

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session Minutes**  
**January 20, 2021**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Kenneth Weymuth, Gus Wetzel, and Zachary Racy. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated virtually by phone. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

*Note: Due to the restriction of the number of people permitted in the meeting room, the Plenary Session was livestreamed.*

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Plenary Session**

**Consent Agenda** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney noted that based on that morning's committee meetings, only the following items remained on the Plenary Consent Agenda as action items –

- Approval of the December 10, 2020, meeting minutes; and
- Award of contract for Todd Dining Hall Renovation Project to PARIC Corporation for \$1,633,683 to include all labor, materials and provisions necessary for remodeling (Attachment 1)

Mr. Abney also listed the Consent Agenda informational items –

- FY 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 2); and
- FY 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Attachment 3)

*Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the listed action items and to accept the informational items. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

## Reports/Updates

### Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Pearce noted that as of 11:00 a.m. this morning, the United States has a new president. With regard to the state of Missouri, Governor Parson, Lieutenant Governor Kehoe, Secretary of State Ashcroft, Treasurer Fitzpatrick, and Attorney General Schmitt were sworn in early last week; and days prior, members of the state legislature took their oath of office. Governor Parson will deliver the State of the State Address on January 27, which will include his budget priorities for the upcoming session. On February 10, UCM will launch its Sesquicentennial festivities with both House and Senate Resolutions presented in their Chambers and possibly visits with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Pearce said to date 403 Senate bills and 849 House bills have been filed for the 2021 Legislative Session. Mr. Pearce added he is monitoring 26 bills related to higher education that include:

- HB 682 (Representative Chipman) that prohibits any two-year on-campus residency requirement for students;
- HB 681 (Representative Chipman) prohibiting universities from collecting fees for health care from those students that have health insurance. Mr. Pearce expressed concern, noting students recently adopted implementation of a mental health student fee, which if HB 681 passed, it could invalidate the students' decision. These concerns will be shared with Representative Chipman; and
- SB 117 (Senator Burlison) and HB 86 (Representative Taylor) related to carrying weapons on campuses, continues to be a concern for UCM. If passed, universities would not be able to ban firearms on campus.

In addition to the bills listed above, Mr. Pearce will monitor 10 bills related to Charter Schools. Other activities include hosting Representative Kurtis Gregory of District 51 on campus in December and continued receipt and processing of fiscal note requests. To date, UCM has received approximately 155 fiscal note requests. Given the current status of Covid-19, the legislative visit planned to Washington, D.C. this spring by President Best and Mr. Pearce, has been cancelled.

Mr. Pearce discussed a \$900 billion Covid-19 bill passed by Congress just before Christmas and signed by President Trump in late December. The bill contained an Education Stabilization fund of \$81.8 billion of which 28 percent, or \$22.7 billion will go to higher education. Of this amount, UCM will receive approximately \$8.754 million in institutional support and \$3.585 million in student support. Mr. Racy asked how the student support funds would be allocated and the time frame for doing so. Mr. Pearce responded student support dollars will be allocated for exceptional student needs and that we are awaiting more information and guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. President Best

added some of the delay is due to the changes in the administration that are currently occurring. In closing his report, Mr. Pearce introduced Governmental Relations intern Michael Lewis.

**Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement**

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and received an update on the Pertle Springs project from Ms. Beth Rutt. She encouraged people to visit Pertle Springs if they haven't done so recently. The Committee also received a report on fundraising from Ms. Courtney Goddard, noting that funds raised to date are exceeding projections. Ms. Goddard also provided a status update of campaigns and of the University's Sesquicentennial plans.

**Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, also reported the Committee met earlier in the day. The Committee received a report regarding the impact of Covid-19 on faculty and students, and will continue receiving regular updates.

**Board Committee on Finance & Administration**

The Finance and Administration Committee met earlier in the day. Mr. Collier, Chair of the Committee, reported there were several items for the Committee to consider. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda item.

**Proposed New Course Fees** – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Hawley presented supporting reasons for establishing the following new course fees which were also provided in a briefing paper included under Tab 8 of the meeting materials (Attachment 4).

AT 5610	\$145
AT 5620	\$145
AT 5630	\$160
AT 5660	\$ 35
AT 6620	\$ 65
ART 4222	\$ 70
ART 4424	\$ 60
ART 4425	\$ 60
ART 4730	\$ 60
ENGT 1027	\$ 25
NUR 5421	\$ 80

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the new course fees listed above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Other** – Agenda Item No. 5

There was no other business to discuss.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 6

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m.*

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Attachment Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	Todd Dining Hall Project
2	FY 2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report
3	FY 2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenses
4	Proposed New Course Fees