

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**April 19, 2012**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Walter Hicklin. Others in attendance were Board members Weldon Brady, Mary Dandurand, Marvin E. Wright, Gus Wetzel II, Mary Long, and Kyle Shell. Governor Edward Baker participated in the meeting via conference call. Also present was Board President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Henry Setser; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

**Plenary Session**

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Introduction and Oath of Office – New Student Governor** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hicklin introduced newly appointed student governor Kyle Shell of Warrensburg, Missouri, who replaces Darren Doherty. Mr. Shell, a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Safety Management, plans to continue his studies at UCM following graduation this fall and will pursue a Master's Degree in Occupational Safety Management. Associate Circuit Judge Garrett R. Crouch II administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shell.

Mr. Doherty was unable to attend today's meeting, however, the Board expressed appreciation for his service to the University and to the Board of Governors. Mr. Wright addressed more specifically the exceptional service that Mr. Doherty provided to the students as their representative on the Board, and *moved that the Board of Governors grant Darren Doherty emeritus status. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously* (Attachment 1). A special recognition of Mr. Doherty will be made at a future date.

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Hicklin remarked that this is a tremendous time to be at UCM. On behalf of the Board, he expressed appreciation to the faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to a great year.

**Remarks by the President** – Agenda Item No. 4

President Ambrose expressed excitement about the many things happening at UCM, particularly those of a more traditional nature leading up to Commencement in two weeks.

He noted that several individuals would be recognized later in the meeting as the recipients of special University awards. President Ambrose also spoke proudly of student accomplishments and achievements both in and out of the classroom, including successful fundraisers held by a number of student organizations to benefit the Habitat for Humanity project that UCM and the R-6 School District are in partnership. He asked Dr. Shari Bax to provide an update on the project.

Dr. Bax reported that to date, UCM is three-quarters of the way to reaching its goal of \$20,000. This is due in large part to fundraisers held by student organizations and governance groups. She announced that the groundbreaking for the house is scheduled for April 25 at 5:30 p.m. and invited the Board to join in this celebration.

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to the Board and to the entire campus community for reaching out to him and his family following his mother's recent death. He saw this same care and concern expressed with the recent passing of faculty member John Lynch, and believes it is symbolic of a very caring community.

#### **Introduction of the Byler Award Recipient** – Agenda Item No. 5

Provost Wilson explained that the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award is the highest award presented to a UCM faculty member. The recipient is selected by a committee of faculty peers that consider excellence in teaching, contributions to the academic discipline, and service to the university. Provost Wilson introduced the 2012 Byler Award recipient, Dr. Mick Luehrman, Chair of the Department of Art and Design. Mr. Hicklin and President Ambrose presented Dr. Luehrman with a plaque and had a photograph taken. The Board extended its congratulations.

#### **Introduction of J.P. Mees Award Recipient** – Agenda Item No. 6

Ms. Lisa Schmidt, President of the Professional Staff Council, introduced and shared background information about the 2012 J.P. Mees Award recipient John Culp. Following the introduction, photos were taken with Mr. Hicklin and President Ambrose, and the Board extended its congratulations.

#### **Introduction of Outstanding Support Staff Member** – Agenda Item No. 7

Ms. Brenda Dooley, President of the Support Staff Council, introduced and shared background information about the 2012 Outstanding Support Staff Member recipient, Ms. Becky White. The Board extended its congratulations and a photo of Ms. White was taken with Mr. Hicklin and President Ambrose.

#### **Introduction of Charno Award Recipients** – Agenda Item No. 8

Dr. Bax introduced the 2012 Charno Award recipients Kara Fox, a speech-language-pathology major from St. Charles, Missouri, and Curtis Beasley, an accounting major from

Manchester, Missouri. Ms. Fox was unable to attend today's meeting; however, Mr. Beasley was present and received the Board's congratulation after being photographed with Mr. Hicklin and President Ambrose. Both students will be recognized during the May 5 Commencement ceremonies.

