

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Work Session
Meeting Summary
February 26, 2009

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened a Work Session on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Richard Phillips. Other Board members in attendance were Governors Walter Hicklin, Weldon Brady, Deleta Williams, Lawrence Fick, Edward Baker, and Ryan Sanders. Also present were University President Aaron Podolefsky, Interim General Counsel Marvin Wright, Incoming General Counsel Henry Setser, and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

April 2009 Board of Governors Meeting

The Board agreed to change the April 16, 2009, meeting date to April 23, 2009, in order to accommodate Board members' schedules.

Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Annual Meeting

Mr. Phillips reminded the Board that the AGB Annual Meeting would be held April 19-21, 2009, in San Diego, California and asked if any Board member was interested in attending. Mr. Hicklin expressed interest. He will check his schedule and advise Ms. Huffman.

Note Card

The Board discussed having note cards printed for the Board's use in expressing appreciation and thanks to employees and others. The Board agreed to a simple design that would include an imprint of the university seal and an insert for Board members' business cards. Board members agreed that these cards should be reserved for individual Board member use and should not be sent on behalf of the entire Board.

Presidential Evaluation

Mr. Hicklin distributed a first draft of the presidential evaluation form (Attachment 1). He reminded the Board that at the January meeting, he and Mary Long offered to work together on the document; however, Governor Nixon recently suspended unconfirmed appointments made by former Governor Blunt including Ms. Long's. Mr. Hicklin asked Board members and President Podolefsky to take some time to review the document and to provide him with suggestions and ideas for how the form can be improved.

Mr. Phillips advised the Board that he spoke with Ms. Long and she has resubmitted her application to the Governor's office for consideration.

Muleskinner Article

President Podolefsky informed the Board that the most recent edition of the student newspaper, *The Muleskinner*, published a short article announcing him as a candidate for the presidency at the University of Central Arkansas. He clarified that although he may have been nominated for the position, he has not applied for it, nor has he been contacted by anyone to determine his interest.

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

President Podolefsky explained that each year, UCM submits data to the National Center for Education Statistics who then compares the information against data submitted by UCM's peer institutions. He distributed a copy of the 2008 IPEDS Data Feedback Report (Attachment 2) that provides the results.

Lions Lake Initiative

President Podolefsky informed the Board that he recently met with a citizen group who is undertaking an initiative to clean up Lions Lake, which borders UCM's Pertle Springs. An e-mail was sent to the Board earlier this week advising members of the initiative and UCM's potential interest in being a community partner. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$115,000, and UCM was asked to be a Platinum sponsor at \$10,000. The Board discussed the current budget situation and the perception it could give on campus if the university were to make such a commitment at a time when there is uncertainty with the budget. The Board concurred that if the budget outlook becomes more positive, future consideration could be given to sponsoring the initiative.

Funding Proposal Listing

President Podolefsky distributed a packet of state and federal funding proposals that he recently shared with members of the Legislature for consideration in the use of stimulus dollars (Attachment 3). He added that the stimulus package includes funding for such projects with an Energy Services Company (ESCO) that UCM is presently considering. President Podolefsky said that the Governor is impressed with the university's initiatives in this area. Additionally, the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) recently asked UCM for a One-Time Project Wishlist. President Podolefsky distributed the list that was submitted to MDHE (Attachment 4). He noted that UCM has received \$1.6 million in federal funding as a result of the proposals he has shared with Congressional delegates during his visits to Washington, D.C. over the past few years.

2009 – 2010 Room and Board Rates

The Board discussed its philosophy concerning room and board rates for 2009-2010. The Board felt strongly that there should be no increases to UCM's room and board rates for the 2009-2010 school year, given the current economy and agreement with the Governor that no tuition increases would be made for the next school year.

The Board also discussed its philosophy regarding improvements to the residence halls and more specifically, the relationship between residence hall improvements and increased rates. The Board agreed that residence hall improvements are needed and that the university should look at different models for making such improvements and applying increased rates after improvements and renovations are made. President Podolefsky said he would look into this further.

