

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
December 7, 2018

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in UN 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President John Collier. Other Board members present included Governors Marvin E. Wright, Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Stephen Abney, and Walter Hicklin. Governor Mary Dandurand and Student Governor Casey Short were unable to attend the meeting and were excused. Also in attendance were 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 noted a significant event at the University since the Board last met in October – the appointment of Dr. Roger J. Best as UCM's 16th President. Mr. Collier thanked the campus community for its patience and cooperation that was helpful to the Board in making an important unanimous decision.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best expressed appreciation to the Board for providing him the opportunity and honor to serve as UCM's 16th President. He shared that Missouri Governor Parsons was in Warrensburg the preceding day to honor a WWII veteran who is a resident at the Veterans Home. Remarks made during the ceremony, included appreciation for UCM's committed engagement with the Home and its residents.

To close his remarks, President Best introduced Messers. Burnele Powell and Kamau King, both of whom will receive honorary doctorates, UCM's highest award, during Fall Commencement on Saturday. President Best shared that both were students at "Central Missouri State College" during a time of social injustices and inequalities in the late 1960s. Both stood up and took risks, and went on to make positive changes that have affected the lives of many people.

Recognition of Learning to a Greater Degree Award Recipients – Agenda Item No. 4

Ms. Kelly Waldram introduced the Fall 2018 *Learning to a Greater Degree Award* recipients Mr. Daniel Akin, student recipient of award, and Dr. David Kreiner, faculty recipient. The Board extended its congratulations, and Board President Collier and President Best presented commemorative prints and had photos taken with the two recipients.

PLENARY SESSION

Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Collier reviewed the list of items for Board action under the Consent Agenda. They included:

- Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2018, Work Session; October 26, 2018, Plenary Session; and Special Open Session of November 2, 2018
- Emeritus Status Request for Dr. Steve Burns (Attachment 1)
- Establishment of a new Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree program pending approval by the Missouri Department of Higher Education/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (MDHE/CBHE) (Attachment 2)
- Revisions to the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education Degree Program pending approval by MDHE/CBHE (Attachment 3)
- Revisions to the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Degree Program pending approval by MDHE/CBHE (Attachment 4)
- Establishment of a new Master of Science in Education in English Language Learners Degree Program pending approval by MDHE/CBHE (Attachment 5)
- Establishment of an Advertising Minor in the School of Business Administration (Attachment 6)
- Establishment of an Apparel and Textiles Merchandising Certificate pending approval by MDHE/CBHE (Attachment 7)
- Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Agriculture pending approval by MDHE/CBHE (Attachment 8)
- Agreements with Wetzel Concrete LLC, Postoak Agribusiness, and Richter Excavating and Plumbing to provide snow removal services on an as-needed basis for one year, with four (4) one-year renewal options (Attachment 9)

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

REPORTS/UPDATES

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 7

Governance groups' leaders provided the following verbal reports:

- *Faculty Senate* – Faculty Senate President, Dr. Steve Price, thanked the Board for allowing faculty input into its hiring decision of UCM's 16th President. He noted the faculty are overwhelmingly supportive of the decision made to appoint Dr. Roger Best. Dr. Price reported on semester activities of the Senate including development of expectations and roles for faculty under the new advising model; reconstitution of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee; archiving of documents for all Administrative and Faculty Senate Committees; and the hire of a part-time office professional.
- *Staff Council* – Staff Council President, Ms. Beth Rutt, also expressed appreciation to the Board for inviting the Staff Council to provide input to the presidential search process. Like the faculty, staff is pleased with the Board's decision to appoint Dr. Best as UCM's 16th President. Ms. Rutt reported on Staff Council activities for the Fall that included establishing a salary and benefits committee to work with Human Resources; and a presentation made by UCM's Advancement staff regarding the *Gift of Success* program. Ms. Rutt expressed the staff's appreciation for the new performance appraisal form. In closing, she announced a staff appreciation event scheduled for December 12; a Staff Council meeting with Dr. Best to hear more about his vision and institutional goals; and a note of appreciation for Dr. Doug Koch, administrative liaison to the Council, for his regular attendance at meetings and sharing of information.
- *Student Government Association* - Student Government Association President, Ms. Courtney Abt, was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, no report was given.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best shared his excitement for the weekend's Commencements noting that approximately 1,400 students are eligible to graduate -- 715 eligible undergraduate students and 651 eligible graduate students. He commended faculty and staff for all they do to ensure student success and stated Commencement is a celebration of students' accomplishments we can all be a part.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best discussed the new minimum wage law that recently passed increasing the minimum wage rate to \$12 per hour over the course of the next few years. He noted that all state agencies, which include public universities, are exempt from the new law. UCM

