

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Work Session
February 11, 2016

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 2:00 p .m. on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Other Board members present included Governors Gus Wetzell, Mary Dandurand, Weldon Brady, Mary Long, and John Collier. Mr. Walter Hicklin also participated in the meeting by conference call. Others in attendance included University President Charles Ambrose; Sean Tassi representing interim General Counsel Hayley Hanson of Husch Blackwell LLC; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman. Presenters included Richard Phillips and Gary Abrams of the University's Foundation Board of Directors and Jason Drummond, Vice President for University Development /Executive Director of the UCM Foundation.

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

Update on Foundation Strategic Planning Process – Agenda Item No. 1

Messrs. Richard Phillips and Gary Abrams provided an update on the Foundation's strategic planning process.

Mr. Abrams stated that under Dr. Drummond's leadership, the Foundation's endowment moved from a flat \$35 million to \$50 million. Additionally, the Foundation has contributed \$15-20 million in scholarships for students. A national search was initiated to recruit the best and brightest alumni to the Foundation Board of Directors, which now includes 45 alumni members serving on nine different committees. He closed his remarks by saying he feels the Board is poised to do great things.

Mr. Phillips echoed Mr. Abrams sentiments and explained the format of the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 1), that included a review of *Transformation 2025* and its four goals to -- 1) Invigorate Engagement; 2) Cultivate Service; 3) Inspire Impact; and 4) Optimize Performance. He also reviewed the 13 strategies related to the goals that anticipate specific outcomes. Mr. Phillips explained that *Transformation 2025* is not a capital campaign, but an initiative to help infuse dollars into the University. Mr. Brady noted that it's been nearly 20 years since the University held a capital campaign. Mr. Phillips said the University is not positioned for a capital campaign at this time, and that a SWOT analysis would be needed to ensure the correct infrastructure is in place to successfully carry one out.

President Ambrose commended the Foundation Board and its attentiveness to student success through the award of scholarship monies. He noted that the same level of engagement is needed from alumni. Discussion followed concerning the disengagement of alumni and matters that need to be addressed to begin building engagement and philanthropy among alumni.

President Ambrose discussed some of the resources that are required to initiate a capital campaign including an investment in people, space and operating dollars for the Advancement Division. Also, there will need to be collaboration between the Board of Governors, Foundation Board, and UCM's Administration to determine the campaign's purpose.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Foundation Board of Directors for the investment of time and interest for the betterment of the University and its students.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 2

President Ambrose began his legislative update (Attachment 2) by reporting that Governor Nixon has proposed a 6% increase in the FY 2017 budget for higher education. However, the House has recommended only a 2% increase, with a 0% increase for the University of Missouri System. With regard to performance funding, UCM met all five of the criteria and will receive 100% of its appropriation from the fund.

In other legislative news, President Ambrose stated that much attention has been given to the University of Missouri System and events that have occurred related to race relations. LuAnn Madsen of Madsen & Wright was in attendance at the Work Session, and shared that the House Appropriations Committee on Higher Education Committee.

President Ambrose reviewed bills proposed by Senators Dixon and Munzlinger that would remove a current ban on carrying concealed firearms in higher education institutions. UCM will attempt to have dialogue with these bills' sponsors and recommend that restrictions be placed on who is permitted to carry concealed weapons on campuses. With respect to UCM, restrictions would likely be for uniformed and plain clothes police officers. President Ambrose stated that COPHE is unified on the issue; however, institutions vary from campus to campus with regard to who should be permitted to carry concealed firearms.

Other legislation reviewed included bills sponsored by Representative Chipman that would prohibit public higher education institutions from requiring students to live on campus or to purchase a meal plan; by Representative Dohrmann that requires graduates of two- and four- year institutions of higher education in Missouri to successfully complete a three-credit hour course in the freedom of speech.

President Ambrose stated that earlier this year he and Board President Wright had an opportunity to visit the State Auditor in her office and to share information about UCM. Soon after, UCM received notice that an audit was being conducted of the five performance metrics that the University had recently met. Dr. Wetzel asked why UCM was selected for the audit and President Ambrose responded that there was no known reason and that other public institutions in the State of similar size were also being audited.

President Ambrose closed his report by sharing there is consensus among all public four-year higher education institutions in the State to have a bill sponsored by the Senate that would remove restrictions that prevent these institutions from offering doctorate programs. President Ambrose asked for the Board's guidance in this matter. The Board was supportive of making strong efforts to have such a bill introduced.

Other – Agenda Item No. 3

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – February 11, 2016 – Agenda Item No. 4

Dr. Long moved that pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors meet in closed meeting, with closed record and closed vote, for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Marvin E. Wrigh</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>		

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	PowerPoint - UCM Alumni and Foundation Strategic Plan Progress Update
2	Bill Status Report