

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
October 28-29, 2021

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on October 28, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri, and again on October 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. also in UN 237B. Prior to the meeting on October 28, Board members toured James Crane Baseball Stadium's newly renovated locker room and Room 107 in the Wood Building, which was recently renovated into a Mock Trial Room. Presiding over the meeting both days was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B both days included Governors Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, Kenneth Weymuth, and Zachary Racy. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated by phone and Governor John Collier participated by Zoom. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

Call to Order - Agenda Item No. 1

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

Request for Closed Session – Agenda Item No. 2

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>		

Mr. Racy immediately departed the meeting following the vote. The Board moved into Closed Session at 2:32 p.m. Prior to concluding Closed Session, a motion was passed to adjourn Closed Session and to reconvene in Plenary Session on October 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The content that follows reflects business matters of October 29.

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Abney welcomed everyone present today including those viewing the live stream. He remarked on Homecoming activities including the large number of ridden mules that participated in the parade as part of the University's effort to break a *Guinness Book of World Records*. He also commented on the Distinguished Alumni Dinner where Judge Joe

Dandurand and other distinguished alums were recognized. Mr. Abney recommended anyone who has not watched KMOS's production of *Mule Tracks*, which was made to commemorate UCM's 150-year history, do so. In closing, Mr. Abney recognized President Best who was recently recognized as a Georgia College Alum of the Year.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 4

President Best also remarked on Homecoming activities, which centered on the University's Sesquicentennial. He expressed special thanks to Beth Rutt, Tiffany Cochran, Jackie Jackson, Facilities, Planning and Operations staff and many others for all of their hard work that went into planning and preparing for the weekend.

President Best commented positively about increasing enrollment; additional funding from the state that helped make needed improvements in deferred maintenance and to make some capital improvements such as the Mock Trial Room, which the Board toured; and many other projects. In closing he expressed appreciation to the Board for their work to move the University forward.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

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

Action

- Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Plenary Session;
- Emeritus status requests for William Farr (Attachment 1);
- Award of contract to Wellner Architects in the amount of \$447,248 for architectural and engineering services for the renovation of laboratories and classrooms in the W.C. Morris Science Building (Attachment 2);
- Award of contract to Garland/DBS, Inc. in the amount of \$776,958 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the Panhellenic Hall Roof Replacement Project (Attachment 3);
- Award of contract to Westport Construction Company in the amount of \$412,500 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the replacement of entry door systems at Martin Building and W.C. Morris Science Building (Attachment 4);
- Award of contract for digital marketing management services to Net Natives of Brooklyn, NY (HQ: Brighton, UK) for an initial one-year contract period of November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022, with four (4) additional one-year renewal options (Attachment 5);
- Award of contract to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Engineers & Consultants in the amount of \$564,000 to provide a scope of services required for completion of the Master Plan Update including the Airport Layout Plan (Attachment 6);

- Purchase of the new Workflow, Experience and Intelligent Learning Platform SaaS products, and a new five-year licensing, support, and maintenance agreement to replace the existing 10-year agreement that terminates in June of 2024. The total five-year cost for this initiative is \$3,387,727, which covers initial purchase, implementation fees, and the licensing, support, and maintenance fees for five years (Attachment 7); and
- A five-year agreement with Oracle to move the UCM Oracle servers and storage to the OCI environment at a cost not expected to exceed \$1,350,000 (Attachment 8)

Information

- Written Governance Groups Reports (Attachment 9)
- Status of Faculty Report (Attachment 10)
- Census Date Enrollment Report (Attachment 11)
- Campus Technology Report (Attachment 12)
- FY 2022 First Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 13)
- FY 2022 First Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenses (Attachment 14)

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

Reports/Updates

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 6

President Best noted that Mr. Pearce was participating via Zoom, and then introduced Senator Denny Hoskins, who was elected to Missouri’s Senate in 2016, to provide a legislative report.

Senator Hoskins said UCM’s reputation with Missouri’s Senate and General Assembly is very positive, and he is proud to serve as the University’s representative. He noted he serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and is Chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee, which reviews projects for funding. A 2021 End of Session Legislative Review prepared by Senator Hoskins’ office was distributed (Attachment 15). Serving as Senate Appropriation Committee Chair has allowed him many opportunities to advocate for UCM and more specifically, to advocate for additional funding for the University for projects such as Skyhaven Airport and W.C. Morris Building.

Senator Hoskins’ review of legislation passed in the 2021 Session included SB 153, which imposes state sales tax on products sold online and includes provisions to reduce income tax rates in the event revenues exceed certain thresholds. Regarding the FY 2022 operating budget, he noted the total State operating budget was \$35+ billion, which is the greatest it has ever been in the State’s history. Senator Hoskins said higher education and

workforce development receive approximately four (4) cents of every dollar, compared to Social Services who receives 30 cents of every dollar. This is the State's largest expenditure. The second largest expenditure is elementary and secondary education, which receives 21 cents of every dollar. All other agencies including the General Assembly, Department of Revenue, elected officials, etc. receive five (5) cents of every dollar.

As Chairman of the Economic Development Committee Senator Hoskins determines bills that are heard out of committee on the Senate floor. His priorities include an increased focus on rural Missouri including rural broadband. These priorities also include affordable housing and proposals that do not include tax credits.

