

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Work Session
October 26, 2017

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel II. Other Board members present included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Marvin E. Wright, Walter Hicklin, and Mathew Martinez. Governor Weldon Brady was unable to attend the session and was excused. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Hayley Hanson; Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman; Provost Deborah Curtis; Interim Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Roger Best; Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Mike Godard; Associate Vice President for Finance Toni Kreke; Director of Charter Schools Office Vici Hughes; and Graham Ryan of Rubin Brown.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Wetzel called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

External Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 2

Graham Ryan, Audit Manager for Rubin Brown presented the results of the firms' audit of the University of Central Missouri for the year ending June 30, 2017. With regard to the University's financial statements for years ending June 30, 2017 and 2016, the firm issued an "unmodified" or clean opinion. An unmodified opinion was also given for compliance and for a report on internal controls over federal financial assistance in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.

Following Mr. Ryan's presentation of the audit results, the Board discussed UCM's liability in relation to its pension plan under MOSERS, which was listed in the audit as one of the most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements. Mr. Ryan noted the University experienced a significant liability as part of the audit two years ago and said it will be important to have an active discussion regarding the financial impact on bond ratings. Ms. Kreke stated the net effect of the liability was just over \$11 million this year and added that MOSERS reevaluates its plans for meeting the deficit each year after receiving the actuarial rate.

MOSERS continues to reevaluate the deferred compensation plan, and is conducting meetings with State institutions to discuss possible solutions and strategies to address increasing liabilities. President Ambrose said future discussion might be needed to redefine the plan. In closing, the Board thanked Rubin Brown for their work. The Board will be asked to accept the audit report at the October 27, 2017, Plenary Session.

Census Enrollment Update – Agenda Item No. 3

Dr. Godard reviewed the Fall Enrollment Census Update included under Tab 2 of the meeting materials (Attachment 1). The update included news of a 5.1% growth in new freshmen students; a 3.4% increase in new transfer students; and a 1.1% increase in student retention. Additionally, the update showed a total Fall enrollment of 12,333 students which includes 9,801 undergraduate students (an increase from Fall 2016 when undergraduate student enrollment was 9,786). Although the University experienced a 5.8% increase in combined new in-state and out-of-state domestic graduate students, total Fall graduate enrollment decreased from 4,202 students in Fall 2016 to 2,532 students in Fall 2017, due to a decline in international graduate students. Dr. Godard also reported a 13.2% increase in degrees awarded from Fall 2016 to Fall 2017.

President Ambrose noted the surge of international students in 2014. With the decrease of international students over the past year, enrollment in this area aligns with 2013-2014 enrollment. Following a recent trip to India, Nepal and Saudi Arabia, it is evident UCM is deeply rooted in its international alumni and very grateful for the many lives it has been able to affect. Dr. Godard reported the implementation of a new Constituent Relations Management System that will be leveraged to help with international student enrollment and assist the University in being more strategic and intentional with regard to overseas recruitment, social media, and building relationships. Dr. Wetzel asked about the status of international enrollment for the 2018 academic year. President Ambrose responded approximately 80 to 100 students have submitted applications for Spring, with a strong interest by many to attend UCM in Fall 2018. These are good solid numbers. In closing, Provost Curtis commended the work of the Enrollment Management team under the leadership of Dr. Godard.

Charter Schools Update – Agenda Item No. 4

Provost Curtis stated that UCM's sponsorship of Charter Schools in the Kansas City area is one of the many important things we do. UCM currently sponsors nine Charter Schools providing education to more than 5,000 students in Kansas City. Dr. Vici Hughes, Director for UCM's Office of Charter Schools, referred the Board to the Charter Schools Update and Charter Schools Academic Report (Attachment 2) included with the meeting materials. As part of the update, Dr. Hughes reviewed the information contained in both documents and discussed in greater depth the academic portfolio for each of the schools.

