

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Special Plenary Session
May 9, 2008

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in a special Plenary Session at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008, in ADM 202 on the university's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. Present at the meeting were Board President Deleta Williams and Governors Richard Phillips, Lawrence Fick, Weldon Brady, Walter Hicklin, and Ryan Sanders. Participating via conference call was Governor Edward Baker. Governor Michelle Wimes was unavailable for the meeting and was excused. Also in attendance were General Counsel Judith Siminoe, Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman, and Jeff Murphy from UCM's University Relations Office. President Podolefsky was out of town, and therefore, unable to participate in the meeting.

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business. She explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to discuss its process for the nomination of officers. She reminded the Board that in accordance with the Bylaws, a nominating committee was appointed by her at the April 2008 meeting, and was comprised of Lawrence Fick as chair and members Walt Hicklin and Edward Baker.

Ms. Williams stated that the only direction the Bylaws provide regarding the nomination of officers that a committee is to be appointed each "May. Since the Board did not have a May 2008 meeting scheduled, the committee was appointed in April. Ms. Williams reminded the Board that it follows Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedure, but that the Bylaws and any other special rules of order the Board may have, supersedes Robert's Rules. Monica Huffman researched Robert's Rules and found that there are different methods for nominating/electing officers. She also found that it is acceptable for a member of the nominating committee to be nominated for an officer position. Following Ms. Williams introduction of the agenda item, she turned the meeting over to Mr. Fick.

Mr. Fick stated that the past practice of Board nominating committees has been to submit a slate of officers that was based on a succession plan, e.g. the person serving as vice president is nominated for president; the person serving as secretary is nominated for vice president; and the next senior Board member is nominated for secretary. Mr. Fick explained that if this same practice were followed this year, the result would be a slate nominating Richard Phillips for president; Michelle Wimes for vice president, and Edward Baker for secretary. Mr. Fick noted that Ms. Wimes recently submitted her resignation from the Board effective June 30, 2008, and that Mr. Baker advised that his work schedule would not permit him to serve in a Board officer position in the coming year. Mr. Fick later polled Board members in an attempt to determine if there was a preferred way of nominating/electing officers since the Bylaws provide no particular guidance. This poll resulted in different suggestions for doing so.

Ms. Williams suggested that after reviewing Ms. Huffman's research of Robert's Rules of Order, that the Nominating Committee meet to prepare a recommended slate of officers for the June 18 Board meeting. Additionally, she will accept nominations from the floor should anyone desire to do so. Mr. Hicklin agreed that the Board is not bound to any certain way of nominating officers and concurred with Ms. Williams's recommendation. The remaining members concurred with this suggestion. Since no action was required related to the Nominating Committee, none was taken.

Other

Ms. Williams reminded Board members, that if they have not already done so, to submit their presidential evaluation form to Ms. Huffman by May 15.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.