

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Work Session
April 18, 2013

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in UN 237A on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Other Board members in attendance included Governors Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Walter Hicklin, Gus Wetzel II, John Collier, and Kyle Shell. Governor Weldon Brady was unable to attend today's meeting and was excused. Others present included University President Charles Ambrose, General Counsel Henry Setser, Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman, and Deborah Curtis, John Merrigan, Dennis Cryder, and Chris Bamman; consultants Jim Schraeder and Dennis Strait from Gould Evans Architects; Pat McGowan and Ramin Solomon from McCown Gordon; and Rick Staisloff of *rpkGroup*.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Mixed-Use Facility Update – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Jim Schraeder reported that the Mixed-Use Facility project is on schedule. He introduced Pat McCown and Ramin Solomon of McCown Gordon. McCown Gordon/Treanor Architects, is the firm approved by the Board in a March 29, 2013, teleconference to serve as the University's Design Builder for Phase 1 of the Mixed-Use Facility Project. Additionally, McCown Gordon was awarded the contract to replace the HVAC, heating and cooling system for the Southeast School Building. Mr. Schraeder presented a Power Point that included illustrations of Southeast Elementary School's exterior elevations, and an interior view of the stadium's locker room and main lobby area. Mr. Strait followed with a presentation of the programming and early design for Phase II of the project. His presentation included a demand analysis and projected budget estimate. Of particular note is the inclusion of a *Starbuck's* and an eating establishment. Mr. Strait said that feedback from student focus groups held will provide insight to what provisions should be considered for the new community apartments housed in the Mixed-Use Facility. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes as

Attachment 1.

Ms. Dandurand asked how many floors the facility will have. Mr. Strait answered there will be four floors above the retail portion of the facility and the other buildings could possibly have five levels. In closing, President Ambrose stated that Gould Evans has extended an invitation to the Board to visit its offices and the studio set up for the work the firm is doing on the facility.

UCM in the News – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose showed a PowerPoint highlighting several items that UCM has received media coverage (Attachment 2). He commended Jeff Murphy for his work and extended his appreciation to all University Relations' staff.

Institutional Metrics/Program Viability Update – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Rick Staisloff provided an update to the Board on the University's work to establish institutional metrics. Included in his presentation was data that is being considered in the development of the metrics (See Attachment 3). Also included in the presentation was a proposed benchmark group. Provost Curtis reported that data continues to be collected that will help determine the viability of programs across campus and identify (1) those programs where our resources can best be directed to enhance and grow the work that we are doing; and (2) those signature programs that UCM is best known for that will generate revenue to allow us to do other things on campus. She noted that the process does take some time and is expected to take longer than originally anticipated.

Other – Agenda Item No. 5

Western Governor's University - Missouri – President Ambrose reminded the Board that Governor Nixon announced in his State of the State Address that he would create Western Governor's University (WGU) – Missouri as a new, state-based online university offering high-quality degree programs as one of the means to achieve his goal of increasing the number of Missourians with post-secondary degrees or certificates from 37 percent to 60 percent, so they can get better jobs and meet their full earning potential. WGU Missouri was established through a partnership with Western Governors University, a non-profit online university founded and supported by 19 other U.S. Governors. President Ambrose said UCM would have welcomed the opportunity to provide online programming and was surprised by the Governor's announcement.

Health Insurance Update – Mr. Rick Dixon reported that a health survey was developed and distributed to the campus. A good response was received that resulted in 46 pages of comments. A Request for Proposals will be issued on May 1, with responses due by June 6. The RFPs will then be evaluated and candidates will be interviewed on campus. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at its August meeting.

President Ambrose said faculty and staff have submitted correspondence expressing concern about the rising cost of health insurance and requesting that we make every effort to maintain what we have in order to keep the cost as low as possible for employees. President Ambrose said a concerted effort is being made to find a plan that keeps costs down for employees, and at the same time, does not lower the offerings. Information will be provided as early as possible to the Board for review.

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Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 6

Dr. Long moved pursuant to the 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 real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Danduand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzel II</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Attachments Listing*

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1.	<i>PPT – Mixed-Use Facility Update</i>
2.	<i>PPT – UCM in the News</i>
3.	<i>PPT – Institutional Metrics/Program Viability Update</i>

