

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
June 8, 2023

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on June 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in North Morrow 121 on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Kenneth Weymuth. Others participating in the meeting from North Morrow 121 were Governors Stephen Abney, Gus Wetzel II, Mary Dandurand and John Collier, as well as University President Roger Best and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated in the meeting via conference call and General Counsel Lindsay Chapman participated via Zoom.

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented that as he was walking to North Morrow this morning from the parking lot, he couldn't help but notice how well kept the grounds were, and commended UCM's grounds crew for the work they do to make the campus beautiful. He added it provides a warm welcome to those students and families on campus this week for Freshmen Orientation.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best thanked everyone for accommodating a different meeting location this month. As noted, Freshmen Orientation is being held in the Union Tuesday through Saturday. President Best said 330 incoming freshmen were on campus the first two days and today another 128 are visiting.

Introductions and Recognitions – Agenda Item No. 4

J.P. Mees Award – Mr. Ed Wirthwein, Staff Council President provided background on the J.P. Mees Award, which is named in honor of John Paul "J.P." Mees, a longtime and well-respected staff member at UCM, who passed away unexpectedly in 1999. It is given annually to a staff member who is classified as exempt and who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to UCM, the community, professional activities, and service to students. He introduced and read the nomination for the 2023 recipient, Ms. Sarah Craig, who could not attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Outstanding Staff Award – Mr. Wirthwein provided background for the Outstanding Staff Award, which is given annually to a non-exempt employee who has worked full time at the University for at least one year, and has demonstrated superior service to students, staff, faculty and community. They must also model professionalism and a commitment to go beyond their normal

duties and promote teamwork and collaboration. He introduced the 2023 recipient, Ms. An Quigley. Board President Weymuth and President Best congratulated Ms. Quigley and had a photograph taken with her.

Emeritus Status Request and Recognition – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Phil Bridgmon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced the following list of individuals who retired May 31, 2023, or will retire June 30, 2023, and qualify for emeritus status in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 2.1.070 -- Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees (Attachment 1).

- Dr. Daniel Crews (August 24, 1987 – May 31, 2023), Professor of History
- Dr. David Ewing (August 19, 1991 – May 31, 2023), Professor of Mathematics Education
- Ms. Becky Landkamer (January 21, 1997 – May 31, 2023), Manager of Accounts Payable
- Dr. C. Jo Riggs (August 21, 1995 – May 31, 2023), Professor of Nursing
- Mr. Roderick Woolen (January 18, 2005 – May 31, 2023), Procurement Specialist II
- Mr. Rick Dixon (August 19, 2002 – June 30, 2023), Title IX Investigator
- Ms. Trish Hubbard (August 10, 1998 – June 30, 2023), Office Professional III in the Department of Human Services
- Ms. Jean Nuernberger (August 20, 1990 – June 30, 2023), Associate Professor of Social Work and Chair of the Department of Human Services
- Ms. Kathy Anderson (August 1, 2005 – June 30, 2023), Interim Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors award emeritus status to Daniel Crews, David Ewing, Becky Landkamer, C. Jo Riggs, Roderick Woolen, Rick Dixon, Trish Hubbard, Jean Nuernberger, and Kathy Anderson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously. Photographs were taken of Board President Weymuth and President Best presenting each individual in attendance with a Certificate of Recognition.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 6

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

Action

- Approval of the April 27, 2023, Work and Plenary Sessions minutes; and
- Award of contract to Reasbeck Construction in the amount of \$1,777,046.69 to provide labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the construction of the UCM Golf Center (Attachment 2)

Information

- Annual Compliance Checklist (Attachment 3)

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors 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. 7

It was noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 7 of the meeting packet (Attachment 4)

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Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. Pearce provided a legislative update that included the following highlights –

State –

- Governor Parson proposed a 7% increase to core funding for public Higher Education institutions; the House proposed a 5% increase to core funding and a 2% increase based on performance funding; and the Senate proposed a 7% increase. Due to the difference in proposals, a conference committee met and recommended a 7% increase to core funding which passed.
- The Budget includes a 25% increase for transformational projects. This would mean \$9.95 million for the renovation of UCM's Humphreys Building. Additionally Representative Houx and Senator Hoskins were instrumental in getting the Senate Appropriations Committee to restore \$1.5 million to UCM's MoExcels project.
- The FY 2024 budget year begins July 1; therefore, budget bills will be acted on in the coming week(s).
- HB 417, sponsored by Representative Mike Henderson, passed, and provides Upskill Credentialing for Students. This will be very important at our Lee's Summit campus. We have been working with MIC, Integrated Marketing, and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce to help publicize this passage and its impact on employers. The bill also contains incentives for internships and apprenticeships.

