

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**December 13, 2019**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, December 13, 2019, at 12:00 noon in the Elliott Student Union, Room 237A on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President John Collier. Other Board members present included Governors Stephen Abney, Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Walter Hicklin and Casey Short. Participating in the meeting by phone were Governors Marvin E. Wright and Mary Dandurand. Others in attendance were University President Roger Best, General Counsel Lindsay Chapman, and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Collier called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present to conduct business.

**Request for Closed Session – December 13, 2019** – Agenda Item No. 2

*Dr. Long moved pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors recess from Plenary Session and convene in closed meeting, with closed record and closed vote, for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, contractual matters, personnel matters, and other matters included under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried with the following roll call vote:*

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

*Note: The Board recessed from Plenary Session and moved into Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.; the Plenary Session resumed at 1:05 p.m. in Union 237B.*

**Remarks by the Board President** - Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Collier welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on several things that have occurred throughout the fall semester resulting in many accomplishments for our students. He added this weekend's Commencement is a culmination of these accomplishments, and the Board looks forward to being a part of the celebration.

#### **Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 4

President Best agreed with Mr. Collier regarding a busy fall semester. This morning he attended ROTC's Commissioning ceremony where five young women and two young men were commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army. President Best said he looked forward to celebrating our students' successes this weekend at Commencement.

#### **Learning to a Greater Degree Award Recipients** – Agenda Item No. 5

Ms. Kelly Waldram introduced the fall 2019 *Learning to a Greater Degree Award* recipients. A senior majoring in Dietetics, Traycie Williams, and Dr. Scott Smith, Professor of Marketing, were introduced. Both were presented with a print reflecting *Learning to a Greater Degree* attributes and were photographed with President Best and Mr. Collier.

#### **Plenary Session**

#### **Consent Agenda** – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Collier presented, and the Board approved, the following Consent Agenda action items:

- Minutes of the October 24, 2019, Work Session and October 25, 2019, Plenary Session;
- Emeritus Status for Michael Jeffries, Director of CentralNET and Dr. John Zey, Professor of Industrial Hygiene, effective December 31, 2019 (Attachment 1);
- New Minor – Enterprise Resource Planning, effective fall semester 2020 (Attachment 2);
- New option in BS in Engineering Technology Degree Program, effective fall semester 2020, pending approval by MDHE/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 3);
- Proposed Program Revision – Name change of MS in Behavior Analysis and Therapy to MS in Behavior Analysis, and the addition of two option areas, effective fall semester 2020 pending approval by MDHE/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 4);
- Proposed Name Change to the Electronics Engineering Technology option in the BS in Engineering Technology Degree Program to Robotics, Automation, and Controls option, effective fall semester 2020, pending approval by MDHE/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 5);
- Proposed Program Revision – Name change of BS in Networking Technology to BS in Information Technology, effective fall semester 2020, pending approval of MDHE/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 6);
- Approval of public broadcasting dues for the period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$543,426, and approval of dues for periods of FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023 up to \$590,000 per year to Public Broadcasting Service (Attachment 7);

- Addition of junior search services to the current (FY 2020) EAB contract for senior search and authorization to enter into a four-year contract for more comprehensive enrollment services as described in the briefing paper for a total of \$1,196,680, or an average of \$299,170 per fiscal year plus pass-through costs for postage, digital media, and list purchases not to exceed \$75,000 per year (Attachment 8);
- Multi-year agreement with EAB for Adult Learner Recruitment Services for FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022. Total cost of the program is \$750,000 or \$250,000 per year plus postage and media cost not to exceed \$80,000 per year (Attachment 9); and
- Award of contract to Reasbeck Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$818,795 for renovations of the existing food service space in the Elliott Student Union for the new concept called Cru5h (Attachment 10).

*Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve all action items listed under the Consent Agenda as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Collier noted the annual Personnel Report was also included under the Consent Agenda as an informational item (Attachment 11).

### **Reports and Updates**

#### **Governance Groups Verbal Reports** – Agenda Item No. 7

Verbal reports were provided by the leadership of the respective governance groups.

