

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**October 27, 2022**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on October 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Kenneth Weymuth. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B were Governors Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Stephen Abney, John Collier and Zachary Racy, as well as University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated in the meeting by phone.

**Call to Order** - Agenda Item No. 1

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

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

Mr. Weymuth thanked those attending the meeting whether in person or via the livestream. He noted the fall semester has been both busy and exciting and referenced recent events held related to Homecoming including the Distinguished Alumni Dinner, as well as other special events such as the groundbreaking ceremony held last week for our new airport terminal and aviation education facility. Mr. Weymuth said it is always good to visit with alumni and friends who attend these types of activities, and also gratifying to see the progress made in areas that make a real difference in our students' lives.

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

President Best expressed appreciation for a successful Homecoming, noting the university experience extends beyond obtaining a degree. He added there are many opportunities remaining before the semester end to become engaged.

**Plenary Session**

Mr. Weymuth presented the following Consent Agenda items for the Board's consideration and approval –

**Action Items**

- August 18, 2022, Plenary Session minutes;
- Emeritus status for Katherine Kuhlman effective September 30, 2022 (Attachment 1);
- Design and Drafting Technology Degree Program Options – 1) Design and Drafting Technology, BS (43-568) – Civil and Architectural Design Technology Option (CAD01) (120 Hours); and 2) Design and Drafting Technology, BS (43-568) – Mechanical Design Technology (Product/Machine) Option (CAD02) (120 Hours), effective Fall 2023 pending approval by the MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 2);

- Award of contract to Infinity Group, LLC in the amount of \$699,098 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the construction of new offices and counseling rooms, a new restroom, and finishes upgrades in the Lovinger Building Gymnasium (Attachment 3);
- Award of contract to Reasbeck Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$741,615 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary to remove the existing gravel parking lot and construct a paved asphalt parking lot with concrete curb and gutter at the South Recreation Complex (Attachment 4);
- Award of contract to Aquila Industries, LLC in the amount of \$418,375 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the renovation and modernization of first and second floor areas at the James C. Kirkpatrick Library (Attachment 5);
- Demolition of UCM owned properties (Attachment 6) in Warrensburg located at:
  - Grain Silo 705 South Mitchell Street
  - Farmhouse 705 South Mitchell Street
  - Garage 705 South Mitchell Street
  - Pole Barn 705 South Mitchell Street
  - Various concrete Slabs/foundations 705 South Mitchell Street
  - Fencing/trees 705 South Mitchell Street,
  - Startup Center Building 117 East Hunt Street
  - Farmhouse 318 NW 200 Road
  - Barn 318 NW 200 Road
  - Smaller Barn 318 NW 200 Road
  - Chicken Coop 318 NW 200 Road
  - Hog Shed 318 NW 200 Road
  - Concrete Slab South-West of the house 318 NW 200 Road
  - Nature Center Building 1104 South Holden
  - Nature Center Block Wall 1104 South Holden
  - Nature Center 3 small Storage Sheds 1104 South Holden
  - Nature Center Carport 1104 South Holden
  - Shell Building (Unfinished Interior) Latitude: 38° 47'31.85" N Longitude: 93° 47'56.69" W NW 200
- Award of contract to Mr. Stuart Collins for the Timber Harvest at Prussing Farm to include all labor, materials, equipment, and resources for all phases of timber harvesting on the designated units (Attachment 7)

**Information Items**

- Status of Faculty Report (Attachment 8)
- Census Date Enrollment Report (Attachment 9)
- Campus Technology Report (Attachment 10)
- FY 2023 First Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 11)
- FY 2023 First Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenses (Attachment 12)

*Mr. Collier made a motion for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

## Reports/Updates

### Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Weymuth noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 17 of the meeting materials (Attachment 13)

### Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, provided a legislative update. Highlights from his report included –

- Governor Parson called a Special Session in mid-September to discuss a reduction on personal income tax and the extension of agricultural tax credits. Both issues were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in late September. In SB 3, the personal income tax will automatically drop from 5.3 percent to 4.95 percent on January 1, 2023. If \$175 million in general revenue growth is met next year, it will decrease to 4.8 percent. After next year, if Revenue Growth exceeds \$200 million each year, it will reduce the income tax on an annual basis until it reaches 4.5 percent. This was passed overwhelmingly in the Senate 24-4, and in the House 98-32.
- Election day is November 8. This is the first election in Missouri a photo ID photo will be required and is also the first time no-excuse absentee voting has been made available. Nationwide there is a lot of interest in the U.S. House and Senate. Five seats in the House and one seat in the Senate to switch from Democrat to Republican control. There are four amendments to the Constitution on the ballot including expanding the options of the State Treasurer, recreational marijuana, creating a separate department for the Missouri National Guard, and requiring Kansas City to fund the police department at certain levels without reimbursement from the state. There is also a question if we should have a Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Pearce also reviewed past governmental relations activities that included Congresswoman Hartzler touring UCM farms and having lunch with UCM's Agriculture students. In closing, Mr. Pearce reviewed upcoming activities.

