

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Special Plenary Session
January 11, 2017

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened a special Closed Session on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 9:25 a.m. The meeting was held by conference call and initiated from the Administration Building, Room 204 (ADM 204) on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Board President Gus Wetzel II convened the meeting from ADM 204. Board members participating by phone were Governors Marvin E. Wright, John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Weldon Brady, and Walter Hicklin. Also participating in the meeting from ADM 204 were University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Hayley Hanson; Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman; and Jacque Flannagan of the *Muleskinner*.

Following a roll call, Dr. Wetzel called the meeting to order.

University Update

President Ambrose attended the installation of Missouri Governor Eric Greitens earlier this week. He stated many people are working to anticipate what changes will occur, and more specifically, the impact it will have on higher education as a result of recent changes in government leadership. An announcement is anticipated, possibly as early as this week, of a \$150 million to \$200 million state appropriations withhold in this fiscal year. Of this amount, it is expected that \$100 million would be withheld from higher education. For UCM, this would mean approximately \$3.5 million. If a withhold is made in the next fiscal year, UCM's share of state appropriations would revert back to where it was in the 2000-2001 timeframe.

President Ambrose said the state anticipates a \$680 million shortfall in the next fiscal year. Governor Greiten is not expected to outline a budget in his State of the State Address, but may ask the Senate Appropriations Committee to make recommendations for addressing the shortfall. He noted that Senator Denny Hoskins is on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

In anticipation of a withhold and uncertainty of the impact any changes will have on higher education, Mr. Wright said it is important that UCM not lose all the good work it has done over the past six years to ensure student success. President Ambrose agreed and said UCM will look to the Strategic Resource Allocation Model, expansion of offerings through UCM-Lee's Summit, and private support through the Foundation, to ensure we are able to continue all that we have been doing for student success.

Request for Closed Session

Dr. Long moved pursuant to 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 legal actions and privileged communications between the Board/University's representative and its attorney. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting concluded at 9:25 a.m.