### **General Session**

#### **Approval of the Minutes for March 28, 2012, Work Session and March 29, 2012, Plenary Session** – Agenda Item No. 9

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012, Work Session and March 29, 2012, Plenary Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.*

### **Reports**

#### **Verbal Governance Groups Report** – Agenda Item No. 10

The leadership of each of the campus governance groups – Dr. Michael Bersin, President of Faculty Senate; Ms. Lisa Schmidt, President of Professional Staff Council; Ms. Brenda Dooley, President of Support Staff Council; and Mr. Trevor Cunningham, President of Student Government Association – were in attendance and each provided a verbal report of the activities of each of their respective groups for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Of particular note within the Faculty Senate, is the work it has done over the past two years with regard to the General Education curriculum. President Ambrose acknowledged the amount of time that has gone into this and expressed a special thanks to all that have contributed to this effort. Also of special note is a resolution passed and provided to the Board of Governors with regard to a “smoke-free” campus (Attachment 2).

The Board and President Ambrose expressed appreciation to each leader and commended each of the governance groups for their work throughout the year.

#### **Alumni Relations Update** - Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Jenne Vanderbout provided an update on activity within Alumni Relations, which included the hire of a new Director of Alumni & Constituent Relations, Traci Via, a 1991 graduate of UCM; a restructuring of Alumni Relations; and new opportunities for engaging alums into the life of the University. Dr. Vanderbout noted that the Alumni Board, which is comprised of 19 members, will meet this weekend and continue work on a five-year strategic plan. Other news related to Alumni Relations included the announcement of (1) the 2011-2012 Outstanding Alum and a 2003 graduate, Lucas Boyce; (2) this year's Homecoming theme “Mules Making a Difference; and (3) a visit by the 50-year class (1962) during the Spring Commencement. Dr. Vanderbout also distributed a map showing alumni by county as of January 2012 (Attachment 3).

## **Legislative Update** - Agenda Item No. 12

President Ambrose provided a brief legislative update. He noted there are two primary components to this legislative session that affect UCM. This includes legislation related to charter schools. President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Drs. Michael Wright and Vici Hughes for the good work they do with UCM-sponsored schools. As the Legislature considers the future of Charter Schools and how to improve the effectiveness of sponsors, they are turning to UCM leaders for feedback and for assistance in crafting legislation. One major component of this could potentially expand charter school activity outside of the urban core and require local districts to serve as the sponsor. While this is not a huge step in expanding charters beyond the urban core, it does acknowledge the important role sponsors play in the schools.

The second bill, SB 455 (HB1042) related to *Complete College* initiatives, has received strong support in both the House and Senate. This bill focuses on articulation among two- and four-year schools and includes course equivalencies, reverse articulation, and a united consensus to address remediation. Senator Pearce and Representative Thompson, sponsors of the bill(s), have actively engaged UCM in helping to get the bill passed. President Ambrose noted that earlier this week UCM formalized an articulation agreement with State Fair Community College which will allow transfer students to make a seamless transition.

In regard to the FY 2013 budget, President Ambrose noted that the Legislature must submit a final budget on May 11, 2012.

## **UCM Student-Centered Program – Missouri Innovation Campus** – Agenda Item No. 13

President Ambrose provided an update on the Missouri Innovation Campus, noting there are several efforts currently under way. In regard to economic development, Don Nissanka's company, Exergonix, is in production of a prototype product for energy storage units in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Exergonix is very close to signing documents for capital financing for the master development of the initial phase that would include Exergonix's production facility and subsequently, the development of the Innovation Campus for UCM and the R-7 Lee's Summit School District.

General Counsel Setser is working with the Johnson County Missouri Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC) to be the facilitator of Community Development Block Grant funding. Mr. Setser explained the application process, noting that JCEDC will serve as the applicant and enter into a participation agreement with one of the businesses that UCM will partner with for the applied learning component. The business will then contract with UCM to provide the teaching and educational experience for those students that ultimately go into the work force. UCM can draw from the \$1.5 million grant monies over time. The deadline for application is May 15.

President Ambrose stated that earlier this week he and others from the University and the R-7 Lee's Summit School District met with 20 students and their parents to discuss the program. They were both surprised and excited by the program offerings. President Ambrose said that none of this would be possible without an engaged community that is willing to do things differently. President Ambrose closed this update by asking Dr. Mike Grelle to discuss the work of the Curriculum Committee which is comprised of educators and industry leaders.

