

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Work Session
December 11, 2015

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Friday, December 11, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in UN 237A on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. In attendance were Governors Gus Wetzel II, Weldon Brady, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Walter Hicklin, and John Collier. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; Interim General Counsel Hayley Hanson of Husch Blackwell LLP; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman. Others in attendance included Provost Deborah Curtis, Shari Bax, Corey Bowman, Tara Napoleane, Ed Wirthwein, Kelly Waldram, George Wilson, Betsy Kreisel, Tony Monetti, and consultants Dennis Strait and Sean Zaudke of Gould Evans.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Update on Campus Climate and Culture – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose opened this agenda item by expressing concern over the series of recent events at the University of Missouri – Columbia (MU) campus and the lessons campuses across the nation are taking away from it. There are many things happening in higher education that are prompting college students to voice their concerns including a sentiment that higher education is not fulfilling its promise of college completion, affordability, and employment. Additionally, CNN's airing of *The Hunting Ground*, regarding sexual assault of women on college campuses, has brought attention to another serious matter.

President Ambrose stated that without question diversity is a shared value and student success is a shared responsibility. As such, during last week's General Faculty meeting, President Ambrose asked three things of faculty members – a heightened sense of awareness, attentiveness and responsiveness. He stressed the importance of being in conversation with our students. He expressed appreciation to MAPS and University Relations staff, and Corey Bowman, Shari Bax, Ed Wirthwein, Tara Napoleane, and Kelly Waldram for all of their hard work in helping to communicate to our students, faculty and staff, the "Community We Envision," through a web page (<https://www.ucmo.edu/greatercommitment/envision/>) that includes links to a number of resources that are key to community success for diversity and inclusion. President Ambrose reviewed information contained in the different links.

Provost Curtis and Dr. Bax had the opportunity to participate in a rally where students advocated in support their MU peers. She noted how responsible they were and credited Dr. Delia Gillis for her leadership in helping students to voice their concerns in a responsible way.

President Ambrose reviewed the January 8 Learning Day schedule, which includes several sessions that will help faculty and staff lead to a greater degree. Dr. Kevin Rome, President of Lincoln University, is the keynote speaker. He will talk about his personal experience as a young African American college student and what it means to lead a college campus made up of predominantly African American students in a predominantly Caucasian town.

In closing, President Ambrose stated that UCM is a safe place that cares about its students. He noted that what happened on the University of Missouri – Columbia’s campus could have happened on any college campus – but, it is the responsibility of everyone to demonstrate how campuses should respond and treat their students.

Mr. Wright expressed appreciation to President Ambrose and to the campus. He stated that everyone’s primary purpose at UCM is to provide a quality education in a safe environment to our students, and communication is essential to doing so.

Missouri Innovation Campus Facility Design – Agenda Item No. 2

President Ambrose stated that the R-7 Lee’s Summit School District Board will receive a design presentation of the Missouri Innovation Campus at its December 19 meeting and will be asked for approval to move forward with the construction bid process. The anticipated construction start date is March 2016.

President Ambrose introduced Dennis Strait and Sean Zaudke of Gould Evans who presented the design features of the building. The design allows for a very open environment with few walls that are moveable (Attachment 1). McCownGordon Construction will serve as the construction manager for the project. Provost Curtis noted there was a great amount of faculty participation in planning and designing the facility. An update on how the space will be shared between UCM and the R-7 School District was provided. Dr. Wetzel asked about the acoustics of the facility. Mr. Strait said special materials will be used to help eliminate much of the sound in the various open spaces. He added that there will still be some traditional classroom spaces for those classes that need quiet space. Mr. Brady asked if a dining facility is included in the design. Mr. Strait said dining space is not included; however, there are several eating establishments within a quarter mile of the facility that students may choose to eat.

Aviation Program Update – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose congratulated the Aviation Department on being reaccredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). He expressed appreciation to Drs. Roger Best, Betsy Kreisel and George Wilson, and to Mr. Tony Monetti, for the leadership they provided throughout the accrediting process. Provost Curtis added her personal appreciation to Dr. Wilson whose leadership was key to the accreditation process. Dr. Kreisel said that in addition to the accreditation review, UCM also conducted a review of the program. Both reviews went extremely well with positive results. Dr. Wilson stated that the Aviation Department received its first accreditation in 2010, which was valid for five years. The feedback from the accreditation team was very positive; however, an official review report will not be issued until February 2016.

Dr. Wilson provided briefings of UCM's Aviation Programs; service to Whiteman Air Force Base and the Community; and degree and certificate programs (Attachment 2). He also included a financial update, stating that a budget was created that allows for the program to live within its budget. In the history of the program, this is the first year where no additional monies were requested, and the year ended with the program having a positive balance instead of a negative one. Dr. Wilson also reported that his term as interim chair ends on December 12, and that Dr. Terry Hunt will serve as the department's interim chair through the Spring semester. He closed his presentation by stating there are only 90 Aviation programs in higher education across the nation, and of this number only 27 are accredited.

Mr. Wright asked if the program has a sufficient number of faculty to handle the load. Dr. Wilson said there are currently two full-time faculty vacancies that searches have been initiated for. He anticipates they will be filled and the faculty will start in Fall 2016. Dr. Wetzel asked if there are still plans to extend the runway. Dr. Wilson answered that there are still plans to do so. To date, the Missouri Department of Transportation has funded several of the requisites to do so, and it remains on the projects' list.

Ms. Dandurand asked if UCM has conducted a review of how the University can better serve the community and the local pilots to generate more revenue for the University and the Aviation program. President Ambrose stated there have been brief conversations with the City of Warrensburg about economic development centered on the airport. There are some limitations that would require UCM and the City to work together, such as zoning and water/sewer lines. He acknowledged that SkyHaven Airport is a great asset that has the potential for even greater use. Ms. Dandurand asked if there is an advisory council for the airport. Mr. Monetti stated there is not currently an advisory board, but that he would discuss the possibility with the Aviation team. Ms. Dandurand asked if the revenue generated from leasing the hangars is included in the airport's revenue. President Ambrose stated that it is.

In closing, President Ambrose stated that the Aviation program is the first program of instruction that UCM has taken back to Whiteman, and that it has now been extended to dependents. UCM continues to look for ways to strengthen the program both on base and at UCM.

Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 4

Dr. Long moved that 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>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>		

The meeting concluded at 11:50 a.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	PowerPoint – Missouri Innovation Campus Design
2	PowerPoint – Department of Aviation