Vice President for University Advancement Position

President Podolefsky reminded the Board that late last fall, the Board placed an indefinite hold on the search for a Vice President for University Advancement. He said that a decision needs to be made soon concerning whether the university should proceed with a search or consider other alternatives. President Podolefsky proposed one alternative that could create significant salary savings. The Board was supportive of the President's proposal and concurred that the situation could always be reevaluated. President Podolefsky will proceed with discussing his proposal with the appropriate staff.

FY 2010 Budget Planning

President Podolefsky stated that two town hall meetings were recently held on campus to discuss budget projections for FY 2010. He distributed the FY 2010 Budget Scenario and UCM Town Hall Budget Discussion Power Point Presentation made during the town hall meetings (Attachment 5). President Podolefsky said it will be important to cut the budget fairly and to reallocate strategically. A reallocation of \$1.7 million is needed in order to meet the mandatory cost increases for FY 2010. President Podolefsky encouraged the Board to review the materials he distributed and to call him directly if they should hear rumors concerning the budget or the planning process for FY 2010.

Letter to President

President Podolefsky addressed some of the items listed in a recent letter he received from the Board. He noted that the former General Counsel served as a member of the President's Cabinet until the time she left the university. President Podolefsky reminded the Board that Mr. Setser begins his full-time employment with UCM on March 3, at which time President Podolefsky will work with Mr. Setser to determine the best time to bring him on the Cabinet.

In regard to the Board's suggestion that a policy be established for the review of contracts, President Podolefsky stated that he previously advised Mr. Setser that he would like for him to work with Vice President Roberts to establish such a policy once he begins his full-time employment in March. President Podolefsky noted that he identified the need for such a policy 1-1/2 years ago when he learned of a long-term contract that had been entered into without his knowledge.

In regard to fundraising, President Podolefsky stated that in today's economy there is much focus on people helping people. For this reason he is considering initiating a scholarship campaign.

Regarding the General Counsel's position description, President Podolefsky said one does exist and that it was recently updated for the General Counsel search. He will review the position description with Mr. Setser to determine if changes are needed.

ESCO Investment Grade Audit

Mr. Brady noted that if the UCM Board of Governors were to approve Option 1 of the ESCO Investment Grade Audit presentation, it would be UCM's largest indebtedness. He suggested that a special meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee be scheduled to allow Board members the opportunity to gain more knowledge and information about the project. Mr. Brady suggested that the committee meet separately with UCM staff and Trane representatives. More specifically, Mr. Brady asked that 15-20 minutes be allotted to meet with staff only, followed by a Q&A session with Trane representatives. Mr. Brady said the Board needs more information before making such a commitment. Mr. Baker added that he has concerns about the technology systems and questioned if Trane has considered multi-V systems.

The Board concurred that a special Administration and Finance Committee meeting should be held and that any Board member wishing to attend should do so. Ms. Huffman will make the necessary arrangements and advise the Board of the meeting date, time and location.

Board of Governors Bylaws

Mr. Brady expressed concern regarding delegation of authority to the President under Article XVII of the Board of Governors Bylaws as it relates to major reorganizations. He also expressed concern regarding the timely notification to the Board of new hires reporting directly to the president, deans and other high profile positions. It was suggested that Mr. Brady, Mr. Setser, and President Podolefsky meet to review the Bylaws and prepare revised language for presentation to the Board. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Attachment Listing*

<u><i>Attachment No.</i></u>	<u><i>Attachment Description</i></u>
<i>1</i>	<i>Draft Presidential Evaluation Form</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System 2008 Feedback Report (IPEDS)</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Federal and State Funding Proposals</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>One-Time Project Wishlist</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>FY 2010 Budget Scenario and UCM Town Hall Budget Discussion PowerPoint</i>