*Faculty Senate* – Dr. Jim Loch, Faculty Senate President, expressed the Senate’s appreciation of President Best’s and Provost Bridgmon’s engagement with the faculty. He noted, following passage of the Faculty Classification policy in 2017, the Faculty Senate passed recommendations this year related to promotion steps and salary raises that are ready for President Best’s consideration.

*Staff Council* – Mr. Chris Beggs, Staff Council Vice President, reported the Staff Council spent much of the year reviewing and refreshing Staff Council bylaws to better reflect a reorganization that combined the former Professional Staff and Support Staff Councils into the Staff Council. This includes working with constituents across campus to ensure all related matters are addressed and aligned.

*Student Government Association* – Mr. Cole Fine, Student Government Association (SGA) President, said the semester has been full. Highlights from the semester included meeting with President Best and Mr. Pearce; a visit from UMKC’s SGA who is researching the possibility of establishing an SGA alliance across the state of Missouri; cancelling SGA office hours due to a lack of student interest, and instead meeting directly with student organizations; and efforts to implement a student health fee. Mr. Abney thanked Mr. Fine and the SGA for their efforts to implement the proposed student health fee in order to help address the needs of students on campus.

### **University Update** – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best said it has been a busy and interesting week. Students were engaged in finals and President Best spent time in Jefferson City attending state meetings related to higher education. Additionally, MDHE Commissioner Zora Mulligan visited campus this week.

President Best announced *Intelligent.com* recently ranked three UCM degree programs among its top 10 for 2020 in separate categories. UCM programs making the top 10 were in the areas of Emergency Management, Child Development, and Sports Management. A total of eight UCM programs made the online feature, which draws data from hundreds of higher education institutions across the nation to help students make informed decisions about which colleges and universities to attend.

In closing, President Best commended the work of the Faculty Senate who recently submitted four signification motions for consideration. He also commended the Staff Council and Student Government Association for the good work they continue to do.

### **Whiteman Advantage** – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best stated UCM is in the process of rebranding the Military and Veteran Success Center from *The Whiteman Advantage* to the Military and Veterans Success Center. This is an effort to better serve and recognize all branches of service. The rebranding has begun and will continue throughout the spring. The Center will be referred to as *The Bunker*.

### **Legislative Update** – Agenda Item No. 10

President Best invited Mr. Pearce to give a legislative update. Below are highlights from Mr. Pearce's report.

#### **State**

- Filing started on December 1 for the Session that begins January 8, 2020. To date, 549 bills have been filed in the House and 291 filed in the Senate.
- Bills of interest to be explored with the Board in January include Campus Carry, Title IX, Charter School Expansion, Intercollegiate Athletics and the use of athletes' names, images and likenesses. Also, video lottery and sports betting will be a topic for major discussion this upcoming session.
- Still waiting for the release of the Consensus Revenue Estimate (CRE). It is a projected number agreed upon by the Governor, House Budget and Senate Appropriations. The CRE will determine how much revenue increase to expect this

upcoming year and will also determine spending levels. We anticipate an approximate increase of 2- 2 ½ percent. During this week's COPHE meeting, the group agreed the number one priority is to increase core funding based on inflation of a 1.9% to 2% increase.

- Other work this week includes a letter sent to all House and Senate members from President Best -- all 196 of them. Additionally, visits were made with the Chair of the House Budget Committee, Cody Smith; the Governor's Budget Director, Dan Haug; and with our local state delegation including Senator Hoskins, and Representatives Dohrman and Houx. Rep. Dohrman chairs the House Higher Education Committee, and Mr. Pearce has visited with the Senate Education Chair and UCM Alum, Gary Romine.

### **Federal**

- A ruling is still pending from the Department of Higher Education on Title IX. This ruling could come any day, but likely it will be early January. It is presently under review in OMB. The outcome will determine what is filed on the state level.
- Also, still waiting on Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. It will pass in the House, but will face opposition in the Senate. There is some disagreement between Senate Chair Lamar Alexander and Ranking member Senator Murray involving Title IX. Currently it appears there will be an increase in the maximum PELL grant of \$135-\$150.
- Other work at the federal level included a visit with Senator Blunt's staff member Brandt Shields; Senator Hawley's staff member Dan Hartman; and working with Congresswoman Hartzler and her staff when she hosted the Procurement Conference on UCM's campus earlier this fall.
- President Best and Mr. Pearce are planning to visit Washington, D.C. in late winter or early spring. While there, they will try to engage with UCM alumni in the Washington, D.C. area.

