

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
June 10, 2021

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on June 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Prior to the meeting, the Board toured KMOS-TV at 1:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B included Governors John Collier, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, Kenneth Weymuth, and Zachary Racy. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated by phone and University President Roger Best participated via Zoom. Staff participating from Union 237B were General Counsel Lindsay Chapman and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

Note: Due to the limited 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 a quorum was present to conduct business.

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney thanked individuals attending the meeting and those viewing the meeting via live stream. He expressed appreciation to Board members for their participation in the spring Commencement, and to faculty and staff for their contributions to students' success. Mr. Abney extended the Board's congratulations to the Mules baseball and Jennies softball teams for successful seasons and for their academic achievements throughout the year. In closing, he commended Josh Tomlinson for his leadership of KMOS-TV and the excellent tour he provided the Board of the station.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best reflected back on the past year and many of the challenges UCM has experienced related to budget, retrenchment, and Covid-19. In spite of these challenges, faculty continued to engage with students and conduct scholarly studies, and staff continued to do what was needed to help our students succeed. He reviewed highlights from the past year including recognitions made by national publications such as *US News and World Report* and several others; and the award of the MIAA Commissioner's Cup to UCM.

President Best noted 2,000 students were eligible for graduation this spring and 1,300 participated in Commencement. In closing his remarks, President Best said there is much work that goes into creating a "normal" academic/fiscal year. The year 2020-2021 was

anything but normal, however, many good things still happened at UCM that would not be possible without people working together.

Introduction of J.P. Mees Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 4

Ms. Jackie Jackson, Staff Council President, summarized of the nomination of the 2021 J.P. Mees Award winner and introduced this year’s recipient, Darin Plummer. Following the introduction, Mr. Abney presented the award to Mr. Plummer and photographs were taken.

Recognition of Outstanding Staff Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 5

Ms. Jackie Jackson, Staff Council President, summarized the nomination of the Outstanding Staff Award winner and introduced this year’s recipient, Claudia Welhoff. Following the introduction, Mr. Abney presented the award to Ms. Welhoff and photographs were taken.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Abney asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Action

- Minutes of the April 22, 2021, Finance and Administration Committee of the Whole meeting, Work Session and Plenary Session;
- Emeritus status requests for Sara Sundberg, Alice Greife, Denise Oas, Linda Lengfellner, Albion Mends, Jr., Qi Chen, Carol Benton, Alice Ruleman, and Scott Rhoad (Attachment 1);
- Contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$504,357.28 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the replacement of 105,300 square feet of an existing section of the roof of the Multipurpose Building (Attachment 2);
- Contract to Crossroad Tours to provide shuttle bus services between Warrensburg and Lee’s Summit during the summer, fall, and spring semesters for an initial one-year period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022, with four one-year renewal options through July 2026 (Attachment 3);
- Three-year contract with two one-year renewal options for athletic team transportation to Village Travel and Windstar Lines for the estimated amount of \$126,000 annually, for five years totaling \$630,000 (Attachment 4);
- Contract to Automatic Door Systems in the amount of \$2,786,610 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for building access security upgrades and touchless entry solutions (Attachment 5); and

- Contract to E2E Advising, LLC in the amount of \$460,000 for all implementation costs, plus the access and use of the Achieve Student Success and Retention CRM Platform for five years beginning January 1, 2022 (Attachment 6).

Information

- Annual Compliance Checklist (Attachment 7)

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the items presented as part of the Consent Agenda noted above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Reports/Updates

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Abney stated that a written governance group report submitted by the Staff Council was included under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 8).

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. Pearce reviewed the content of his legislative report included under Tab 12 of the meeting materials. Highlights of the report include:

- HB 3 – Higher Education Budget – the Legislature approved a 3.7% core increase to our budget. The percentage increase was based on the Consumer Price Index for the past two years;
- HB 19 – Capital Improvements – the Legislature approved \$5 million for improvements to the W.C. Morris Building, and \$1 million for the planning, design, and construction of an aviation education center at UCM’s Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport;
- HB 297 passed and includes several important provisions including repeal of tuition caps; students’ right to know ; and name, image and likeness; and
- SB 52 related to COVID liability protection passed

Mr. Pearce stated that both budget and policy bills that have passed through the Legislature will now go to the Governor’s Office for review. The Governor must act on budget bills prior to June 30 and on policy bills by July 14, 2021.

Mr. Hawley provided an update on the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) and the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER). UCM continues to process expenditures that meet the requirements for use of the funds.

