

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
April 27, 2018

The University of Central Missouri's (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, April 27, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel II. Other Board members present were Mary Dandurand, Marvin E. Wright, Mary Long, Weldon Brady, John Collier, Walter Hicklin, and Mathew Martinez. University President Charles Ambrose, General Counsel Hayley Hanson, and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman, were also present.

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 welcomed attendees and expressed the Board's excitement for the upcoming Commencement ceremonies where the Board, along with family and friends, will celebrate our graduates.

Dr. Wetzel stated the Board held a productive Work Session the preceding day and received information related to the FY 2019 budget that reflects the commitment faculty and staff have to ensuring our students continue to receive a quality education despite the financial challenges the University has encountered due to reduced funding from the State. Dr. Wetzel expressed the Board's appreciation to the campus community for working to address these challenges.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose addressed the cumulative effect of a UCM degree. His remarks included recognition of our Jennies Soccer and Basketball teams, both NCAA Division II champions; our student athletes who excel both in and outside of the classroom, always remembering they are students first; the good work of the *Learning to a Greater Degree* award recipients; and the academic success and leadership of the 2018 Charno Award recipients. President Ambrose added it is important to recognize achievements across campus every day, which we will continue doing with a degree of intentionality that provides encouragement and support to students, and lets others know the impact a college education at UCM has had on the lives of our students. In closing, President Ambrose expressed appreciation for a governing board that always puts students first.

Special Recognitions and Introductions – Agenda Item No. 4

Jennies Soccer and Basketball Teams - Mr. Jerry Hughes introduced Lewis Theobold, head coach for the Jennies Soccer team, and team members who won the NCAA Division II Championship in December 2017. A film clip of the win was shown, and the team was presented with a congratulatory citation from the Board and President Ambrose.

Mr. Hughes then introduced Dave Slifer, head coach for the Jennies Basketball team, and team members, who won the NCAA Division II Championship in March 2018. A film clip of the win was shown, and the Board and President Ambrose presented the team with a congratulatory citation.

Mr. Hughes shared the teams were recognized by both the House and Senate earlier this week at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Byler Award Recipient – Dr. Godard provided background information about the Byler Award, noting it is a top honor for faculty. He then introduced this year’s Byler Award recipient, Dr. Dennis Doucheff, who was congratulated and presented the award. Dr. Doucheff will also be recognized at Commencement.

Charno Award Recipients – Dr. Bax provided background information about the Charno award. Although both recipients, Sydney Montague and Dalton Pittenger, had prior commitments and could not attend the meeting, Dr. Bax introduced them by way of the information she provided about each individual. These students will be recognized at Commencement.

Learning to a Greater Degree Award Recipients – Mr. Jeff Murphy introduced the Spring 2018 *Learning to a Greater Degree Award* recipients, Dr. Martys Peck, Associate Professor of Social Work, and student recipient Katherine “Katie” Kim, a junior majoring in international studies. Both were presented with a *Learning to a Greater Degree* print and congratulated by the Board and President Ambrose.

Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Wetzel presented the list of items for Board action under the consent agenda. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the following items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously*

- *Approved the minutes of the March 15, 2018, Work Session and March 16, 2018, Plenary Session;*
- *Approved emeritus status for Mr. Steve Ake, Dr. Gene Bonham, Jr., Ms. Jerry Raye Brown, Mr. George Clossin, Dr. Janelle Cowles, Dr. Sheryl Craig, Ms. Marian Davis, Ms. Ann Davis, Dr. Robert DeJonge, Dr. Joyce Downing, Mr. Jim Dutton, Mr. Wally Dzula, Dr. Richard Herman, Ms. Karen Hibdon, Ms. Penny Humphrey, Ms. Sharon Jennings, Dr. Mustafa Kamal, Dr. Janice Klimek, Ms. Donna Mayeux, Ms. Barbara Mayfield, Dr. David McCandless, Ms. Emily Merchant, Ms. Patti Morrison, Ms. Carole Nimmer, Dr. Ann Powell-Brown, Dr. Mark Rankin, Dr. Mary Rowe, Dr. George Sesser, Ms. Sheila Stoneking, Ms. Debra Trobough, Ms. Jane Whetzel, Mr. Wayne Wildman, Dr. Ruthann Williams, Dr. Ronald Woolsey, and Dr. Arthur Young (Attachment 1);*
- *Approved a change in program name from Master of Science in Ethical Strategic Leadership to Master of Science in Leadership, effective fall 2019 pending approval by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 2);*
- *Approved a one-year contract to SimplexGrinnell for Life Safety System Testing and Inspection (Attachment 3);*
- *Approved award of contract to Crossroad Tours for the use of one bus to provide shuttle services between Warrensburg and Lee’s Summit six days a week for an initial one-year period of May 14, 2018 – May 18, 2019, with an option for four one-year renewal options through May 2023, with a first year cost of \$196,128 (Attachment 4).*

Dr. Wetzel referenced the informational items listed under the consent agenda that included Career Services' Annual Report (Attachment 5); information about a Central Advising Center Construction/Remodel (Attachment 6); the FY 2018 Third Quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenses (Attachment 7); and the 2018 Third Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 8). He asked if there were questions and there were none.

