

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
March 16, 2018

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus, Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel. Other Board members present included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Walter Hicklin, Weldon Brady, and Mathew Martinez. Governors Marvin E. Wright and Mary Long were unable to attend the meeting and excused. Also in attendance were University President Charles Ambrose; Associate General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Dr. Wetzel remarked about the *Celebration of Life* event held the previous day for Doris Houx Kirkpatrick, which several Board members were able to attend. He also remarked on the death of Clinton Police Officer Christopher Ryan Morton, a UCM alum tragically killed in the line of duty earlier this month. Last, Dr. Wetzel made remarks concerning the FY 2019 budget and the Board's direction to administration to develop a three-year operating plan that takes into account trends in state support, enrollment, and programmatic/institutional priorities. In closing, he expressed appreciation for ongoing efforts to ensure access, affordability, college completion, and student success.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to those involved with planning the Doris Houx Kirkpatrick *Celebration of Life* event, and conveyed a special thank you to Vici and Jerry Hughes and others for the personal relationships they shared with Doris. The family was very appreciative of everyone's efforts in making this a special event. President Ambrose also shared that Helen Guyer Warren, a legacy in her own right, also passed away this month. Ms. Guyer was the first African American to graduate from UCM. In closing, President Ambrose stressed the importance of educating the public on the importance of a higher education and the value it holds for individuals long-term.

Recognition of Governor's Excellence in Education Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 4

Interim Provost Mike Godard introduced UCM's 2018 recipient of the Governor's Excellence in Education Award, Dr. Matthew Garver. Dr. Godard shared criteria for the award as well as the nomination of Dr. Garver. The Board extended its congratulations.

General Session

Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Wetzel listed the both action and information items included in the consent agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the action items.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve:

- *Minutes of December 8, 2017, and January 29, 2018, Plenary Sessions*
- *Emeritus Status for Bettie Moore and Dean Murphy (Attachment 1).*
- *Establishment of a new accelerated program for a Master of Art in Science Education and Bachelor of Science in Biology degree pending approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 2).*
- *Establishment of a new accelerated program for a Master of Art in Science Education and Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree pending approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 3).*
- *The curriculum proposal for the MSE in Educational Leadership degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 4).*
- *The curriculum proposal for the Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership, effective Fall 2018, pending the approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 5).*
- *Implementation of a Bachelor of Science degree in Bioinformatics effective Fall 2018, pending the approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 6).*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.

Informational items included:

- Fiscal Year Activities Report for the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research (Attachment 7)
- Personnel Report (Attachment 8)
- Capital Projects and Deferred Maintenance List (Attachment 9)

Reports/Updates

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Dr. Wetzel noted the written governance groups reports (Attachment 10) were included under Tab 17 of the meeting materials.

Updates – Agenda Item No. 7

President Ambrose noted that updates related to student success and fiscal responses were provided during the preceding day's Work Session. He introduced and thanked Senator Denny Hoskins for taking time from his busy schedule to provide the Board a legislative update. Senator Hoskins stated the State's unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in several years and attributed this to new businesses establishing themselves in Missouri including Dollar Tree, Nu Corp, and Amazon. Senator Hoskins noted a Higher Education Caucus was established to provide a platform to discuss issues related to higher education. To date, 10 Senators have participated and have helped raise awareness to issues surrounding higher education.

Senator Hoskins provided an overview of Senate bills passed this session, including SB 549 (work training program); SB 894/921 (a statewide STEM career awareness program that includes new provisions related to computer science); SB 603/576/898 (provisions for virtual education); SB 773 (modifies provisions related to income tax for certain nonresidents and extends the tax another 10 years.) Senator Hoskins also reviewed pending bills related to prevailing wages, tax reform, and gambling. He stated there is a current federal court case to allow all states to have sports books. If the case were won, Missouri would be required to change its law to permit sports books. The pending bill in Missouri's Legislature was proposed by Senator Hoskins and would allocate a significant portion of gambling dollars to higher education.

Senator Hoskins provided an update on the FY 2019 State budget, which is still in its early stages. He discussed the Governor's recommendation to cut \$68 million from higher education, as well as the House's efforts to restore dollars to higher education in return for a tuition freeze. Senator Hoskins stated there would be a great deal of discussion and negotiating before a budget is approved. President Ambrose noted the Board spent considerable time in Work Session the preceding afternoon discussing the budget and looks forward to seeing a three-year budget plan in April that will help move UCM forward.

The Board and President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Senator Hoskins for his work in the Legislature and his representation of UCM and the State.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, stated the Committee met the preceding day and had the opportunity to hear from a faculty panel about their engagement with students both in and out of the classroom. The Committee had a similar opportunity in January when a student panel discussed their UCM experiences. The Committee hopes to include similar sessions at future meetings. Ms. Dandurand asked Dr. Shari Bax to present the following agenda item.