Federal –

- On May 31, 2023, the US House of Representatives voted to raise the debt limit and set federal spending limits. This bi-partisan vote was then sent to the Senate where it passed and was signed by President Biden before the June 5th deadline.
- *This Week in Missouri Politics* continues to tape its shows at KMOS Studios every 5 to 6 weeks. Recent guests include former State Representative Wes Rogers, Representative Emily Weber, Scott Faughn, Representative Dan Houx, and Representative Rodger Reedy
- Other officials visiting campus include Department of Mental Health Director Valarie Hahn, and Department of Natural Resources Assistant Commissioner Mike Sutherland who will visit UCM on June 20.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best provided a University Update that included positive indicators for fall enrollment in domestic, graduate and international students. President Best also discussed the international recruitment trip to India and Malaysia that he and the Provost along with a few other staff just

returned from where existing partnerships were reinforced and a few new transfer agreements were signed. Additionally, they held many discussions that will help foster additional partnerships and visited with several students and their families.

Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement reported the Committee did not meet this month. A report, *2022-2023 UCM Community Service Activities* (Attachment 5), compiled by the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Student Experience and Engagement was distributed to the Board.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee reported the Committee met earlier in the day. Updates were provided on enrollment, which was encouraging, and on curriculum changes approved by the President.

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration Committee, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

Revised FY 2024 Operating Budget – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 9 of the meeting materials that included the revised FY 2024 Operating Budget presented and discussed earlier in committee (Attachment 6). Highlights of the *revised* budget include –

- More than \$5.3 million in changes to compensation and benefits costs as well as investments in new positions across campus with a reset of the campus minimum wage for all full-time employees to \$14 per hour from the current \$13 per hour;
- More than \$1.5 million (revised from \$1.1 million as presented in April) in additional investment in maintenance, repair, capital projects and facilities enhancements through the general fund;
- A reset of the student worker minimum wage to \$12.75 per hour;
- A \$430,000 allocation to account for increased international student recruitment fees;
- Approximately \$913,000 (revised from \$713,000 as presented in April) in expected contractual and property insurance increases;
- More than \$131,000 allocated for strategic and other initiatives;
- \$300,000 for additional utilities expenses; and
- Other internal reallocations to facilitate strategic initiatives

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the revised FY 2024 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.

FY 2025 Capital Appropriations – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley presented and discussed the proposed FY 2025 Capital Appropriations Request (Attachment 7) in detail during an earlier Finance and Administration Committee meeting. President Best noted the FY 2025 Capital Appropriations Request has been modified from last year’s submission to align with the University’s Master Plan.

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM’s deferred maintenance and capital funding project priorities for submittal of the FY 2025 Capital Appropriations Request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

FY 2025 Operating Appropriations Request – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley presented and discussed the proposed FY 2025 Capital Appropriations Request (Attachment 8) in detail during an earlier Finance and Administration Committee meeting. It was noted that MDHEWD has not provided specific guidelines; however, UCM anticipates submitting a request that includes –

• Existing Funding for Core Operations:	
○ Operating Appropriation Base (FY 2024 base)	\$64,720.087
• New Funding for Core Operations:	
○ New Funding for Core Operations (5.2% Inflation)	\$3,377,145
• Debt Offset Tax Authority	\$225,000
• New Funding Decision Item Requests	<u>\$670,000</u>
Total University of Central Missouri Request	<u>\$69,022,232</u>

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM’s FY 2025 State Operating Appropriations Request of \$65,965,128, and authorization for the University Treasurer to modify this request, if needed, due to unforeseen changes in MDHEWD guidelines. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzels and carried unanimously.

Board Business

Naming of Space – Agenda Item No. 13

President Best recommended to the Board that the collegiate golf center the Board approved for construction under the Consent Agenda, be named the *Randall and Kelly Harbert Collegiate Golf Center* (Attachment 9). He shared information about several past gifts the Harberts have made to UCM in support of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Harmon College of Business and

Professional Studies, and more recently, their lead gift towards the construction of the collegiate golf center at the Mules National Golf Club. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve naming the new state-of-the-art, capital project benefitting the Mules and Jennies Golf Programs, the Randall and Kelly Harbert Collegiate Golf Center. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzels and carried unanimously.*

Report of the Nominating Committee – Agenda Item No. 14

The Nominating Committee comprised of Governors Abney and Collier recommended the following slate of Board officers for Fiscal Year 2024 –

President	Kenneth Weymuth
Vice President	Stephen Abney
Secretary	Mary Dandurand
Assistant Secretary	Monica Huffman
Treasurer	Bill Hawley

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors accept the recommended slate of Board officers for fiscal year 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 15

There was no other business.

Request for Closed Session – June 8, 2023 – Agenda Item No. 16

Ms. Dandurand 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 carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzels</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 17

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 10:13 a.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 11:54 a.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.*

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Request and Recognition
2	Construction of Golf Center
3	Annual Compliance Checklist
4	Written Governance Groups Reports
5	2022-23 UCM Community Service Efforts
6	Revised FY 2024 Operating Budget
7	FY 2025 Capital Appropriations Request
8	FY 2025 Operating Appropriations Request
9	Naming of Space