### **Locally**

- Katie Cupp, SGA Vice President, will intern for Mr. Pearce next semester.

### **Strategic Plan Update** – Agenda Item No. 11

President Best said the President's Council has met regularly since the Board approved the Strategic Plan earlier in the fall and several action items were established. These action items will be put into a report and distributed to the Board in January.

**Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement**

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee did not meet this month, and therefore, had nothing to report.

**Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and had the opportunity to hear about and discuss a number of important matters, several of which were approved under the Consent Agenda. The Committee received a report on Charter Schools and UCM's Enrollment Management Plan. Dr. Long expressed appreciation to Dean Lee and Dr. Hughes for the work they are doing with the Charter Schools and for the data reports they prepared and presented to the Board. She also thanked Provost Bridgmon for his work on the Enrollment Management Plan. The Committee will hold an expanded meeting in January to receive additional information on the Charter Schools, and to discuss degree and certificate programs, and other academic matters. Mr. Abney added his appreciation of the report on enrollment management and expressed appreciation for the Provost's efforts.

**Board Committee on Finance & Administration**

Mr. Abney, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, said the Committee met earlier today. Several items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. He asked Mr. Hawley to give the report on the following agenda items.

**Health Services Student Fee** – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 18 of the meeting materials that included a proposal to implement a student-recommended and approved fee for student health services (Attachment 12). Students had the opportunity to vote on the ballot issue during the annual Homecoming elections October 8-9, 2019. The ballot as shown below, was voted on by 2,745 students and was approved by 58.4%.

*Do you approve of an increase in student fees of \$2.75 per credit hour for the hiring of a nurse practitioner, four (4) counselors, a registered nurse, telecounseling, and student health services at a discounted rate in order to address the physical and mental health needs of students?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Yes, I approve of an increase in fees.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *No, I do not approve of an increase in fees.*

*Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a student-recommended and approved fee for student health services. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

**Proposed Revised Course Fees** – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 19 of the meeting materials regarding revised course fees (Attachment 13) for:

- NUR 5202 – Primary Care Adults & Elderly I from \$41 to \$80 effective August 2020;
- CJ 3005 – Introduction to Shooting Proficiency from \$85 to \$15, effective January 2020; and
- EDSP 4620 – Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement from \$20 to \$0, effective January 2020.

*Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revised course fees for NUR 5202 – Primary Care Adults & Elderly I; CJ 3005 – Introduction to Shooting Proficiency; and EDSP 4620 – Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement as noted above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Proposed New Course Fees** - Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Hawley reviewed the listing of proposed new course fees under Tab 20 of the meeting materials (Attachment 14). These included:

- ART 1211: Photography I, \$65
- ART 2211: Photography II, \$75
- ART 3211: Photography III, \$80
- ART 4211: Photography IV, \$60
- ART 1230: Digital Media, \$60
- AVIA 4046: Airport Operations Certification, \$180

*Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed new course fees outlined above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

**Board Business**

**Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 15

There was no other business to discuss.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 16

There being no further business, *Dr. Long moved for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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**Attachment Listing**

<u><b>Attachment No.</b></u>	<u><b>Attachment Description</b></u>
1	Emeritus Status Request
2	New Minor – Enterprise Resource Planning
3	New option in BS in Engineering Technology Degree Program
4	Proposed Program Revision – Name change of MS in Behavior Analysis and Therapy
5	Proposed Name Change to BS in Engineering Technology Degree Program Option
6	Proposed Program Revision – Name change of BS in Networking Technology
7	Public Broadcasting Dues
8	EAB Contract – Comprehensive Enrollment Services
9	EAB Contract – Adult Learner Recruitment Services
10	Renovations to Food Service Space
11	Personnel Report
12	Health Services Student Fee
13	Proposed Revised Course Fees
14	Proposed New Course Fees