In closing, Mr. Pearce reviewed upcoming events that included Missouri Boys State and Missouri Girls State, and a campus visit by Senator Blunt's Field Office Representative in July. Additional information from Mr. Pearce's report can be found in Attachment 9 of the minutes.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best said it was a good legislative session for higher education. He said the State is projected to have \$2 billion in excess revenue; however, it's possible there will be withholdings with the start of a new fiscal year due to a shortage in Medicaid funds. We are watching this very closely and lawmakers are being encouraged to reach a compromise.

Additional protocols were put into place this past year due to the pandemic. President Best anticipates detailed guidance will be provided in the very near future for faculty, staff and students for the upcoming fall semester. Changes will be announced as deemed appropriate.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and received a good report from University Advancement (UA) that reflected UA reached nearly 112% of its 2021 goal. Additionally, its Fuel Opportunity Campaign is receiving national attention. The Committee will meet in August and receive more information about the University's Sesquicentennial celebration. Dr. Bax presented information at the Committee meeting related to student volunteer and community service activities. Although fewer activities were held due to Covid, those that were held were impactful for student success.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. She commended Provost Bridgmon for the work he and his staff are doing related to the General Education Review, and acknowledged the extensive work that goes into this. Dr. Long also expressed appreciation to the team that is working with retrenchment, again acknowledging the difficulty it creates for everyone. In terms of enrollment, Dr. Best said Enrollment Management team members are doing a good job and working to update the enrollment reporting format. In closing, Dr. Long stated the Committee had one action item that appeared under the Consent Agenda and all other items were informational.

Board Committee on Finance and Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. Six action items were listed under the Consent Agenda for approval. He called upon Mr. Hawley to present the remaining items that require Board approval. It was noted the following items were presented and discussed in greater depth during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

FY 2022 Operating Budget Update – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley noted that an update (Attachment 10) of the FY 2022 Operating Budget was provided and discussed during the Finance and Administration Committee. This was provided as an information item.

FY 2023 Capital Appropriations Request – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley presented the FY 2023 Capital Appropriations Request included under Tab 14 of the meeting materials (Attachment 11). The deadline to submit the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Appropriations Request to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) has not been announced, but is expected to be early August 2021. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's deferred maintenance and capital funding project priorities for submittal of the FY 2023 Capital Appropriations Request to MDHEWD. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

FY 2023 Operating Appropriations Request – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley presented the FY 2023 Operating Appropriations Request included under Tab 15 of the meeting materials (Attachment 12). The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development is expected to require institutions to submit their projected funding needs by August 6, 2021, for preparation of a consolidated Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the state's system of higher education. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's FY 2023 Operating Appropriations Request of \$59,895,691 and authorize Finance and Administration with the President's approval to make minor changes, if needed, due to modification in MDHEWD guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Single Audit – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 16 of the meeting materials, which contained a Single Audit Report (Attachment 13). He explained this report was not presented last fall with the external audit report, but was delayed due to the late issuance of audit guidance for the COVID-19 programs.

Mr. Hawley noted there was one finding related to disbursements. The University begins processing each day's disbursements at 11:50 p.m. However, there were one or two instances where due to a large volume of disbursements, the process did not complete by midnight and carried over into the next day. This finding has been corrected by scheduling the process to start earlier in the evening. The audit was otherwise clean.

Board Business

Report of the Nominating Committee - Agenda Item No. 14

Dr. Wetzel gave the Nominating Committee report which included the following recommendation for FY 2022 Board Officers.

President	Stephen Abney
Vice President	Kenneth Weymuth
Secretary	Mary Dandurand
Assistant Secretary	Monica Huffman
Treasurer	Susan Brockhaus

Mr. Abney called for nominations from the floor. There were none. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors accept the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of Board officers for FY 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Abney thanked Mr. Wright and Dr. Wetzel who comprised the Nominating Committee for their work.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 14

Dr. Long moved pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610021, that the UCM 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>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>		

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 15

Following the conclusion of the Board's Closed Session at 4:20 p.m., *a motion was made by Mr. Collier to adjourn from open session and seconded by Ms. Dandurand. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 4:22 p.m.*

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Requests</i>
2	<i>Multipurpose Building Roof Replacement Project</i>
3	<i>Shuttle Bus Service</i>
4	<i>Athletic Teams' Transportation</i>
5	<i>Building Access Security</i>
6	<i>Student Success & Retention Customer Relationship Management (CRM)</i>
7	<i>Annual Compliance Checklist</i>
8	<i>Governance Groups Reports</i>
9	<i>Legislative Update</i>
10	<i>FY 2022 Operating Budget Update</i>
11	<i>FY 2023 Capital Appropriations Request</i>
12	<i>FY 2023 Operating Appropriations Request</i>
13	<i>Single Audit Report</i>