

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session Minutes
March 25-26, 2021

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session March 25-26, 2021, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Board initially convened at 11:50 a.m. on March 25, 2021, and immediately passed a motion for Closed Session. The Board reconvened in Plenary Session at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021, following a tour of Ward Edwards 2401 (Accountancy Room) and Ward Edwards 1604 (Forbes Center). The Plenary Session was presided over by Board President Stephen Abney both days. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Kenneth Weymuth, and Zachary Racy. Governors Gus Wetzel II and Kenneth Weymuth were unavailable for the March 25 segment of the meeting; however, were present on March 26. Governor Marvin E. Wright was not available for either segment of the Plenary Session and was excused. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

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

Request for Closed Session – March 25, 2021 – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Long made a motion pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the Board of Governors meet 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. Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>

Call to Order – March 26, 2021 – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney reconvened the Plenary Session and called the meeting to order. It was determined a quorum was present to conduct business.

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Abney thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and gave special thanks to those listening via live stream. He congratulated the Jennies Basketball team for a great season and on the team's success in making it to the *Final Four*. Mr. Abney said the Board was scheduled for the *Historic Campus Tour* originally scheduled for March 25. Unfortunately it was postponed due to inclement weather. He stated the historic tour reminds us of how far UCM has come as an institution, and of its strength, particularly over the past year as it has

managed through the COVID-19 pandemic. UCM is fortunate to have a good leader in Dr. Best and to have so many people who care about the University and its students. He closed by expressing his confidence in a bright future for UCM as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 4

President Best expressed his appreciation to Mr. Abney regarding the University's response to COVID-19 and to Dr. Bax for the report she provided to the Board the previous day during the Student Engagement and University Advancement Committee meeting concerning all of the efforts and initiatives the University has taken to address COVID-19. President Best added it has been a real team effort. He remarked on the Board's tour earlier in the morning of Ward Edwards (WE) 2401 (Accountancy Room) and Ward Edwards 1604 (Forbes Center), noting that the renovation of WE 2401 is responsive to the times and allows us to deliver education to students wherever they are.

Other remarks included congratulations to Dr. Bax who was selected by the Student Government Association to receive the 2021 Excellence in Governance Award, and to Gigi McAtee, the recipient of the NCAA's 2021 Elite 90 Award. In closing, President Best reported last week's COVID-19 dashboard reflected zero cases for both faculty and staff.

Recognition of Governor's Excellence in Education Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 5

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

Plenary Session

Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda action items and to accept the informational items as listed.

Action Items --

- Approval of the January 20, 2021, Plenary Session minutes and Mini Retreat Summary;
- Emeritus status for Michele Muin who retired January 31, 2021, and Karl Irvine, Karen O'Keefe, Joyce Huffman, and David Card, who will retire March 31, 2021 (Attachment 1);
- Award of contract to Weatherproofing Technologies Incorporated in the amount of \$1,780,830.12 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the restoration of metal roof panels and replacement of single-ply fully adhered membrane roof for the James C. Kirkpatrick Library (Attachment 2);

- Award of contract to Reasbeck Construction Inc. in the amount of \$472,411.50 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for interior renovation to Fitzgerald Hall Fraternity Rooms (Attachment 3);
- Award of a five-year contractual agreement with ConvergeOne for installation, deployment and implementation of an on-premise unified communication services solution (Attachment 4);
- Award of contract to Conference Technologies, Inc. for \$498,657.20 to provide all labor, materials and provisions necessary to replace and upgrade the audio system and infrastructure for the Multipurpose Building (Attachment 5);
- Award of five-year Residential Hall and Apartment Laundry Equipment and Service contract award to Caldwell & Gregory LLC (Attachment 6); and
- Award of contract to Smithereen Pest Management for pest control services that strategically focus on the immediate removal or eradication and long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques (Attachment 7).

Information Items --

- Written Governance Groups (Attachment 8);
- Curriculum Changes (Attachment 9)
- Promotions and/or Tenure (Attachment 10)
- Spring 2021 Census Enrollment Report (Attachment 11)

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the listed Consent Agenda action items and to accept the listed informational items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

Reports/Updates

University Metrics Report – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best presented a University Metrics report (Attachment 12) that included data related to five-year trends in student population, student success, and operations/finances. He stated that his intention is to make this a regular report that is presented to the Board in October and March of each year. The Board expressed its appreciation for the report, as well as the report format.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best said the University is monitoring a bill related to a two-year residency requirement. He noted that UCM testified in opposition to the bill from the perspective of its impact on student success. If passed there could be financial implications for UCM.

