

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Special Plenary Session
May 13, 2020

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in a Special Plenary Session via Zoom Video on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting originated from Room 204 of the Administration Building on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President John Collier. Others participating in the meeting via Zoom Video included Governors Stephen Abney, Marvin E. Wright, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, and Kenneth Weymuth; University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; Vice President for Finance and Operations Bill Hawley; and Executive Director for Administrative Services Susan Brockhaus. Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman participated from Room 204.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Collier called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. It was determined a quorum was present to conduct business. Mr. Hawley was asked to present the following agenda item.

FY 2021 Student Instructional and General Fees – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hawley reviewed information contained in a briefing paper (Attachment) related to proposed FY 2021 Student Instructional and General Fees. He explained in Missouri, tuition and fees are established by the governing board of each Missouri public institution and subsequently reported to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. Mr. Hawley noted that institutions whose tuition is greater than the average tuition of all institutions is subject to the Higher Education Student Funding Act (HESFA), which states a percentage change in tuition shall not exceed the percentage change of the consumer price index, or HESFA's penalty and waiver provisions will apply.

UCM is proposing limiting the increase to HESFA-relevant tuition and mandatory fees (in total) to 2.3%. This percent equals a resident undergraduate per-credit hour increase of \$5.93 or a cumulative full-year resident undergraduate load of 30 credit hours increase of \$177.90.

Mr. Hawley outlined the following proposed rate changes:

- no increase to the FY20 booked (and approved) rate of \$237.60 per credit hour for resident undergraduate tuition on the Warrensburg on-campus and at Whiteman Air Force Base but with recommendation to charge the booked rate;
- non-resident undergraduate tuition for Warrensburg on-campus and Whiteman Air Force Base at twice the resident undergraduate on-campus rate;
- no increase to the \$237.60 per credit hour rate for the Missouri Innovation Campus Program undergraduate;
- no increase to the \$283.15 per credit hour rate for Cohort undergraduate and Kodaly undergraduate;
- a \$3.50 per credit hour increase for in-state graduate tuition on-campus and at Whiteman Air Force Base;
- non-resident graduate tuition for Warrensburg on-campus and Whiteman Air Force Base at twice the resident graduate on-campus rate;

- an increase in graduate tuition of \$3.50 per credit hour to on-line, hybrid, entrepreneurial, and Kodaly;
- an increase of \$3.50 per credit hour to on-line Ph.D.;
- no increase to the Business Graduate rate;
- an increase of \$4.55 per credit hour to CS and CIS Graduate with rate applicable regardless of location/mode; and
- an increase of \$2.40 per credit hour to Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment courses; and a 1% increase to Professional Development and Limited Cost courses

Mr. Hawley also reviewed proposed FY 2021 fees outlined in Attachment 2 of the briefing paper. Of particular note was a \$2.90 per credit hour increase in the athletic fee from \$2.04 per credit hour in FY 2020 to \$4.94 per credit hour in FY 2021; and a \$2.60 per credit hour increase in the facilities fee from \$1.52 per credit hour in FY 2020 to \$4.52 in FY 2021. Mr. Hawley noted the athletic fee increase should generate approximately \$686,000 in fee revenue and the facilities fee is expected to generate approximately \$625,500 in fee revenue.

Mr. Wright asked if revenue generated from the athletic fee increase will increase the Athletic Department's budget. Mr. Hawley responded no, the revenue generated from the athletic fee will replace \$700,000 that will be removed from the Athletic Department's general fund in FY 2021 and returned to the University's general fund. Mr. Abney added this reallocates the way programs are funded, utilizing fees rather than funds from the general fund. This is also the case with the facilities fee.

President Best provided additional detail about the HESFA, stating if UCM increased tuition greater than the 2.3% CPI, MDHE's Commissioner would review. However, if the Commissioner denied a waiver, the State could penalize an institution by appropriating fewer dollars. Missouri higher education institutions discussed this among themselves and were in agreement it was not practical to increase tuition more given the current economic environment. Other institutions in the state are considering a 2.3% or less tuition increase.

Mr. Wright asked what enrollment number was assumed when preparing the FY 2021 Student Instructional and General Fees recommendation. President Best said the recommendation was not based on enrollment numbers, but on credit hours generated (191,500 undergraduate credit hours and 3,600 graduate credit hours).

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2021 rates for instructional and student general fees as presented and itemized in Attachments 1 and 2 of the briefing paper. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Request for Closed Session – April 23, 2020 – Agenda Item No. 3

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, contractual matters, personnel matters, and other matters included under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Note: *The Board recessed from Plenary Session at 2:15 p.m. and resumed meeting in Closed Session at 2:25 p.m. The Closed Session ended at 3:29 p.m. at which time the Board resumed meeting in Plenary Session.*

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Wright moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Gus Wetzel II</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>

The meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m.

Note: Ms. Dandurand departed the meeting at 3:27 p.m.