

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Teleconference
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The University of Central Missouri's Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session via teleconference on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. Participating in the meeting from ADM 204 on the main campus of the University of Central Missouri were Governors Delores Hudson and Anthony Arton. Participating by phone were Board President Lawrence Fick and Governors Jennifer Nixon, Palmer Nichols II, Michelle Wimes, and Richard Phillips. Ms. Williams was unavailable to participate in the meeting and was excused. Others present at the meeting were University President Aaron Podolefsky, General Counsel Judith Siminoe, Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman, Dr. Rich Morrell, Dr. Betty Roberts, Dr. George Wilson, Dr. Corey Bowman, Dr. Sonny Castro, Dr. Odin Jurkowski, Mr. Patrick Bradley, and Mr. Mike DeVries. Mr. Mike Greife representing UCM's media relations and student reporter Dominic Godfrey of *The Muleskinner* were also present.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Fick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

FY 2008 Room & Board Rates – Agenda Item No. 2

Dr. Morrell reviewed information previously provided to the Board regarding proposed room and board rates for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). He noted that the information was presented to the Student Government Association who supported the proposed increase with a vote of 22-4. The information was also presented to the Residence Hall Association who was also receptive to the proposal.

It was noted that with the proposed increases, UCM still ranks ninth lowest of twelve universities in the state of Missouri. Mr. Nichols expressed concern that this is not necessarily a positive thing and explained that if the revenue generated through minimal increases made each year is not sufficient enough to make the improvements necessary to appeal to our students, the university will have difficulty retaining students in campus housing. He said greater effort needs to be placed on increasing revenue so that these improvements can be made. Dr. Morrell said that a Housing Master Plan is being developed and that he would like to work with members of the Board to optimize the plan and to discuss further how future room and board rates could be structured to obtain the desired results for the students.

It was reported during the discussion that University Housing has set aside \$1.5 million for capital improvements. Of this amount \$1 million will come from the Housing maintenance budget, and \$500,000 will come from the additional revenue generated from the increase. It was

also noted that the Housing Master Plan will include a financial and marketing analysis of the local community and the state.

Ms. Hudson moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed room and board rates for FY 2008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wimes and carried with the following roll call vote:

Lawrence Fick	aye	Jennifer Nixon	aye
Palmer Nichols II	aye	Delores Hudson	aye
Michelle Wimes	aye	Richard Phillips	aye

Note: Ms. Nixon exited the teleconference following this vote.

Special Honors & Awards – Agenda Item No. 2

President Podolefsky presented the names of Representative Ike Skelton and Mr. Walt Hicklin for the Board’s consideration of granting special honors and awards. Representative Skelton was recommended for an honorary degree, Doctors of Law, and Mr. Hicklin was recommended for the Distinguished Service Award. Background information was provided to the Board about each individual (Attachment 2)

Ms. Wimes moved that the Board of Governors bestow upon Congressman Ike Skelton the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, during an upcoming commencement ceremony. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nichols and carried with the following roll call vote:

Lawrence Fick	aye	Palmer Nichols II	aye
Delores Hudson	aye	Michelle Wimes	aye
Richard Phillips	aye		

Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors present Walt Hicklin with the Distinguished Service Award during Spring 2007 commencement exercises. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nichols and carried with the following roll call vote:

Lawrence Fick	aye	Palmer Nichols II	aye
Delores Hudson	aye	Michelle Wimes	aye
Richard Phillips	aye		

Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 3

Ms. Wimes moved that pursuant to RSMO 610.021, and as published in the meeting notice, that the Board of Governors of the University of Central Missouri meet in closed meeting, with closed record and closed vote, following this meeting, via teleconference, for the purpose of considering:

- a. Lease, purchase, or sale of real estate pursuant to RSMO Sec. 610.021 (2);
- b. Pending legal actions, litigation pursuant to RSMO Sec. 610.021 (1);
- c. Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of personnel pursuant to RSMO Sec. 610.021 (3); and
- d. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to RSMO Sec. 610.021 (13).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Hudson and carried with the following roll call vote:

Lawrence Fick	aye	Palmer Nichols II	aye
Delores Hudson	aye	Michelle Wimes	aye
Richard Phillips	aye		

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Background Information on FY 2008 Room & Board Rates
2	Special Honors & Awards Background Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Honorary Doctorate (Doctor of Laws) Representative Ike Skelton- Distinguished Service Award Mr. Walt Hicklin