

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**October 22, 2020**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B included Governors Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Kenneth Weymuth, Gus Wetzel, and Zachary Racy. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated in the meeting virtually. Governor John Collier was unavailable for the meeting and excused. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman; Vice President for Finance and Operations Bill Hawley; Executive Director for Governmental Relations David Pearce; Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Jerry Hughes; and Vice President for Integrated Marketing and Communications Susan Smedley.

Note: Due to the restriction on the number of people permitted in the meeting room, the Plenary Session was livestreamed.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney welcomed individuals attending the meeting and those listening via livestream. He expressed appreciation to faculty and staff for their continued efforts to help students and the University through difficult circumstances, and stated pride in all the accomplishments being made by faculty, staff and students.

**Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best said he looked forward to the presentations of the Learning to a Greater Degree Awards and the MIAA Commissioners Cup. He stated in today's environment where Covid-19 has significantly impacted our "normal", it's great to see people demonstrate a strong commitment for student success. He thanked the faculty, staff, and the Board of Governors for all they do.

**Presentation of 2019-2020 MIAA Commissioners Cup** – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Hughes introduced MIAA Commissioner Mike Racy and Mr. Daniel Lacy from McCownGordon, who presented the MIAA Commissioner's Cup to UCM. Mr. Racy said the work of UCM's students and coaches over the past year were significant, and award of the Commissioner's Cup represents their hard work and excellence in the Conference. Mr. Lacy added that UCM is a three-time winner of the trophy and McCownGordon is pleased to have partnered with the MIAA for the past three years to present the award.

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

Ms. Smedley introduced Learning to a Greater Degree Award recipients Dr. Kenneth Bias, Professor of Physical Education and Program Coordinator; and junior music education major Richard “Joey” Carter. They were congratulated by the Board and presented Learning to a Greater Degree canvas prints in recognition of this honor.

## **Plenary Session**

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

Mr. Abney announced the Consent Agenda action items listed below:

- Minutes of the August 20, 2020, Plenary Session and September 8, 2020 Special Plenary Session.
- Emeritus status for Mr. Charles Chapman effective October 31, 2020. (Attachment 1)

*Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve all items listed for action under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Abney noted items included as Consent Agenda information items – Faculty Status Report (Attachment 2); Campus Technology Report (Attachment 3); FY 2021 First Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 4); and FY 2021 First Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Attachment 5).

## **Reports and Updates**

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

Written Governance Groups Reports were included in the meeting materials under Tab 13 (Attachment 6).

### **University Updates** - Agenda Item No. 9

President Best reported Governor Parson released \$989,000 in restricted funds to UCM to be paid over a nine-month period. He stated the University is engaged in budget planning for FY 2022, where the biggest challenge will be forecasting revenue. President Best anticipates the revenue forecast will be finalized for FY 2022 in a few weeks, which will then be used to develop the FY 2022 operating budget in the coming months. In closing, he noted DHEWD will ask for restoration of core funding for higher education in FY 2022.

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

Mr. Pearce provided a legislative update, stating there is speculation that another CARES Act legislation ranging anywhere from \$500 billion to \$2 trillion could be enacted; however, Mr. Pearce was not optimistic this would occur.

At the state level, Governor Parson announced a Special Session would be held November 5 to consider supplemental CARES Act funding. These are funds that have been allocated to the state, but not appropriated and includes school nutrition, job training, and domestic violence grants. Currently, it doesn't appear any supplemental funding will be allocated to higher education. Other legislative activity included a campus visit from Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, Representative Doug Richey, who is also a UCM alum, and a request for information from Senate Education Chair Cindy O'Laughlin related to the number of in-person classes that have switched to online as a result of Covid 19. UCM's response was 19%. Additionally, Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler is scheduled to visit UCM on October 23 to visit with 'Tough as Nails' national winner Kelly Murphy; and Mr. Pearce and Dr. Vici Hughes will be arranging visits to the Charter Schools with Representatives Greg Razer and Barbara Washington in the November/December timeframe.

Mr. Pearce stated HB 1386 defines "lobbyist" in such a way that President Best and he no longer fall into this category and therefore no longer have to register as such. President Best and Mr. Pearce are currently planning to visit legislators in Washington, D.C. in early March 2021 in an effort to maintain UCM's presence and connection with federal delegates.

