

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Work Session**  
**March 21, 2013**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in UN 237A. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Other Board members in attendance included Governors Weldon Brady, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Walter Hicklin, Gus Wetzel II, and Kyle Shell. John Collier, who is awaiting confirmation of the Senate, was present but did not participate in voting. Others present included University President Charles Ambrose, General Counsel Henry Setser, and Assistant to the Secretary Monica Huffman.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 2

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

**Learning to a Greater Degree Contract** – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose presented a Power Point related to the Learning to a Greater Degree Contract, which focuses directly on student success through three specific initiatives – curricular, co-curricular, and institutional (Attachment). President Ambrose’s presentation included a review of the current economic factors affecting UCM and the modeling and metrics of the Contract. Following his presentation, the Board had an in depth discussion about the proposed two-year residency requirement.

Ms. Dandurand expressed concern that a two-year residency requirement would penalize students that seek alternate living arrangements that provide a quieter environment in which to study. Mr. Shell confirmed there is a noise factor within the residence halls and that he personally knows students who have moved off campus because the noise interferes with their studies. Conversely, Mr. Collier shared that the college his daughter attends has a four-year residency requirement, which students and parents embrace. He believes students at that school have had greater success because of it. Ms. Dandurand suggested that as we add more students to the residence halls that we also consider adding more personnel to help manage the environment. Mr. Bradley said that the University is looking at opportunities to supply more jobs to students and may consider assigning peer mentors on each floor. Dr. Curtis added that consideration is also being given to establishing office hours for advisors in the residence halls. Dr. Wetzel noted that

the majority of incoming freshmen are under the age of 21, which may cause a safety concern for parents. The residency requirement will provide an increased sense of security for students and their families.

Ms. Dandurand said it is important to engage property owners in the community to ensure everyone is moving in the same direction with regard to student offerings. There are a lot of property owners who have expressed concern and it would be good to involve them. President Ambrose agreed that it is important and noted he recently met with several property owners to discuss the Learning to a Greater Degree Contract which includes the two-year residency requirement. Additionally, a couple of property owners have approached us about contracting for a private sector property. He said it's all about student success.

President Ambrose noted that working groups are being formed to develop a list of tasks that need to be completed for implementation of the Learning to a Greater Degree Contract including the two-year residency requirement and that direct student input will be included.

Mr. Wright noted requests made by Mike Rich and Terry Farmer, rental property owners in Warrensburg, to address the Board concerning the proposed two-year residency requirement. Mr. Rich and Mr. Farmer each addressed the Board about the potential adverse effect it could have on enrollment. Mr. Rich also stated that students reach an age where they should have the opportunity to be more independent. Mr. Farmer expressed concern about the negative impact it will have on many local property owners that rent to college students and instead, encouraged the University to make modifications to the residence halls that would allow it to compete. Mr. Rich and Mr. Farmer thanked the Board for the opportunity to share their concerns.

### **Institutional Metrics/Program Viability Update** – Agenda Item No. 3

Provost Curtis reminded the Board that Rick Staisloff was on campus in January to collect data and review indicators for UCM's institutional dashboard. She stated that things are progressing with the program review and that both quantitative and qualitative measures will be used to identify those "less than" viable programs. Mr. Staisloff will return to campus in April for an institutional metrics/program viability update and will meet with the Board at that time.

### **Other** – Agenda Item No. 4

There was no other business to discuss

**Request for Closed Session** – Agenda Item No. 5

*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>Gus Wetzell II</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Marvin Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>

The meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m.