*Following the Innovation Campus update the Board took a 10-minute recess from 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.*

### **Board Committee on Student Experience & Engagement & Alumni Relations**

Ms. Mary Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Experience & Engagement & Alumni Relations, reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. While there were no action items discussed during the meeting, updates were provided in relation to the Violence & Substance Abuse Prevention Program and the Tobacco Policy. Ms. Dandurand asked Dr. Bax to provide an update on other activities within Student Experience & Engagement.

Dr. Bax reported on the success of several Greek Week initiatives including fundraisers and the collection of goods for several charitable organizations. Dr. Bax noted that the College of Education is planning a fundraiser for the Habitat project and that funds from the sale of a special t-shirt at the University Bookstore will also go to the Habitat project.

Dr. Bax noted that the Committee would present a recommendation to the Board in June regarding the Tobacco Policy.

### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. He asked Provost Wilson to present the following agenda items.

#### **Proposed B.S./M.S. Criminal Justice Accelerated Dual Degree Program** – Agenda Item No. 14

Provost Wilson reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 9 of the meeting materials related to a proposed B.S./M.S. Criminal Justice Accelerated Dual Degree Program (Attachment 4). Following the presentation of information, *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the Criminal Justice B.S./M.S. Accelerated Dual Degree. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long.* Mr. Brady asked if the courses being eliminated are at the graduate or undergraduate course level. Provost Wilson stated there are seven credit hours of free electives at the undergraduate level that would no longer be required

in the dual degree program. The Master's degree portion will be reduced from 36 credit hours to 32 credit hours because of an overlap of classes with the undergraduate program. The total reduction is 16 credit hours for students that are admitted to the dual degree program. Admission to this program is selective. Mr. Brady asked when the student would declare their intent to enter the dual degree program. Provost Wilson said during their junior year. *The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

### **Proposed Name Change to Technology Education Minor, B.S. Ed.** – Agenda Item No. 15

Provost Wilson reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 10 of the meeting materials related to a proposed name change to the Technology Education Minor, B.S. Ed. (Attachment 5). Following the presentation of information, *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve a change in title for the Technology Education Minor, B.S. Ed. to Technology & Engineering Education minor, B.S. Ed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

### **Charter Schools Update** – Agenda Item No. 16

Provost Wilson asked Dr. Vici Hughes to provide this update. In addition to reviewing the highlights of the information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6), Dr. Hughes reported that Crossroads Academy and Hogan Middle School will each receive three-year renewable federal grant dollars for the start-up of their schools. She reiterated that no university funds are required and that the sponsorship monies that UCM's Charter Schools Office receives from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will cover UCM's cost for oversight. Dr. Hughes also reported that there are collaborative efforts between UCM's Charter Schools Office and faculty on campus, and gave the example of how this is being done.

### **Higher Learning Commission Update**

Following the Charter Schools Update, Dr. Mike Grelle who is leading UCM's Higher Learning Commission accreditation, distributed and reviewed a Higher Learning Commission Update (Attachment 7).

### **Enrollment Update**

Dr. Rick Sluder provided an update on enrollment and Dr. Joy Stevenson provided an update on international enrollment (Attachment 8). Dr. Stevenson advised that a new student organization was established titled, "Study Abroad Student Organization." This organization provides students considering a study-abroad opportunity to learn first-hand from those students who have already experienced it. Dr. Stevenson also reported that students completing a study abroad experience will be presented a sash that may be worn during Commencement.

Mr. Wright thanked all of the Academic Affairs staff for the work they do each day for the University and its students. He also expressed appreciation for the thorough reports they provide to the Board to help keep them informed.

### **Board Committee on Administration & Finance**

Mr. Brady reported that the Board Committee on Administration & Finance met earlier that morning to discuss the items being recommended for Board action. He asked Mr. Merrigan to present the following agenda items.