will consider its' approach and how it will respond after it has considered all factors; however, for Spring 2019, UCM's current student minimum wage rate will remain the same. President Best shared the proposed gas tax failed, resulting in further pressure on the State to fund roads and highways.

As of December 1, 160 Senate Bills (SB) and 175 House Bills (HB) have been prefiled. Included in these are:

- SB 16 sponsored by Senator Romine creates additional funding for workforce development through an incentive grant.
- SB 43 sponsored by Senator Hoskins legalizes video lottery, with some of the proceeds going to higher education.
- SB 121 sponsored by Senator Burlison modifies provisions to concealed carrying of firearms and lists higher education in the bill. President Best stated UCM would engage with legislators to voice our concerns.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

The Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement did not meet in December.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day to review the action items listed under the Consent Agenda. She thanked Dr. Godard and his staff for all the information they prepared and presented to the Committee.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Bill Hawley to present the following items.

Foundation – Administrative Fee – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Bill Estes joined Mr. Hawley for the presentation and reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 16 (Attachment 10) of the meeting materials. With the Board's approval, the administrative fee for all Alumni Foundation funds functioning as endowments would increase from 1% to 1.5%, effective January 1, 2019.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors authorize an increase of the administrative fee for all Alumni Foundation funds functioning as endowments from 1% to 1.5%, effective January 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

BOG Policy 1.2.090 – Naming Buildings, Rooms, and Special Use Facilities – Agenda Item No. 11

Ms. Chapman provided an overview of proposed revisions (Attachment 11) to BOG Policy 1.2.090, which includes renaming the policy to “Naming Policy.”

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors adopt the proposed revisions to BOG Policy 1.2.090, including renaming it to “Naming Policy.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.

Special Honors & Awards – Posthumous Degree – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Best noted that BOG Policy 1.2.080 – Awards and Honorary Degrees allows for the bestowment of posthumous honorary degrees upon UCM students who die while enrolled in UCM coursework.

On November 4, 2018, Andrew “Drew” Pierson, a 21-year old UCM student from Fredericktown, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly. Drew, a senior in UCM’s Music Technology degree program, was a student excelling in his coursework, not only the engineering work, but also as a composer of creative music and an accomplished guitar performer. As an engineer and performer, he was nearing completion of his senior capstone project: recording and producing an EP-length collection of cover songs and original songs by himself and other students. As a senior, Drew earned 102.5 hours at UCM. At the time of his death, he had completed nearly 70% of the coursework required for a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Technology. Awarding Drew an honorary posthumous degree would recognize and honor his hard work, creativity, joy, and commitment to the UCM Music community.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous honorary degree to Andrew “Drew” Pierson at the Spring 2019 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Wright moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 1:30 p.m.

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Request</i>
2	<i>Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Degree</i>
3	<i>Bachelor of Science in Physical Education Program Revision</i>
4	<i>Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Program Revision</i>
5	<i>Master of Science in Education English Language Learners Degree Program</i>
6	<i>New Advertising Minor</i>
7	<i>Apparel and Textiles Merchandising Certificate</i>
8	<i>Graduate Certificate in Agriculture</i>
9	<i>Snow Removal Services</i>
10	<i>Administrative Fee Increase – Alumni Foundation Funds (Endowments)</i>
11	<i>BOG Policy 1.2.090 – Naming Policy</i>
12	<i>Award of Posthumous Honorary Degree</i>