

*University of Central Missouri*  
*Board of Governors*  
*Work Session*  
*August 27, 2010*

The University of Central Missouri Board of Governors held a work session on Friday, August 27, 2010, in Union 117 at 8:30 a.m. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Walter Hicklin. Other Board members in attendance were Weldon Brady, Richard Phillips, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Marvin Wright, and Darren Doherty. Mr. Baker joined the meeting via conference call. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; Chair of the Presidential Transition Team Gordon Lamb; General Counsel Henry Setser; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Presidential Transition Update** – Agenda Item No. 2

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Dr. Lamb and other members of the Presidential Transition Team who worked hard over the summer months. He asked Dr. Lamb to provide an update of the Committee's work. Included with the meeting materials was an Executive Summary that provided an overview of the findings from the Committee (Attachment 1). Dr. Lamb's presentation included the opportunities and challenges identified through meetings with 24 different groups.

Opportunities

- Distance learning and online courses
- Expansion and development of programs
- Partnerships with other institutions (educational and corporate)
- Improvement of graduation and retention rates
- Review of administrative structure

Challenges

- Advertising/Branding
- Updated facilities
- Salaries, benefits and workload
- Recruitment and retention of faculty and staff
- University resources

UCM will have to make decisions related to all of the above. In regard to distance learning, a business model must be developed that appropriates resources to distance learning to assure success.

Dr. Lamb identified and stressed the importance of streamlining programs and reviewing the academic and administrative structure for greater efficiency. UCM must look past the budget concerns for FY 2012. Discussion was also held concerning the need to review and improve UCM's branding strategy. Dr. Lamb stated that the campus is ready to meet and address its challenges.

Members of the Board and President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Dr. Lamb for his leadership and hard work in this presidential transition.

*Note: Dr. Lamb departed the meeting following this report.*

### **AGB/Lumina Foundation Strategic Governance Project** - Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose provided an overview of an AGB developed and Lumina Foundation sponsored project that will help strategically align UCM's leadership and ensure academic and administrative efficiencies and productivity, with a focus on growth and expansion of resources. It is a model that will help UCM move forward during difficult budgetary times.

A copy of the proposal was included with the meeting materials (Attachment 2) Dr. Ambrose indicated that much of the cost is covered by the Lumina Foundation; however, UCM would be responsible for travel and expenses. The Board was in agreement that UCM should participate in the project and encouraged President Ambrose to move forward with making the appropriate arrangements.

### **Board of Governors and Governor Emeritus Lapel Pins**

Mr. Wright stated that he and Ms. Huffman worked with staff over the past several weeks to design a lapel pin (Attachment 3) for the Board of Governors and Governor Emeritus members. This project was initiated as a result of the Board's and the university's relationship to the State of Missouri. The different designs prepared for consideration included the State Seal. A review of the pins resulted in the selection of a round multi-colored pin with red rim. Ms. Huffman was asked to order the pins for the Board of Governors and Governor Emeritus's.

## **2011 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board reviewed possible dates for its 2011 meetings. There was agreement that an August meeting should be added to the annual meeting schedule. A final schedule will be presented to the Board at its September 16 meeting for approval.

*Note: The Board took a short recess from 9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mr. Baker departed the meeting at 9:40 a.m.*

## **Projects Updates** – Agenda Item No. 4

Dr. Betty Roberts and Mr. Chris Wellman joined the meeting and provided a power point presentation to update the Board on multiple projects (Attachment 4). In addition to UCM's projects, the university has been involved with the City of Warrensburg's efforts to obtain a Tiger II Planning Grant for a Highway 13/Macquire Street Corridor Study.

A question was asked related to the agreement for the use of Morrow-Garrison. Dean Rick Sluder who was present for the update stated that he has met several times with the Student Affairs Division and they are close to reaching an agreement that General Counsel can review. Mr. Hicklin noted that before the facility was taken off line for renovation, it contained a fitness room that was available for employee use. Dean Sluder stated the room was moved to the Union when renovations began; however, the newly renovated facility will include a fitness center that will be open for student use when it is not being used for academic purposes. There are discussions to open the facility to employees for a fee. Mr. Hicklin asked that reconsideration be given to charging employees, and noted one of the major benefits of allowing employees to use the facility at no cost is reduced health premiums because people are healthier. Dean Sluder stated that the final agreement would come to the Board for approval.

## **Getting Started** – Agenda Item No. 5

President Ambrose stated that within every community there are many initiatives with which an organization can become involved. He will rely upon the Board to help him make these determinations. The President and the Board were in agreement that the university should be involved in initiatives where there is mutual benefit to the university and that encompass the breadth of the community.

## **Other** – Agenda Item No. 6

There was no other business to discuss.

**Request for Closed Session – August 27, 2010** – Agenda Item No. 7

*Dr. Long moved pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors meet in closed meeting, with closed record, and closed vote, for the purpose of considering personnel and legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried with the following roll call vote:*

<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Richard Phillips</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Marvin Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>

The work session concluded at 11:05 a.m.

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Attachment Listing*

<u><i>Attachment No.</i></u>	<u><i>Attachment Description</i></u>
<i>1</i>	<i>Presidential Transition Update</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>AGB/Lumina Foundation Strategic Leadership Project Proposal</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Lapel Pin – Designs</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Power Point – Projects Updates</i>