#### **Nickerson Hall Refurbishments** – Agenda Item No. 17

Mr. Merrigan presented information contained under Tab 12 of the meeting materials related to refurbishments in Nickerson Hall (Attachment 9). Mr. Brady noted that funding for this project is available in the Student Housing Capital Improvement Fund and will not come from the operating budget. He also noted that the recommended vendor was the low bidder. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract to Westport Construction Company for \$808,000 for the Nickerson Hall summer 2012 renovations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

#### **Roof Replacement Lovinger Parapet Wall Replacement** – Agenda Item No. 18

Mr. Merrigan and Mr. Chris Wellman presented this item. Information related to this bid was reviewed and contained under Tab 13 of the meeting materials (Attachment 10). *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve award of contract to Tremco of Olathe, Kansas, for roof replacements for T.R. Gaines, Nattinger and Lovinger Buildings, and parapet wall repair for Lovinger for a total cost of \$582,439. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

#### **Scoreboards** – Agenda Item No. 19

Mr. Merrigan and Mr. Jerry Hughes presented this item. Information related to the bid for scoreboards was included under Tab 14 of the meeting materials and Mr. Hughes shared photos of the proposed scoreboards (Attachment 11). It was noted that University Foundation funds plus sponsorship revenue generated from scoreboard advertising would pay for the scoreboards. Mr. Baker pointed out that maintenance of and LED lighting used in the new scoreboards should generate some savings. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract to Signco of Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$616,995. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.*

#### **FY 2013 Operating Budget and FY 13 Salary Increase** – Agenda Items No. 20 and 21

President Ambrose stated that the proposed FY 13 budget includes two scenarios – (1) worse case based off a 7.8% reduction in state appropriations; and (2) best case, based off

of stable funding from the state with a 0% reduction in appropriations. He noted that the budget was presented in detail during the Board's Work Session the preceding afternoon and both scenarios were discussed at length with the Board. Mr. Merrigan reviewed information contained in the briefing paper and the Power Point, both of which were included under Tab 15 of the meeting materials. It was noted that Scenario 2 – 0% Appropriation Reduction allows for a 1% across-the-board salary increase or \$600 per employee, whichever is greater, contingent upon the Missouri Senate and Governor approving the House of Representatives' Higher Education appropriations bill.

Mr. Brady noted that under Scenario 2, the University is able to balance its budget without making additional cuts with the exception of a continued hiring freeze. President Ambrose added that it also requires taking the administrative efficiencies off of the bottom line.

*Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve Scenario 1 (includes a 1% across-the-board salary increase or \$600 per employee, whichever is greater) budget, which is contingent upon the Missouri General Assembly and Governor approving the House of Representatives' Higher Education appropriations bill that includes a 0% reduction in appropriations to higher education; and Scenario 2 budget that includes a 7.8% reduction in state appropriations (does not include a salary increase). The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously. If the appropriations reductions results in something other than 0% stable funding or a 7.8% reduction in appropriations, a special meeting of the Board will be held to make a final determination regarding the University's FY 13 operating budget.*

### **Board Business**

#### **Appointment of Nominating Committee** – Agenda Item No. 22

Mr. Hicklin announced the appointment of a nominating committee for the FY 13 Board officers. The committee is comprised of Mr. Brady, Ms. Dandurand and Dr. Long, with Mr. Brady serving as chair. The committee will submit a slate of officers to the Board in June for consideration.

#### **Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 23

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Briefing Paper – Governor Emeritus Status – Darren Doherty</i>
2	<i>SGA Resolution 11291101 – Smoke-Free UCM</i>
3	<i>Map – Alumni by County</i>
4	<i>Briefing Paper - Proposed B.S./M.S. Criminal Justice Accelerated Dual Degree Program</i>
5	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed Name Change to Technology Education Minor, B.S. Ed.</i>
6	<i>Briefing Paper – Charter Schools Update</i>
7	<i>HLC Self Study Update</i>
8	<i>PPT – Enrollment Update and International Enrollment Update</i>
9	<i>Briefing Paper – Nickerson Hall Refurbishments and Upgrades</i>
10	<i>Briefing Paper – Roofing Projects and Lovinger Parapet Wall Replacement</i>
11	<i>Briefing Paper &amp; PPT – Scoreboards – Walton Stadium, Multipurpose Building, Crane Stadium</i>
12	<i>Briefing Papers &amp; PPT – Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and FY 2013 Salary Increase</i>