REPORTS/UPDATES

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Faculty Senate – Dr. Katie Jacobs, Faculty Senate President, stated that after serving two consecutive years as Faculty Senate President, she is stepping down. She introduced Dr. Steven Price who served as Faculty Senate Vice President for the past two years and who will become the next Faculty Senate President. Dr. Jacobs expressed appreciation to President Ambrose and Interim Vice Provost Godard for their attendance and participation at meetings.

Staff Council – Ms. Beth Rutt, Staff Council President, addressed the changes that are occurring and emphasized the need for people to stay positive. She conveyed some of the anxiousness staff are experiencing due to the “unknown,” and stated staff are supportive of the institution’s mission and the students that that we serve. Ms. Rutt noted there have been some issues related to the recent change in the University’s health insurance. She also stressed the need for a new evaluation tool. In closing she extended an invitation to Board members to attend the May 9 Staff Council Appreciation Breakfast where more than 340 staff will celebrate their achievements and successes.

Student Government Association – Mr. Luke Hawley, Student Government Association President, announced that he is graduating at the Spring Commencement. He introduced the new SGA President, Courtney Ash. SGA semester activities included -- hosting a number of events including a student forum about the realignment of colleges; meeting with legislators in Jefferson City to discuss concerns; and recognition of Jason Kander who was this year’s recipient of the Excellence in Governance award. President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Mr. Hawley for his leadership and wished him well as he pursues a law degree at the University of Missouri’s School of Law.

Updates – Agenda Item No. 7

President Ambrose discussed the State’s budget, its impact on higher education and on UCM. He stated UCM’s commitment to hold the FY 2019 tuition increase to 1% (however, booking 2.1%) so long as the State’s FY 2019 appropriation for higher education remains \$68 million. He expressed concern and uncertainty about whether Governor Greitens would support the restoration of \$68 million to higher education. UCM is working hard to present a balanced budget to the Board for this next fiscal year, but if the Governor were to implement any kind of a withhold, it would be challenging to do so. President Ambrose stressed with declining support from the State, it is important for UCM to establish a sustainable platform that includes more intense focus on the Alumni Foundation and charitable support, all of which will help chart the future for UCM. He expressed appreciation to Drs. Best and Godard for their leadership and intentionality in moving students and the campus forward during these challenging times.

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 to receive an update on University Advancement and Career Services Annual Report. More information will be presented in June related to University Advancement.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, stated the Committee met the preceding day and discussed individuals eligible for emeritus status, a program name change, academic reorganization and a holistic student-advising model. Dr. Long thanked the staff for the quality work and information presented to the Board during yesterday's meetings.

Affirmation of Academic Reorganization – Agenda Item No. 8

Dr. Godard noted a four-college structure, reorganized to utilize a “school” model, was presented to the Board during yesterday's Work Session. Numerous opportunities were provided to faculty for input into the process. Board affirmation of the changes were requested. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors affirm its support of the academic reorganization as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Affirmation of Student Success Continuum – Agenda Item No. 9

Dr. Godard said information was presented to the Board during yesterday's Work Session about a Holistic Student Advising model. Board affirmation of the Student Success Continuum was requested. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors affirm its support of the Student Success Continuum as presented. The motion as seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, stated the Committee met the preceding day. He called on Dr. Best to give a report on the following agenda item.

FY 2019 Operating Budget – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Best discussed the FY 2019 Operating Budget (Attachment 9), which was presented in detail at yesterday's Work Session. He acknowledged there are many challenges with the FY 2019 budget and the administration is considering a number of initiatives to help address them. Despite the challenges, student success will continue to be at the forefront of all that we do. As previously noted by President Ambrose, the tuition increase for FY 2019 will be 1% so long as funding is restored for higher education (2.1% will be placed on the books). UCM is anticipating a \$17.4 million reduction in its total revenue in FY 2019.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed FY 2019 Operating budget with the understanding the final budget will reflect any significant change in proposed State appropriations for UCM. . The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously. The final budget will be submitted to the Board of Governors at the June meeting.

Board Business

Appointment of Nominating Committee – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Wetzel announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee for FY 2019 Board Officers. Mr. Walt Hicklin will chair the committee and Mary Long will serve as a member.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 12

There being no further business to discuss, *Ms. Dandurand moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Requests
2	Proposed Name Change – MS in Leadership
3	Life Safety System Testing and Inspection
4	Award of Contract – Shuttle Bus Service
5	2016-2017 Career Services Annual Report
6	Central Advising Center Construction
7	FY 2018 Third Quarter Statement of Revenue & Expenses
8	2018 Third Quarter Investment Report
9	FY 2019 Operating Budget