

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Special Teleconference**  
**July 25, 2011**

The University of Central Missouri Board of Governors convened a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. Members participating from ADM 204 included Board President Walter Hicklin and Board members Weldon Brady and Mary Dandurand. Participating by phone were Governors Marvin Wright, Richard Phillips, Mary Long, and Edward Baker. Governor Darren Doherty was unable to participate in the meeting and was excused. University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Henry Setser; Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman; Provost George Wilson; and Dr. Vici Hughes of UCM's Charter Schools Office participated in the meeting from ADM 204. Jeff Murphy of University Relations was also present.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Hicklin called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

**Amendment of Alta Vista Charter School Agreement**

Dr. Hughes presented information contained in a briefing paper related to the proposed amendment of the existing charter of Alta Vista Charter School, Contract and Attachments A-L, expanding the charter from grades 6-12 to grades K-12 as enrollment and space allows (Attachment). Alta Vista has expressed interest in offering educational services to 50 kindergarten students beginning in August 2011 and over time, incrementally increasing elementary enrollment by grade level.

Mr. Brady expressed concern regarding the proposed timeline for implementing grade kindergarten as it relates to facilities, curriculum and other matters. Dr. Hughes stated that Alta Vista could model its curriculum after other UCM sponsored Charter Schools that have a kindergarten grade already established. Provost Wilson added that Alta Vista has a strong administration and system in place that is highly functional.

Mr. Wright asked who makes the determination regarding Alta Vista's readiness to expand. Dr. Hughes said that it is the School Superintendent and Administrator. Mr. Wright also asked if the proposal has received approval of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Dr. Hughes stated that she planned to approach DESE after she obtained the Board's support. The Board stressed the importance of obtaining DESE's support and approval of the proposal.

It was suggested that implementing kindergarten at Alta Vista be treated as a pilot for 2011-2012 for both programs and services. This would help establish if there is a long-term interest and commitment for expanding the current grade offerings, as well as help

determine if academic expectations are being met. Dr. Hughes noted that there are no state test for grades kindergarten through second, making it more difficult to show qualitative measurements. Other means would have to be used to do so.

*Mr. Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to the charter of Alta Vista, Contract and Attachments A-L, to allow for the expansion of the charter from grades 6-12 to include Kindergarten as a pilot program for determining the long-term interest and commitment for expanding the current grade offerings of grades 6-12 to K-12. Implementation and effective date of the pilot is contingent upon the approval of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and UCM's Charter Schools Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried with the following roll call vote:*

<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</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>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Edward Baker</i>	<i>aye</i>		

President Ambrose provided an update on the closing of Don Bosco Charter High School and recent activity where UCM responded to a request made by the Governor to serve as a pass through of state funds to Don Bosco for its payroll. UCM's engagement with underserved schools and students is greatly appreciated by the State and by members of Kansas City's business community.

### **Adjourn**

*There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Dandurand moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried with the following roll call vote.*

<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</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>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Edward Baker</i>	<i>aye</i>		

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.