes, Interim Director of Charter Schools Office, on the outstanding job she has done this academic year. He asked Dr. Hughes to give the report. Dr. Hughes introduced special guests from Hogan Preparatory Academy, Board President Ms. Donna Calvin and Principle Dr. Danny Tipton.

Dr. Hughes presented information and recommendations contained in a briefing paper that was included under Tab 8 of the Board meeting materials (Attachment 4). The following action was taken by the Board.

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to the charter of Hope Leadership Academy, Article III, ending the charter term on June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve (1) an amendment to the charter of Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology, Article III, ending the charter term on June 30, 2013; and (2) an amendment to Schedule G, Accountability Plan, of the charter agreement, which provides a better method for documenting student academic performance and school operations, and aligns with the documents recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to Schedule G, Accountability Plan, of the charter agreement with Alta Vista Charter School, which provides a better method for documenting student academic performance and school operations, and aligns with the documents recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to the charter of Hogan Preparatory Academy, Contract and Attachments A-L, to expand the charter to grades 6-12. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

Dr. Hughes stated that information will be presented to the Board at a future meeting related to a request made by Della Lamb Charter School to amend its charter agreement to include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Proposed New Tuition Rate for School District** – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Wright reviewed information contained in a briefing paper included under Tab 9 of the meeting materials (Attachment 5) that proposed a new tuition rate of \$50 for professional development courses provided to school districts.

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve the requested tuition rate of \$50 for school district provided professional development courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.*

*Note: The Board took a short recess at 10:05 a.m. and resumed meeting at 10:15 a.m.*

**Board Committee on Administration and Finance**

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Administration and Finance, reported that the Committee met the preceding day. The Committee is seeking approval of two agenda items. He asked Mr. Michael Smith to present information on the next agenda item.

## **Roof Replacements** – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Smith presented information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 10 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6), that requests approval of a contract for the replacement of roofs for Diemer and Hosey Halls and for the Elliott Union.

Following Mr. Smith's review of the information, *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve award of (1) a contract to Delta Innovative Service, Inc., of Kansas City, Kansas in the amount of \$116,937 for Diemer Hall roof replacement and \$115,579 for Hosey Hall Roof Replacement; and (2) award of contract to Weathercraft, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri in the amount of \$815,871 for replacement of the Elliott Union roof. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright.*

With regard to the University's older facilities, Mr. Phillips asked at what point it becomes ineffective and costly to continue making improvements. Mr. Brady added that consideration should be given to conducting an overall review of the condition of student housing to determine future plans for improvements. Director of Housing Patrick Bradley stated that the current Housing Master Plan covering a 15-year span includes two resident halls for possible demolition – Hawkins Hall and the Fraternity Complex. Mr. Brady asked about Hudson Hall, which Mr. Bradley responded that Hudson Hall will not be paid for in full until 2016.

Mr. Baker agreed that a study should be conducted, but that it should include all campus buildings. In addition to their current condition and any deferred maintenance, Mr. Baker would also like the study to include the current use of the buildings and indicate whether they are vacant, as this presents liability issues for the University.

Dr. Ambrose stated that the University will provide a census on all facilities that will include the current usage. He is meeting with representatives of Gould Evans later in the day to begin the review process of the University's facilities. This information will be shared with the Board once it is gathered. Mr. Wright suggested that once all the information has been collected, this would be a good topic for a future Work Session.

Mr. Brady called for the question. The motion, as presented, was unanimously approved.

## **FY 2012 Operating Budget** – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 11 of the meeting materials, which contained a briefing paper that provided a conceptual outline of the proposed FY 2012 Budget (Attachment 7). Mr. Merrigan presented this information in a Power Point (included with Attachment 7). *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the concept of the proposed FY 2012 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried unanimously. A more specific, detailed budget will be provided to the Board following the completion of Administrative Review.*

**Board Business**

**Appointment of Nominating Committee** – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hicklin announced the appointment of a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for FY 2012. Serving on the committee are Governors Wright, Long, and Phillips. A slate of new officers will be presented to the Board at its June meeting.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 14

There being no further business to discuss, *Mr. Phillips moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Attachments Listing*

<u><i>Attachment No.</i></u>	<u><i>Attachment Description</i></u>
<i>1</i>	<i>Enrollment Update</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Power Point Presentation – THRIVE Program</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>International Enrollment Update</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – Amendment of Charter Schools Agreements</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – New Tuition Rate for School District Professional Development Classes</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – Roof Replacements</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Briefing Paper and Power Point Presentation – FY 2012 Budget</i>