Presidential Update
June 23, 2008

Accreditations

- The National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation has continued the University of Central Missouri’s (UCM) accreditation in good standing. The commission’s next review will be during the 2016-17 academic year.

- The Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education Board has accepted the Program Assessment Report and continued accreditation of UCM’s program at the baccalaureate level. The next review and site visit is scheduled for 2012.

Program Approvals – Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE)

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved the following at its June 12, 2008, meeting:

- UCM’s proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry degree.
- UCM’s proposal to continue offering the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Management degree at UCM’s Summit Center in Lee’s Summit, Missouri.
- UCM’s proposal to (1) delete the “functional major” option in Business Teacher Education and Mathematics, and (2) remove the word “major” from the options in Business Teacher Education and Mathematics for the BSE, Secondary Education degree.

Master Plan Update

Consultants from Gould Evans have been working with a campus committee on the development of a Campus Master Plan. Phase 1 and 2A have been completed. Work will soon commence on Phase 2B and a final draft of the Master Plan will be submitted to the Board of Governors this fall.
**Autism Clinic Earmark Update**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services notified UCM that the federal earmark ($286,898) for Phase 1 of the Midwest Clinic for Autism Spectrum Disorders should arrive soon. A project start date is anticipated for July 2008.

**PGM Program Update**

Work continues at the golf range in preparation for a PGM program, and turf is now in place. An accreditation site visit will occur this summer. We anticipate the driving range will open in September 2008.

**Behavior Crisis Team**

A Behavior Crisis Team was recently established to respond to employee-related issues, and will be called into action if an employee is identified as an immediate threat to himself or herself or to the campus community. A similar type of team exists for student-related issues.

**“Central Tix” One-stop Ticketing System**

UCM’s major ticketing operations are working together to develop a “one-stop” ticketing system, where customers can purchase tickets for any type of major campus event. Such a system will be installed by July 1, 2008, for the Fall Performing Arts Series, theatre and music performance seasons. Once the system is piloted, it is hoped that Intercollegiate Athletics will join the partnership, as well.

**Multipurpose Building Bleacher Replacement**

A contract was awarded to Reasbeck Construction for the replacement of bleachers in the Multipurpose Building. The project will be completed in time for the fall athletic season.

**Food/Facilities Consultant**

Arthur M. Manask & Associates of Burbank, California, has been retained to work with UCM Facilities and Food Services committees to define needed food service and facility management services and operations; develop Scope of Work activities; develop RFP and evaluation criteria and assist in the evaluation of vendor proposals, contract development and negotiation; and conduct a “Facility Management Self-Perform Study” to determine implementation costs and issues for UCM’s self-operation facility management services. UCM anticipates recommending award of facilities management and food services contract(s) to the Board of Governors in the March/April 2009 time frame.
**Energy Savings Initiative**

UCM has retained the services of a consultant to assist it in preparing a Request for Proposals for an Energy Service Company (ESCO) performance contract. The ESCO will work with UCM to become as operationally efficient as possible. It is anticipated that a recommendation for an ESCO will be submitted to the Board of Governors this fall.

**Airport Update**

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved air space requirements identified in the Swisher Skyhaven Airport master plan. This allows UCM to move forward with its proposed runway expansion and development. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources has issued a permit for UCM to begin an airport grading project, which will begin early this fall.

**House Bill 1678**

On June 11, Governor Blunt traveled to Warrensburg for a special signing ceremony for House Bill 1678, an omnibus military bill that provides educational grants for family members of Missouri’s military and helps ease the transition for military children from one school to another as their parents are transferred. The Missouri Returning Heroes Education Act is part of the bill and allows combat veterans to attend public higher educations institutions at a rate of no more than $50 per credit hour. President Podolefsky made remarks as part of the ceremony, and shared that UCM is working on some initiatives to assist service members, Veterans, and their families to obtain a higher education.

**Departmental Restructuring – College of Education**

Effective July 1, 2008, the College of Education will eliminate the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and create two new areas – the Department of Elementary and Childhood Education chaired by Dr. Sharon Lamson, and the Department of Educational Foundations and Literacy chaired by Dr. Carl “Skip” Grigsby. Other changes involve moving the Child and Family Development Program to the Department of Educational Leadership and Human Development, and the Middle School-Junior High School Program to the new Department of Educational and Foundations and Literacy. The college’s Education Technology Program will move to the Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Alliance for Innovation and Research in Education has been created to seek external funding for new and existing projects.

**Missouri Broadcasters Association Award**

KMOS-TV was awarded first place in the category of Public Service Announcement or Campaign by the Missouri Broadcasters Association, for the station’s Veteran’s History project.