## University of Central Missouri Board of Governors Plenary Session October 25, 2019

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The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, October 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the 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 present included Governors Stephen Abney, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, and Casey Short. Participating in the meeting by phone was Governor Marvin E. Wright. Governor Walter Hicklin was unable to attend and was excused. Others in attendance were University President Roger Best, General Counsel Lindsay Chapman, Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

## <u>Call to Order</u> – 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 thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. His remarks included the College of Education's Legacy Suite tour the Board took earlier in the morning prior to the Plenary Session. UCM's rich history in teacher education displayed along the hall outside the Legacy Suite was both interesting and impressive. Mr. Collier also remarked on the different university events Board members participated in since the August meeting, and closed by thanking faculty and staff for their efforts to ensure student success.

## Remarks by the University President - Agenda Item No. 3

President Best introduced Student Personnel Management Graduate Program students in attendance and asked each of them to stand to introduce themselves. Following this introduction, President Best noted what an exciting time of year it is. He reviewed a number of celebrations planned for the weekend including the 50-year celebration of UCM's Aviation program and the Centennial celebration of the College of Education. President Best stated the legacy of these programs and all of the alumni who have graduated from them, has had a tremendous impact on the state, the region, and nation. This would not be possible without committed faculty and staff who invest their time engaging with students and connecting in such ways students are able to successfully move into their respective industries and careers.

In closing, Dr. Best expressed appreciation to the Board for participating in this morning's Legacy Suite tour and for its leadership that contributes to celebrations of this nature.

## Consent Agenda - Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Collier asked for a motion to approve the action items listed as part of the consent agenda including:

- Minutes of August 12, 2019 Work Session and August 14, 2019, Plenary Session;
- Award of emeritus status to M. Jo Greife (Attachment 1);
- Amendment of contract between the University of Central Missouri and Hogan Preparatory Academy, extending the term for one year from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021 (Attachment 2);
- Establishment of a Master of Science in Sport Management in the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies, effective fall 2020, contingent upon the approval of the Missouri Department of Higher Education (Attachment 3);
- Establishment of a Master of Science in Physical Education in the College of Education, effective fall 2020, contingent upon the approval of the Missouri Department of Higher Education (Attachment 4); and
- Proposed changes to BOG Policy 1.2.110 Immunization Policy (Attachment 5)

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the above listed action items included under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Mr. Collier noted information items listed as part of the Consent Agenda and included in the meeting materials. These included:

- Written governance groups reports (Attachment 6);
- Academic Year Calendars for 2021-22 through 2024-25 (Attachment 7);
- Status of Faculty Report (Attachment 8);
- FY 2020 First Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 9);
- FY 2020 First Quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenses (Attachment 10); and
- Campus Technology Report (Attachment 11)

#### **University Update** - Agenda Item No. 5

President Best expressed appreciation for all of the Board's work during the preceding day's committee meetings and Work Session, noting the extensive amount of time spent discussing several of the action items on the Plenary Session Consent Agenda.

In August, the Board approved the University's Strategic Plan as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee and recommended by the President. Part of the President's recommendation was for the Board to charge the University with developing an action plan. President Best said President's Council members are working on various sections of the Strategic Plan and as part of that, working with different constituencies to gather

additional input in order to more formally define action plans for both the short- and long-term. A full report that includes actions plans will be presented to the Board at the December meeting. Dr. Best added he will meet with various campus governance groups and constituencies in November to provide updates on the Strategic Plan.

## **Legislative Update** - Agenda Item No. 6

President Best introduced David Pearce, UCM's new Executive Director of Governmental Relations, and invited him to provide an overview of some of the things he will be working on.

Mr. Pearce thanked the Board and President Best for the opportunity to serve UCM in his new role. With regard to his work, Mr. Pearce said the Legislative Session begins January 8 and will continue through mid-May. While he has already been meeting with people, Mr. Pearce's future plans include visits with the State's House and Senate Education and Budget Committees' Chairs; establishing a UCM presence in Washington, D.C.; following up with contacts and statewide Representatives of the General Assembly; and reaching out to UCM's governance groups.

### Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, said the Committee met the previous day. The Committee had no action items on the agenda; however, had a panel discussion with Residence Hall Community Advisors which was informative and insightful. Ms. Dandurand noted the student body voted on a new student fee that will be presented to the Board in December for approval.

#### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Long, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said the Committee met the previous day and received several reports. Action items were discussed and forwarded to the full Board for consideration as part of the Consent Agenda. A more extensive report on Charter Schools will be provided at the December meeting.

#### **Board Committee on Finance & Administration**

Mr. Abney, Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee, said the Committee met the previous day to receive and discuss several items, many of which were listed as informational under the Consent Agenda. RubinBrown LLC gave the external audit report during Work Session. Mr. Abney asked Mr. Hawley to give the report on the following agenda item.

## **External Audit Report** - Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Hawley reported the external audit (Attachment 12) conducted by RubinBrown LLC resulted in a clean opinion for UCM with no findings. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors accept the external report as prepared and presented by RubinBrownLLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.* 

## **Board Business**

## Posthumous Degree - Agenda Item No. 8

President Best shared that UCM student Joshua Mosbey passed away on June 22, 2019. Joshua was working towards a BS in Computer Information Systems and was near completing his degree. Joshua meets the criteria for award of a posthumous degree in accordance with BOG Policy – 1.2.080 – Awards and Honorary Degrees (Attachment 13).

Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous degree to Joshua Mosbey at the December 13, 2019, fall commencement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 9

There being no further business to discuss, *Ms. Dandurand moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m.

# University of Central Missouri Board of Governors Plenary Session October 25, 2019 Attachment Listing

Attachment Description
Emeritus Status Request
Contract Extension of Hogan Preparatory
Academy Charter
MS in Sport Management
MS in Physical Education
Immunization Policy Update
Written Governance Groups Reports
Academic Year Calendars for 2021-22
through 2024-25
Status of Faculty Report
FY 2020 First Quarter Investment Report
FY 2020 First Quarter Statement of
Revenues & Expenses
Campus Technology Report
External Audit Report
Posthumous Degree Award