Following her review of the reports, Dr. Hughes advised the Board that charter terms for three of the schools – Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology, Gordon Parks Elementary, and Scuola Vita Nuova – will expire June 30, 2018, and in order for the charters to continue, renewal is required. Briefing papers providing background for each of the schools was included with the meeting materials under Tabs 19, 20, and 21. Dr. Hughes discussed student progression and success at each of the schools, noting a recommendation

would be made at the October 27, 2017, Plenary Session to renew the charter agreement between UCM and Gordon Parks Elementary Charter School for a term of five years, from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023; and between UCM and Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School for a term of 10 years from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2028; or for a term of five years, from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023, dependent upon the Annual Percentage Report scores from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

With regard to Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology, a recommendation will be made at the October 27, 2018, Plenary Session to allow the existing charter term between UCM and Benjamin Banneker to expire on June 30, 2018. Dr. Hughes explained that Benjamin Banneker, now in its 18th year of operation, has unsuccessfully demonstrated its ability to meet the academic criteria as a public charter school established by Missouri statutes and UCM guidelines. If the Board approves the recommendation, UCM will support the school through the transition and monitor instruction, finances and operations until June 30, 2018, when the charter term expires. Additionally, UCM will assist the school with procedures related to closure. UCM will support the transition of the students. Dr. Hughes has been working with the school throughout this process.

Dr. Long asked if UCM's teacher education program supports teaching in the Charter Schools. Dr. Hughes responded that very few UCM students have been in the Charter Schools over the past two years; however, she anticipates this number will increase. Mr. Wright asked if UCM is the largest sponsor of Charter Schools in Kansas City. Dr. Hughes answered that while UCM is not the largest sponsor of Charter Schools in the Kansas City area, it services the most students.

Dr. Long closed the report by expressing appreciation to Dr. Hughes for the very detailed report and data.

Campus Safety – Agenda Item No. 5

Ms. Hanson provided an update on campus safety and security and discussed Clery Act Compliance, Care Team Interventions, and Title IX. The specifics of her report are included in Attachment 3 of the minutes. Ms. Hanson noted the annual Clery Report for UCM was issued on September 29, 2017, and covered the period of January 1, 2016, through December 30, 2016. Under the Trump Administration, the fine for failure to report a crime increased from \$35,000 to \$54,789. President Ambrose said Dr. Corey Bowman, Associate Vice Provost for Student Services/Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Scott Rhoads, Director of Public Safety, and Officer Bill Brinkley oversee Title IX investigations and do a very thorough job. Additionally, UCM has an extraordinary Care Team that provides intervention and support to referred students.

Dr. Wetzel asked if there is data to show UCM's campus is safer today than it was five years ago. President Ambrose stated there is no data to show this, but feels the campus is much safer due to reporting and advocacy. Mr. Rhoads added the biggest factor that makes it difficult to know if the campus is safer is there could be incidents that are not reported that

could affect data if it were known. President Ambrose shared his concerns about the new *Conceal and Carry* law and will meet with Senator Mike Kehoe to discuss his concerns.

Ms. Hanson closed the report by thanking UCM's Safety and Care Intervention Teams and Ms. Lindsay Chapman for the important work they do to ensure the safety of our students.

Immigration Law Update – Agenda Item No. 6

Ms. Hanson provided an update on Immigration Law, specifically as it relates to Deferred Action for Childhood (DACA). Included in the report was the history of DACA and the implications for these students as it relates to Immigration policy changes and proposed legislation. Ms. Hanson discussed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Policies, as well as ICE's enforcement power on college campuses. Details of the report are included in Attachment 4 of the minutes.

President Ambrose said UCM has been the most outspoken of higher education institutions in Missouri to advocate for the DREAM Act and has worked with the leadership of the Hispanic Development Fund, the Guadalupe Center Inc. and other leaders in the Hispanic community in this advocacy. He acknowledged that UCM must comply with the law no matter what position it takes and discussed the importance of a detailed plan should ICE visit UCM's campus. It was noted that any attempts by ICE to deliver subpoenas on UCM's campus should be directed to the Office of Public Safety.

Other – Agenda Item No. 7

There was no other business.

Request for Closed Session – October 27, 2017

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 considering real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
<i>1</i>	<i>PPT - Census Enrollment Update</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Briefing Paper - Charter Schools Update</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>PPT - Campus Safety</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>PPT - Immigration Law Update</i>