### University Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best reflected back to 2020 when Board agendas included uncommon business items as a result of COVID-19. He compared it to today's agenda where the items listed are more the norm. He thanked the Board for all of its hard work in getting the University back to where it is today. Other updates included President Best and Dr. Shari Bax held individual meetings with the executive boards and chapter Presidents for Panhellenic Council (the sororities) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC, Divine 9 fraternities and sororities), in addition to the Inter-Fraternity Council to discuss their perceptions of fraternity/sorority life on UCM's campus as

well as national trends in Greek Life. He noted that each group had their own unique thoughts and concerns, as well as those that were common among the groups. President Best expressed appreciation to Greek life staff and to Dr. Bax for their support of these students.

### **University Metrics Reports** – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best reviewed the metrics report included under Tab 18 of the meeting material (Attachment 14). Highlights of the report include:

- A shift in numbers from undergraduate enrollment towards graduate enrollment
- Increased international enrollment
- Increased retention among first- and second-year students
- A lower number for four and six-year graduation rates, which was attributed to an outdated measurement that includes only first-time, full-time students
- UCM is the State leader for the number of undergraduate degrees awarded
- FY 2023 State appropriations is 37.5% of budget
- Metrics reflect UCM has a strong operating environment

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

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. The Committee had no action items but received an update from University Advancement; information about the *Care to Act* initiative; information about the First-Year Student Onboarding Program; and heard from a student panel about their individual experiences with the Onboarding Program.

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

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee also met earlier in the day. Committee members discussed two action items listed on the Consent Agenda and were presented information from the Status of Faculty Report.

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. The Committee's full agenda included many of the items listed for action under the Consent Agenda. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following items.

### **External Audit Report** – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 19 of the meeting materials containing a draft of the external audit report (Attachment 15). He noted it is a draft, pending completion of one test which was expected to be done within a week. It was noted that the audit was presented in detail during an earlier Work Session and reflects a clean opinion. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors conditionally accept the external audit report contingent upon there being no changes to the report following completion of the remaining test. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

## **In-State Tuition for Dependents of Service Members and Veterans** – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 20 of the meeting materials that included background information for a proposal to extend in-state tuition to dependents of service members and veterans (Attachment 16). Currently, this is offered only to service members and veterans. *Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the extension of in-state rates to dependents of service members and veterans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

### **Board Business**

## **Naming Opportunities** – Agenda Item No. 11

President Best presented the following naming opportunities (Attachment 17) in accordance with BOG Policy 1.2.090 – Naming Buildings, Rooms and Special Use Facilities.

- **Sharon L. Harper Locker Room** – Prior to her death in 2019, Ms. Harper was an enthusiastic fan of UCM's Mules and Jennies, and an ardent supporter of women's athletics. The renovation of the Jennies Soccer team locker room was led with a gift from the Sharon L. Harper Trust and the Greg Hughes (1997 alumnus) family and includes demolition of the area to be followed by new carpet and paint, and the assembly and installation of new lockers.

*Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the naming of the renovated locker room the Sharon L. Harper Locker Room. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.*

- **Anderson Family Locker Room** – Governor Ken Weymuth (1978 alumnus) and the W-K Family of Dealerships generously pledged to support the remodeling project of the Men's Basketball locker room, which will include 16 new custom lockers and the electrical work coinciding with the installation. Mr. Weymuth's generous donation will allow UCM Athletics to enhance locker room facilities and contribute to the student athlete experience. The request to name the locker room the *Anderson Family Locker Room* is in honor of Kim Anderson who has a long history of working with UCM athletics. His career includes serving as head coach for the Mules Basketball team from 2002-2014, at which time he amassed a 274-94 win-loss record, while also coaching his teams to four trips to the NCAA Division -II Final Four, including capturing the national championship in 2014. His teams at UCM either won or shared in six-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association regular season titles and advanced to seven NCAA tournaments. Following his time at UCM, Kim spent the next three seasons as head coach at the University of Missouri-Columbia (2014-2017), followed by five years as head coach at Pittsburg State University, where he retired at the end of the 2021-2022 season.

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve naming the Mules Men's Basketball team locker room the Anderson Family Locker Room. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

**Revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.070 – Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees –**  
Agenda Item No. 12

General Counsel Chapman referred the Board to Tab 22 of the meeting materials which included proposed revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.070 – Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees (Attachment 18). This item was also presented and discussed during the Finance & Administration Committee meeting. The proposed changes relate to three areas – 1) ID cards – provides retirees with the option to move from a traditional card to electronic credentials; 2) Email and Certain Network Access – Upon retirement individuals would lose access to their @ucmo.edu employee email account and certain networks related to employment, and be offered an @retiree.ucmo.edu email account; and 3) Time Towards Emeritus Status – makes time of service requirements for emeritus status the same for faculty and staff. *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors adopt the proposed revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.070 – Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees, effective January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

**Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business to discuss.

**Request for Closed Session – October 27, 2022** – Agenda Item No. 14

*Dr. Long moved pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, 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 passed with the following roll call vote:*

<i>Marvin E. Wright</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>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>

**Adjourn** – Agenda Item No. 15

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 2:35 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 3:43 p.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 3:44p.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Request</i>
2	<i>Design and Drafting Technology Degree Program</i>
3	<i>Lovinger Building – Gymnasium Renovation Project</i>
4	<i>South Recreation Complex Parking Lot Project</i>
5	<i>James C. Kirkpatrick Library Renovation Project</i>
6	<i>Demolition of Properties</i>
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