

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Special Meeting (Open)
June 27, 2011

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened a special meeting (open) via teleconference on Monday, June 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. The call originated from ADM 204 on UCM's main campus, Warrensburg, Missouri. Participating from ADM 204 were Governors Mary Dandurand and Richard Phillips. Participating by phone were Governors Mary Long, Marvin Wright, Weldon Brady and Darren Doherty. Board President Walter Hicklin and Governor Edward Baker were unable to participate and were excused. Also present were President Charles Ambrose; Provost George Wilson; General Counsel Henry Setser; and staff members Michael Grelle, Michael Jeffries and Jeff Murphy. In the absence of Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman staff member Shelly Gonzalez recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Call to Order

Ms. Dandurand called the meeting to order and ask for a roll call. She determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Blackboard Contract – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Ambrose thanked the Board for agreeing to convene a special meeting to consider action on the Blackboard Contract. He introduced Dr. George Wilson asking him to brief the Board on the proposed Outcomes Assessment and Accountability Management Contract to Blackboard. Dr. Wilson stated that he had anticipated bringing the item to the Board in August but Blackboard Incorporated, has offered the University discounts if it acts before June 30th. Dr. Wilson referred members to the Briefing Paper distributed to the Board.

Governor Wright asked if the funding for the contract is in the current 2011-2012 approved budget. Dr. Wilson replied that Information Services and the Provost would cover the additional costs using current funds available in their approved 2011-2012 general budget accounts. President Ambrose elaborated that the contract for consideration is ultimately a better deal and the backbone of the University's online courses.

Governor Wright inquired if a Request for Proposal ("RFP") was solicited. Dr. Grelle stated that an RFP was posted and that Blackboard is the only system that meets the requirements of the RFP.

Governor Long asked if she understood correctly that additional bandwidth is included in the proposed contract. Dr. Wilson responded that bandwidth and storage is included in the proposed contract. Governor Long followed up her question asking to what year will the bandwidth carry the University. Mr. Jeffries answered that barring substantially increased enrollments, the University will be in a good position for the next two (2) years.

Governor Wright inquired if the University is “locked into” Blackboard. Dr. Wilson indicated that it would be difficult to change systems and that we are locked in for now.

Answering a question posed by Governor Doherty, Mr. Jeffries said roughly 70% of faculty use Blackboard for something right now and that the platform is easy to use. Dr. Grelle added that accreditation requirements will necessitate faculty becoming certified in Blackboard and that formal training by the University will be made available to all faculty.

Governor Phillips moved that the Board of Governors approve award of contract to Blackboard Incorporated as presented. The motion was seconded by Governor Long and carried with the following roll call vote:

Weldon Brady	aye	Marvin Wright	aye
Mary Dandurand	aye	Mary Long	aye
Richard Phillips	aye		

Governor Wright moved that the meeting of the Board of Governors adjourn. The motion was seconded by Governor Long and carried with the following roll call vote:

Weldon Brady	aye	Marvin Wright	aye
Mary Dandurand	aye	Mary Long	aye
Richard Phillips	aye		