The Republic and Democratic Caucuses will be meeting soon in preparation for the upcoming session. Senator Hoskins noted that 2022 is an election year, and that every 10 years State legislative district boundaries are drawn based on census. Based on the outcome of redistricting, it's always possible that the representative(s) for District 21 could reside outside of Warrensburg depending on who District 21 is assigned to. The Governor has stated he will not call a special session for this; therefore, the redistricting will have to be completed in the January/February timeframe, and prior to the start of filing in March. He noted he is not eligible for reelection in 2022, and that Vicki Hartzler is running for the U.S. Senate, which means her seat in Congressional District 4 will be open. Two other topics Senator Hoskins anticipates debate on in the upcoming session are 1) should critical race theory be taught in schools; and 2) federal vaccine and mask mandates.

President Best asked given the level of federal dollars authorized for Missouri, will the Governor's proposed distribution of funds be discussed in the House and Senate. Senator Hoskins said with the distribution of federal dollars, money is plentiful in the state right now. Proposed budgets are being submitted to the Governor, who will make his recommendations in the State of the State Address. The Senate and House will have the opportunity to review and discuss the recommendations. Senator Hoskins expressed concern about providing these special dollars for ongoing programs that will require a continuance of funding from the state in future years.

President Best thanked Senator Hoskins for his report today, noting the 3.7% increase in core appropriations to higher education; \$1 million for Skyhaven Airport; and \$1 million for W.C. Morris Science Building, were made possible with the help of Senator Hoskins.

Following Senator Hoskins' departure, President Best provided additional information as part of the Legislative Update that included:

- A Joint Committee on Education hearing in Jefferson City the previous week where performance funding and appropriate metrics were discussed; and

- Testimony of MDHEWD Commissioner’s testimony to the House Education Subcommittee regarding MDHEWD’s budget recommendations and advocacy for a 5.4% increase in 2022 core funding for higher education. President Best shared one of the reasons for the proposed 5.4% increase is the increased contribution all state higher education institutions are required to make to MOSERS each year.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best stated while boarding a plane to Washington, D.C. he ran into UCM employees Rachele Krausen and Kristin Salas who were on the same flight traveling a National Academic Advising Association Conference from whom Ms. Krausen was being awarded a Certificate of Merit as a new academic advisor. Other recognitions President Best noted include Muleskinner Advisor Julie Lewis who recently received the Honor Roll Advisor Award from the College Media Association for her work with UCM’s student newspaper and staff, and the Jennies Volleyball team who is currently ranked second in Division II. He added several other UCM teams are doing well this season.

President Best said the American Council on Education recently released the results of a presidents’ survey that showed the top three (3) matters presidents are concerned about are 1) student mental health (76% of presidents responding); 2) enrollment numbers for the next academic term (59% of presidents responding); and 3) mental health of faculty and staff (54% of presidents responding). UCM is paying attention to all three things.

University Metrics Report – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best reviewed highlights from the University Metrics Report included under Tab 19 of the meeting materials (Attachment 16). He noted a reduction in faculty as a result of retrenchment which was implemented due to enrollment decline; however, going into the spring semester, there may be an increase in faculty within those areas where demand exists. Other highlights included approximately 84% of students are from Missouri; there was a decline in retention for this year, however, UCM is very much focused on making sure students succeed; and regarding operational financial metrics, the contribution per student is greater.

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; however, Dr. Bax provided a housing update in yesterday’s Work Session. She also noted that the Alumni Foundation had a full and busy weekend with Homecoming activities.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and reviewed two action items that were presented for Board approval as part of the Consent agenda.

Board Committee on Finance and Administration

Mr. Weymuth, a member of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met the preceding day. A number of the items were presented for Board approval as part of the Consent Agenda. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the remaining items requiring Board action.

External Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 20 of the meeting materials which contained the external audit report (Attachment 17). The report, which resulted in a clean opinion, was presented in detail at the preceding day's Work Session. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors accept the external audit report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Design-Build Airport Building – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 21 of the meeting materials which included a briefing paper concerning amendment to a contract with McCownGordon Construction to expand the scope of a design-build project at Skyhaven Airport (Attachment 18). This item was presented in greater detail at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting the preceding day. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the contract with McCownGordon Construction to increase the budget to \$5,132,793 to provide all labor, materials and provisions necessary to produce conceptual designs, final design, construction documents, permitting, site work and construction of a 10,000 square feet educational and terminal structure at the Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

Counseling Education Program Fee – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 22 of the meeting materials which included a briefing paper concerning a proposed Counseling Education Program Fee (Attachment 19), which was presented and discussed at the preceding day's Finance and Administration Committee meeting. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve a \$25 per credit hour program fee for all COUN prefix courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Other Business - Agenda Item No. 12

There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment - Agenda Item No. 13

Ms. Dandurand moved for adjournment; the motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Requests</i>
2	<i>A/E Services for W.C. Morris Science Building Renovation Project</i>
3	<i>Panhellenic Roof Replacement Project</i>
4	<i>Replacemenet Entrance Doors Project – Martin & W.C. Morris Science Buildings</i>
5	<i>Digital Marketing Management Services</i>
6	<i>Airport Master and Layout Plans</i>
7	<i>Ellucian Contract</i>
8	<i>Oracle Contract</i>
9	<i>Written Governance Groups Reports</i>
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