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

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, stated the Committee did not meet this month.

#### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, said the Committee met earlier in the day and had only one action item, which was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

#### **Board Committee on Finance & Administration**

Mr. Weymuth, Member of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, stated the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

#### **Skyhaven Airport Terminal Project** – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley presented background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 14 of the meeting materials (Attachment 7) regarding the possible award of contract to a professional Design-Build Team to provide all labor, materials and provisions necessary to produce conceptual designs, final design, construction documents, permitting and construction of a 10,000 square-foot educational and terminal structure at Skyhaven Airport with a projected budget of \$2.8 million.

A Request for Proposal was issued on August 28, 2020, that resulted in six respondents. Following evaluation and review of all proposals for responsiveness, it was determined that McCownGordon Construction was most responsive. Mr. Hawley stated the \$2.8 million project's cost would be paid entirely from donations that have already been committed to UCM's Foundation.

*Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract to McCownGordon Construction to include all labor, materials and provisions necessary to produce conceptual designs, final design, construction documents, permitting, and construction of a 10,000 square-foot educational and terminal structure at the Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport, at a cost not to exceed \$2.8 million. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

### **Crane Stadium Improvements** – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 15 of the meeting materials (Attachment 8) related to expansion and improvements to Crane Stadium Baseball Field. Previously, UCM's Administration authorized Gould Evans Associates, LC under the existing UCM On-Call A&E Services Contract, to provide design and construction phase services for expansion and improvements to Crane Stadium. The proposed project will include an approximately 2,500 square-foot building, located between the existing clubhouse building to the South and King Street to the North. The Board was asked to approve the award of contract to McCownGordon Construction, inclusive of remaining A/E fees, for expansion and improvements to the Crane Stadium Baseball Facility.

UCM's Foundation has received gifts from donors totaling \$1,976,250 designated for the project. To date, \$393,760 has been expended, including \$167,100 for architectural and engineering final design drawings and construction documents; \$221,710 for bleacher replacement at first and third bases; and \$4,950 for a topographical site survey. Outstanding pledges from donors total \$57,000. Including other redirected Foundation funds, there are \$1,810,000 in Foundation funds to apply to this project, leaving \$280,000 to be funded through University funds.

*Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a contract to McCownGordon Construction in an amount not to exceed \$2,090,000, inclusive of remaining A/E expenses, for expansion and improvements to the Crane Stadium Baseball Facility. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.*

## **Board Business**

### **External Audit Report** – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley stated RubinBrown, LLC, UCM's external auditor, provided an extensive review of the external audit for FY 2019-2020 (Attachment 9), during the preceding Work Session. RubinBrown issued an unmodified (clean) opinion of UCM's financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors accept the External Audit Report prepared by RubinBrown, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

### **Proposed Naming** – Agenda Item No. 13

President Best presented information (Attachment 10) for a proposed naming of the Career Development Service Library. Through the generosity and sponsorship of Black & Veatch, Career Development was able to expand technological capabilities to better facilitate career readiness initiatives across UCM's student population. More specifically, Black & Veatch provided a five-year

sponsorship resulting in an interactive learning lab that allows UCM students and alumni to virtually connect with employer and opportunities with new digital interviewing and meeting equipment. Additionally, the Career Center can teach UNIV 3000, a two-credit Career Readiness Course, within the lab space and host class presentations, virtual employer networking events, and other opportunities to help students build their technological competency within a professional setting.

*Dr. Long moved, in accordance with BOG Policy 1.2.90 – Naming Buildings, Rooms, and Special Use Facilities Management, that the Board of Governors approve the naming of the Career Development Services Library, “The Learning Lab Sponsored by Black & Veatch,” for a period of five years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

**Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 14

There was no other business to discuss.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 15

*Dr. Long moved for adjournment of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

The meeting concluded at 2:55 p.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Requests</i>
2	<i>Faculty Status Report</i>
3	<i>Campus Technology Report</i>
4	<i>FY 2021 First Quarter Investment Report</i>
5	<i>FY 2021 First Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses</i>
6	<i>Written Governance Groups Reports</i>
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