

University of Central Missouri
Board Committee on Finance & Administration
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 15, 2015

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors Finance & Administration Committee convened as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in UN 237A on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. The meeting was convened by Board President Marvin E. Wright and presided over by Committee Chair Weldon Brady. Others in attendance included Governors Gus Wetzel II, John Collier, Mary Long, and Walter Hicklin. Governor Mary Dandurand was unable to attend and was excused. Also present were University President Charles Ambrose; Interim General Counsel Hayley Hanson of Husch Blackwell LLP; Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman; Interim Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Ron Core; and Kaleb Lily and Graham Ryan of RubinBrown LLP.

Call to Order

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Brady, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

External Audit Report

Mr. Brady introduced Kaleb Lily and Graham Ryan of Rubin Brown LLP. This is the fourth year that RubinBrown has served as UCM's external auditor. President Ambrose expressed appreciation for the work RubinBrown has done to help the University identify ways to correct deficiencies from past audits. He also expressed appreciation to UCM's Finance staff for the work they do each day, and more specifically in preparation for the annual audit. Mr. Lily said that UCM has made huge efforts over the past couple of years to make the corrections necessary to finally eliminate any past deficiencies from the audit findings.

Mr. Lily said there have been conversations about ways in which UCM could utilize RubinBrown services outside of the annual audit to be proactive in identifying and correcting things prior to the annual audit. President Ambrose suggested it might be good for the Finance Committee and staff to establish a priority list of complex areas for regularly scheduled programmatic reviews to ensure things remain in compliance.

Mr. Ryan reviewed the Auditor Communications as part of the presentation and was followed by Mr. Lily who reviewed New Accounting Pronouncements; the Financial Statements; and the Single Audit Report that reflected a clean audit for this year and resolution of prior years' findings (See Attachment 12 of the October 16, 2015, Plenary Session Minutes). Mr. Lily said a prior year audit finding related to Perkins Loan Program was removed due to a noted exception in the Federal Student Aid Handbook. In addition, the Perkins Loan program was not reauthorized and no new loan recipients will occur after October 1, 2015.

There was discussion concerning the MOSERs liability and the impact it is having on Missouri higher education institutions. Mr. Wright asked if there were any areas of concern that the Board should keep apprised of. Mr. Lily responded only to stay alert for a response from the Department of Education for its audit findings of last year.

A recommendation will be made at the October 16, 2015, Plenary Session for the Board to accept the audit report from RubinBrown LLP.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.