President Best expressed appreciation to members of the Academic Program Review Committee and Academic Review Board for their recommendations regarding retrenchment. He received the Provost's report March 1. He is reviewing the recommendations made by both groups and will provide his decisions regarding overall numbers to the Provost and Deans no later than Monday, March 29.

The General Education Review is ongoing and is on track for completion by the semester's end. President Best expressed appreciation to all involved in this process. The Crane Stadium and Skyhaven Airport Terminal projects are on track. The Airport Terminal project is in the design phase, and a groundbreaking is planned for April 24 for the Crane Stadium Project. Board members were invited to participate.

President Best reminded Board members of the President's Gala, scheduled for April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Performances will be held at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; however, audience viewing of the performances will be virtual.

Student Governor Racy inquired about the President's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. President Best presented the web page for this Commission -- <https://www.ucmo.edu/about/university-leadership/ucm-president/presidents-commission-on-diversity-equality-and-inclusion/> -- which includes the Commission's charge and membership by virtue of position, as well as current members. He also reviewed the selection process for the membership. One of the Commission's first tasks will be to facilitate a campus climate study.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. Pearce provided a legislative update. He noted seven weeks remain of the 2021 Legislative Session and the State's budget must be done by May 7. He noted the budget passed out of the House Budget Committee last evening and will go to the House floor next week. The Governor has proposed level funding (\$55.3 million for higher education) for the new fiscal year that begins July 1 and the House has concurred with the recommendation. Mr. Pearce stated the Council on Public Higher Education is requesting a 3.7% increase, which is what the consumer price index has been for the past two years.

To date there have been 2,079 bills filed (1,449 House bills and 630 Senate bills). Mr. Pearce is monitoring 26 bills related to higher education. Of these, there are six bills that UCM is actively engaged –

- HB 86 -- This bill currently does not allow universities to ban firearms, and they must be allowed in certain places prescribed by the board;
- HB 355 -- Informed Student Document Act;
- HB 856 -- Allows for removal of tuition caps, but does not permit universities to charge course fees;

- HB 682-- Prohibits two-year residency requirements; however, would not go into effect until 2034
- HB 101 and SB 265 -- Requires high school seniors to fill out FAFSA application. At the request of MDHEWD, Zac Racy testified for the bill last week and Michael Lewis will testify on the House Bill next week.

Other information shared by Mr. Pearce included Governor Parson's visit to the Missouri Innovation Campus in Lee's Summit earlier this month to visit the Mixed Reality Studio. On April 7, the House and Senate will present resolutions to UCM in honor of its Sesquicentennial.

On the federal level, Congress passed and President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act on March 11. This is a \$1.9 trillion package that provides \$39.6 billion to Higher Education. This is the third round of federal funding that will impact UCM. The first bill was passed almost a year ago. It provided \$13.9 billion for Higher Education, the second bill passed late last year provided \$22.9 billion for Higher Education with those disbursements still being distributed.

Mr. Hawley provided an update on federal legislation including the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Currently UCM is in the process of distributing the second round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) to students on March 25 and 26. The amount each student receives depends on enrollment status and estimated family income. Distributions range from \$150-\$1,200 per student. The total distribution is approximately \$4.1 million. As part of the third round of HEERF contained in ARPA, there is approximately \$21 million for UCM, with at least one half of that amount to be administered to students, however, the exact parameters of that program have not yet been issued.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee met the previous day, but had no action items. Dr. Bax provided an update on efforts and initiatives to address COVID-19. Graduate Assistant Domonique Hampton with the Center for Multiculturism and Inclusivity, attended the meeting to talk about the Center and its work.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, also reported the Committee met the previous day and discussed a number of items. Action items came forward from the Committee and were listed under the Consent Agenda for the Board's approval. The Committee received a Spring Enrollment Report, for which she was glad to see less of an enrollment decline for spring (6%) than from the fall (10%).

Amendments to BOG Policy 2.2.040 – Faculty Classifications – Agenda Item No. 9

Ms. Chapman referred the Board to Tab 16 of the meeting packet, which contained a briefing paper and redlined version of BOG Policy 2.2.040 – Faculty Classifications (Attachment 13), to 1) reflect the addition of the classification of Visiting Faculty, 2) finalize the instructor ranks, and 3) to grandfather in non-conforming instructional faculty titles prior to implementation of the instructional faculty promotion process. *Dr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the amendments to BOG Policy 2.2.040 to add the classification of Visiting Faculty, finalize the instructor ranks, and to grandfather in non-conforming instructional faculty titles. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

The Finance and Administration Committee met earlier in the day. Mr. Collier, Chair of the Committee, reported there were several items for the Committee to consider, several that were approved by the Board as part of the Consent Agenda. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

FY 2022 Student Tuition & General Fees – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 17 of the meeting materials, which contained background information (Attachment 14) related to recommended student tuition and general fees for FY 2022. Management's recommendation included:

- tuition for all in-state undergraduate students be established at \$258.25 per credit hour beginning Fall 2021;
- additional overall increase in HESFA-relevant tuition and general fees equal to the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increase of 1.4%; and
- the University seek a HESFA penalty waiver from the Commission of Higher Education based on the resulting blended tuition rate being revenue neutral and total (average) tuition and fees being increased by CPI-U.

