

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session Minutes
August 23, 2018

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Elliott Student Union, Room 237B, on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President John Collier. Other Board members attending the meeting included Marvin E. Wright, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Gus Wetzel, Walter Hicklin, Stephen Abney, and Casey Short. Also present were Interim President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Collier welcomed Dr. Best in his new role as interim president and thanked him on behalf of the Board for his willingness to provide leadership to the University. Mr. Collier also welcomed new Board members Stephen Abney and Student Governor Casey Short.

The Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Wetzel and recognized his years of service as Board President from 2016-2018. Mr. Collier presented Dr. Wetzel a proclamation highlighting the accomplishments of the Board and the University under his leadership, and presented him an engraved gavel commemorating his service.

Oath of Office – Agenda Item No. 3

Associate Judge W. Sue Dodson of Missouri's 17th Circuit Court, was present and administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board members Stephen Abney and Casey Short, and to reappointed Board members Mary Long and Gus Wetzel.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 4

Dr. Best stated he looked forward to working with the Board and thanked members for the opportunity to serve as interim president. He noted a community celebration was planned for later in the day to recognize the service of Dr. Charles Ambrose, and to wish him and his wife Kris well in their new endeavor. Dr. Best welcomed Mr. Abney and Ms. Short to the Board, and closed by thanking Dr. Wetzel for his past service as Board President. Dr. Best also thanked Mr. Collier for the leadership he will provide as current Board President.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

The Consent Agenda included the following action items:

- Approval of the June 29, 2018, Plenary Session Minutes
- Emeritus Status Requests for Janet Wiggins, Loretta Bauer, and Pamela Glasnapp (Attachment 1)

Informational items included as part of the Consent Agenda were Annual Investment Report (Attachment 2) and Annual Debt Service Report (Attachment 3).

Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the June 28, 2018, Plenary Session Minutes, and the award of emeritus status to Janet Wiggins, Loretta Bauer, and Pamela Glasnapp. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.

Reports/Updates

University Update – Agenda Item No. 6

Dr. Best provided a University update that included highlights of activities and events associated with the start of a new school year including Freshmen Convocation held earlier in the month. As freshmen arrived to campus and other students returned over the weekend, many offices opened on Sunday so that students could attend to matters before starting classes on Monday. *Week of Welcome* followed and provided students an opportunity to make friends and acquaintances early in the year. Dr. Best delivered the State of the University Address on August 22; he provided a recap of the Address noting UCM is close to its revenue forecast for the year.

Other highlights included the opening of the *Muleskinner's* new digital lab in the Wood Building, and the recent accreditation of several programs within the College of Health, Science and Technology by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Upcoming events include the Big Idea Conference, and the recognition of Joe Fowler by UCM's American Marketing Association chapter as the 2018 Distinguished Marketing Executive. Dr. Best stated there are a number of programs moving forward and several good initiatives that allow for positive engagement with the community.

In closing, Dr. Best announced the death of UCM student Randy Diltz, who was killed in an automobile accident. He expressed appreciation for the Student Experience and Engagement staff who worked with the family during a difficult time. Dr. Best also announced faculty emerita Wanda Beard recently passed away.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

Dr. Best met with local legislators over the past couple of weeks to discuss legislative priorities. He noted two of the three local delegates are UCM alumni, and all have been, and continue to be supportive of the University. Dr. Best intends to engage in conversation with other State Representatives and Senators in the coming weeks and months.

Dr. Best recently attended the Missouri Department of Higher Education’s (MDHE) Coordinating Board retreat, and learned MDHE’s FY 2020 funding recommendation will include efforts to recapture those funds cut over the past couple of years, of which 60% of the dollars, if recovered, would be used for the *Talent for Tomorrow* initiative. The recommendation would require institutions to apply for funds through a competitive process, and the Coordinating Board would be responsible for determining how monies are disbursed. Dr. Best said UCM will participate in discussions related to FY 2020 funding and will continue to monitor MDHE’s activity related to a FY 2020 budget recommendation.

Intercollegiate Athletics Update – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. Hughes provided an annual report highlighting the many accomplishments and achievements of UCM’s student athletes and teams. As part of the presentation, he showed a video that included footage from several of the sporting events. Mr. Hughes expressed appreciation to Katie Richardson and KMOS-TV for putting the video together.

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Collier noted the written governance groups’ reports were included under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 4).

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, stated the Committee did not meet this month.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier today and had a very good discussion surrounding Charter Schools. The Committee had only one action item listed under the Consent Agenda.

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, stated the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda item.

Elliott Student Union Addition-Renovation Project – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley asked Susan Brockhaus to assist with the presentation of this item. Ms. Brockhaus reviewed background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 12 of the meeting packet (Attachment 5) for the Elliott Student Union Addition-Renovation Project. Following completion of the bid process, Westport Construction was determined by a team composed of staff from Facilities Planning and Operations, University Housing and KWK Architects (UCM’s contracted A&E firm for the project) to be the lowest and best bidder at \$4,717,000. It was noted project funding would come from combined proceeds from debt financing and Union Auxiliary Reserves. The Series 2018A Bonds will be payable from pledged Housing System Revenues, including Student Union Fees, and will carry the full strength and credit of the broader University.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve award of contract for construction services for completion of the Elliott Student Union Master Plan Phase I Project to Westport Construction Company of Clinton, Missouri, contingent upon the successful sale of the bonds. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

Board Business

2019 Board Meeting Schedule – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Best reviewed the proposed 2019 Board meeting schedule included under Tab 13 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6). *Mr. Abney moved that the Board adopt the proposed 2019 Board meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Long moved pursuant to the 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. Wright and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzel II</i>	<i>aye</i>		

The Plenary Session concluded at 11:45 a.m.

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Attachments**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Requests
2	Annual Investment Report – Fiscal Year 2018
3	Annual Debt Service Report
4	Governance Groups’ Reports
5	Elliott Student Union Addition-Renovation Project
6	2019 BOG Meeting Schedule and Other Dates