Academic Year 2018-2019 Room and Board Rates – Agenda Item No. 8

Dr. Bax and Mr. Patrick Bradley presented information contained in a briefing paper (Attachment 11) under Tab 18 of the meeting materials related to proposed room and board rates for Academic Year 2018-2019. The proposed 4% increase to the meal plan rate is based on a 1.5% increase to fund capital improvements under the agreement between UCM and Sodexo, and a 2.5% increase allowed for under the “2017 Food Away from Home CPI Index.” The recommended board rates for 2018-2019 were:

- \$2,751 Double occupancy (2% increase above the current \$2,697 rate)
- \$3,351 Single occupancy (\$600 more than the double room rate – limited availability)
- \$1,632 First Year and Sophomore Meal Plans (3.88% increase above the current \$1,571)

Management recommends the following monthly apartment rates with no increases recommended for 2018-2019:

- \$727 Foster/Knox/Nickerson (furnished and utilities included)

- \$727 Todd 1 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)
- \$896 Todd 2 bedrooms (furnished and utilities included)

- \$594 Central Village 1 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)
- \$717 Central Village 2 bedrooms (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)
- \$857 Central Village 3 bedrooms (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)

- \$783 Greenwood Park 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)

- \$578 The Crossing 4 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)
- \$603 The Crossing 4 bedroom garden apartment (furnished and utilities included)
- \$676 The Crossing 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommended room and board rates for Academic Year 2018-2019 as noted above. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

The Board Committee on Academic Affairs met the preceding day. Recommendations from the Committee were listed under the Consent Agenda.

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, noted the Committee met the preceding day. He asked Dr. Best to present the following agenda items.

Fees – Agenda Item No. 9

- *FY 2019 Student Instructional and General Fees* – Dr. Best provided an overview of current discussions with the Missouri House of Representatives as it relates to higher education funding and tuition rate increases. Following the Governor’s recommendation to cut \$68 million from higher education’s core funding, the House began work on a proposal to restore the full amount contingent upon higher education institutions holding tuition flat or below the allowable 2.1% CPI. This is currently being negotiated, and depending on the outcome, UCM would either implement a lower tuition increase and book the 2.1%, or increase tuition by the allowable 2.1% CPI.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve an increase not to exceed 2.1% CPI for FY 2019 instructional and student general fees (shown in Attachment 12), contingent upon legislative action; and authorize a 2.1% increase to be shown on the books if legislative action results in a lower tuition rate increase. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

- *STEM Course Program Fee* – Dr. Best reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 20 of the meeting materials (Attachment 13) related to a proposed \$25 fee for all specified undergraduate and graduate STEM courses outlined in the briefing paper. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governor approve a \$25 STEM course program fee for all courses listed in the briefing paper. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*
- *MS Speech-Language Pathology Program Fee* – Dr. Best reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 21 of the meeting materials (Attachment 14) related to a proposed program fee of \$75 per credit hour across all modes of delivery for graduate courses in Communication Disorders, which will better align program revenues and costs. *Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed \$75 per credit hour course fee for the MS in Speech Language Pathology Program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

- Aviation-Oral Examination Lab Fee – Dr. Best reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 22 of the meeting materials (Attachment 15) related to proposed aviation lab fees. These mandatory lab fees are attached to every flight course in order to recover costs associated with the administration of the oral stage and oral end-of-course examinations required by the Federal Aviation Administration, and range in cost from \$63 to \$147 per flight course. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the implementation of the proposed Aviation examination lab fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*
- Undergraduate Business Course Program Fee – Dr. Best reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 23 of the meeting materials (Attachment 16) related to a proposed program fee of \$25 per credit hour for all courses with an upper level (3000 and 4000) business prefix. Implementation of a program fee will help ensure the sustainability of programs that serve more than 13% of all UCM students in 11 different undergraduate majors. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommended \$25 per credit hour course fee for courses with upper level business prefixes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Investment Advisory Services – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Best reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 24 of the meeting materials (Attachment 17) related to Investment Management Services. An invitation for bid issued in January resulted in eight proposals on closing date, and the evaluation of bids resulted in a recommendation of PFM Asset Management LLC of St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Best noted PFM also manages investments for Truman State University and other higher education institutions in Missouri. Dr. Wetzel asked if the University would have input to the type of investments made. Dr. Best responded that UCM has typically invested in the Treasury and CDs; however, the investment management firm will want to maximize our returns, which may require greater diversification of UCM's investments. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve a one-year contract with PFM Asset Management LLC of St. Louis, Missouri, with an option for four additional one-year renewal options for investment management services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Airport Architectural and Engineering Services – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Best referred the Board to Tab 25 of the meeting materials which contained background information (Attachment 18) pertaining to a recommendation for architectural and engineering services for Skyhaven Airport. The University receives entitlement funding through the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for construction projects at the Airport. This contract will be used in

completing projects when funds become available. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract for architectural and engineering services on an as-needed basis to Jviation, Inc. as the primary; Crawford Murphy & Tilly, Inc. as the secondary; and Custom Engineering as the tertiary for Skyhaven Airport projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Special Honor & Awards – Posthumous Degree

President Ambrose shared that Robin A. Grillo, a social work major entering her final semester of the program, died on January 2, 2018. Ms. Grillo held a g.p.a. of 3.51 and was inducted in the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society (Social Work) as a lifetime member of on December 2, 2017. She would have graduated in May 2018. President Ambrose asked that the Board approve award of a posthumous degree to Robin Grillo at the May 2018 Commencement. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous degree to Robin A. Grillo at the May 2018 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 12

There being no further business to discuss, *Ms. Dandurand moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.

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Attachment Listing

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| 1 | <i>Emeritus Status Requests</i> |
| 2 | <i>MA in Science Education & BS in Biology Degree</i> |
| 3 | <i>MA in Science Education & BS in Chemistry Degree</i> |
| 4 | <i>Revision to MS in Education in Educational Leadership Degree</i> |
| 5 | <i>Revision to ES in Educational Leadership Degree</i> |
| 6 | <i>Proposed New Program – BS in Bioinformatics</i> |
| 7 | <i>Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Integrity FY 17 Report</i> |
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