It was noted this new model will have a modest impact to the University's total Missouri resident undergraduate tuition and fee revenue resulting from the inflationary increase of 1.4% rather than the blended tuition rate. In addition to the new undergraduate tuition rate, approval was requested for other FY 2022 Student Instructional Rates as outlined in Attachment 14. Proposed rate changes include the following:

- non-resident undergraduate tuition for Warrensburg on-campus and Whiteman Air Force Base at twice the proposed new resident undergraduate rate;
- a 3% increase to the on-campus graduate resident and graduate non-resident tuition;
- no change to the \$283.15 per credit hour rate for Cohort undergraduate and Kodaly undergraduate;

- an increase in graduate tuition of \$10.10 per credit hour for on-line and hybrid;
- an increase in graduate tuition of 3% for entrepreneurial and 5.7% for Kodaly;
- an increase of 1.4% for on-line Ph.D.;
- an increase of \$6.90 per credit hour to Business Graduate with rate applicable regardless of location/mode;
- an increase of \$6.00 per credit hour to CS and CIS Graduate rate, applicable regardless of location/mode;
- an increase of \$2.10 per credit hour to Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment courses;
- a 1.4% increase to Professional Development courses; and
- a 2.2% increase to Limited Cost courses.

Management also requested Board approval of the 2022 Student General Fees as outlined in Attachment 14. It was noted that rates are not inclusive of any Board approved program or course fees. If approved by the Board, a request for waiver would be submitted to the Commissioner for Higher Education and notice of any tuition and fee increase would be provided to MDHEWD prior to July 1.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2022 Student Tuition and General Fees as recommended by management. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

AY 2021-2022 Room and Board Rates – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley presented the recommended room and board rates for Academic Year 2021-2022 as outlined in the briefing paper under Tab 18 (Attachment 15) of the meeting materials. *Mr. Weymuth moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommended AY 2021-2022 room and board rates shown on page 8 of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

	2020-2021 Rate	2021-2022 Recommended Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Double Occupancy	\$ 2,923	\$ 2,952	\$ 29	1%
Single Occupancy	\$ 3,547	\$ 3,582	\$ 35	1%
Silver Plan (meal)	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,727	\$ 52	3.13%
Gold Plan (meal)	\$ 1,775	\$ 1,827	\$ 52	2.92%
Platinum Plan (meal)	\$ 1,975	\$ 2,027	\$ 52	2.62%
Silver Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,598	\$ 4,679	\$ 81	1.76%
Gold Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,698	\$ 4,779	\$ 81	1.72%
Platinum Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,898	\$ 4,979	\$ 81	1.65%
Foster/Knox/Nickerson (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 761	\$ 769	\$ 8	1%
Todd 1 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 761	\$ 769	\$ 8	1%
Todd 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 936	\$ 945	\$ 9	1%
Central Village 1 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 622	\$ 628	\$ 6	1%
Central Village 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 750	\$ 758	\$ 8	1%
Central Village 3 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 896	\$ 905	\$ 9	1%
Greenwood Park 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 819	\$ 827	\$ 8	1%
The Crossing 4 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 606	\$ 612	\$ 6	1%
The Crossing 4 bedroom garden (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 606	\$ 612	\$ 6	1%
The Crossing 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 708	\$ 715	\$ 7	1%

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Expansion – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 19 of the meeting materials, which included a briefing paper (Attachment 15) related to the recommended expansion of the current waiver of non-resident portion of tuition and fees to MidAmerica Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Conference Border states which would add five additional states to the current waiver program – Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, South Dakota and Wyoming. This scholarship is currently offered to residents from the eight states that border Missouri including Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Tennessee. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors expand the UCM Bound Out-of-State Scholarship to include residents from the additional MIAA border states of Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, South Dakota and Wyoming. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Other – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Collier moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:35 a.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Requests
2	JCKL Roof Restoration and Replacement Project
3	Fitzgerald Hall Fraternity Rooms Project
4	Unified Communications Services
5	UCM Multipurpose Audio System Upgrade
6	Residential Hall and Apartment Laundry Room Equipment and Service
7	Pest Control Services
8	Written Governance Groups Reports
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