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Requests for State Funding, Display Honoring Carnegie Approved by Board

WARRENSBURG, MO (June 25, 2013) – Two requests for state appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 and a proposal to create a permanent outdoor display for a bust of famous alumnus Dale Carnegie were among action items approved by the University of Central Missouri Board of Governors when it met June 21 on campus.

Following a presentation by John Merrigan vice president of finance, the board approved a \$75.5 million request for state appropriations to cover university operations during FY 15. The total request is an increase of approximately \$20.6 million over FY 2014 appropriations of \$53.9 million (before 3 percent held for the Governor's Reserve). Contributing to the increase is a request to restore the 5 percent appropriation reduction from FY 2011 and the 7 percent reduction for FY 2012. It also includes extra funding to cover a 2 percent employee salary increase, contributions toward the state retirement system (MOSERS), plus inflationary increases to cover health insurance premiums, scholarships, library acquisitions, utilities, and deferred maintenance. Other funding requests are for program initiatives such as Caring for Missourians, The Missouri Innovation Campus, the Missouri Technology Mission, and initiatives related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and health and life sciences. This request must be filed with the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) by Aug. 1.

MDHE also annually solicits requests for capital funding needs from state institutions of higher education, which must be submitted by Aug. 1, 2013. Merrigan said MDHE has placed a priority on renovations rather than new construction, plus a priority on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics buildings. Therefore, UCM has listed the Morris Science Building as its top priority. The university will seek \$43.6 million in funding for the renovation of this facility which supports STEM programs. New construction of a science and math building, estimated at \$65.7 million, is the second priority, followed by renovation of Hendricks Hall, \$19.7 million. Thirteen other projects are also listed.

Following a presentation by Gersham Nelson, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the board approved a request to move forward with a collaborative project between the university and Dale Carnegie & Associates, Inc. to honor one of the university's most famous alumni. A larger-than-life bust of Carnegie owned by the university will be placed at a site west of the flagpole on the quadrangle facing the Administration Building. A pedestal constructed of native limestone and granite will support the bust. Total cost is estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 depending on whether or not UCM physical plant crews do the required construction. The Carnegie Fund, which is generated through enrollment and coursework on campus, has pledged \$2,500 toward the project, and the Department of Communication and Sociology pledges another \$1,500. Additional sources of funding will come from a grant from the college and private pledges and donations from members of the Board of the Carnegians and Dale Carnegie & Associates, Inc. The goal is to have the bust ready for an unveiling ceremony at the Carnegians' convention on campus in mid- to late-September 2013.

Among other items on the agenda, the board approved a contract with Vivature to conduct third-party billing for the University Health Center. The university will enter a one-year contract, with four one-year renewal options to handle student medical claims services.

The board also awarded a mechanical services contract to P1 Group Inc. It will provide labor and materials needed for technical service assistance, repair, modification, new installation, and parts replacement on mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems on an as-needed basis. The contract is for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, with the option to renew in one-year increments, or a portion thereof, for a maximum total of four additional years. The university currently contracts for such services with Foley Company, and its contract is set to expire June 30. Work performed this fiscal year by Foley has cost approximately \$265,000.

Board officers who will continue their posts in FY 13 are Marvin "Bunky" Wright, Columbia, president; Dr. Gus Wetzel II, Clinton, vice president; and Mary Dandurand, Warrensburg, secretary.

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