

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Board Committee Chairs
Meeting Summary
September 19, 2017

University of Central Missouri Board of Governors' (UCM) Committee Chairs met with senior staff members that support Board committees. The meeting occurred in UCM's Administration Building, Room 204, on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri, on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. Participating in the meeting were Governors John Collier, Mary Long, and Mary Dandurand, along with staff members Deborah Curtis, Shari Bax, Lance Cavanaugh, Roger Best, and Monica Huffman. General Counsel Hayley Hanson also participated.

Ms. Hanson conveyed the Board's desire to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Board committee work and overall Board governance. In an effort to do so, the Board would like committees to be strategic in establishing priorities for the academic year and more active in overseeing agenda development. This requires collaboration between Committee Chairs and senior staff to ensure items are placed on the agenda far enough in advance for Board members to have adequate time to consider and discuss those items, and to have any questions answered before presenting to the full Board for approval.

Board Committee Chairs asked for a schedule of reports and program approvals that routinely come to the Board each year. Ms. Huffman has an existing calendar that she maintains and will provide it to the Committee Chairs. Board Committee Chairs were also interested in knowing more about the process for items coming forward to the Board.

Ms. Hanson noted the Board asked her office to work on policy updates and in doing so she will also work with the committees. Examples included Delegation of Authority along with other policy considerations reviewed on an annual basis. Related to this, Ms. Hanson noted the Coordinating Board for Higher Education implemented a new policy that permits Presidents and Provosts to approve minors, which could also affect the Board's Delegation of Authority policy. Other items of interest for possible inclusion in the schedule of reports and actions or as topics for Work Session were the annual crime report, academic program approval process, and curriculum process.

There was consensus among meeting participants that the amount of time allotted for committee meetings is not sufficient to allow for extensive discussion and

sharing ideas. It was also suggested that committees other than just Finance and Administration could meet as a committee of the whole on broader subjects of importance.

A suggestion was made for the Board to consider combining the Student Engagement component of the Student Engagement and University Advancement Committee, with the Academic Affairs Committee because they are interrelated with regard to retention and total college experience. As for the Advancement component of the current committee, a suggestion was made that quarterly updates could be provided to the Board.

As the meeting closed and Committee Chairs prepared to meet with their respective senior staff to develop agendas for the September 28, 2017, expanded Committee meetings, it was acknowledged that as a new Board meeting structure is implemented to include expanded committee meetings, it may be necessary to hold more conference calls outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.

The meeting concluded at 4:10 p.m.