

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
March 21, 2013

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 1:05 p.m. in UN 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Other Board members in attendance included Governors Weldon Brady, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Walter Hicklin, Gus Wetzell II, and Kyle Shell. John Collier, who was awaiting confirmation of the Senate, was present but did not participate in voting. Others present included University President Charles Ambrose, General Counsel Henry Setser, and Assistant to the Secretary Monica Huffman.

Plenary Session

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Wright conveyed the Board's congratulations to Governor Hicklin who was awarded this year's Student Governor's Excellence in Governance Award. He also congratulated the University Relations staff on a number of awards they recently received as a part of the 28th Annual Educational Advertising Awards. And, in closing commended Coach Anderson and the Mules Basketball team on their success in winning the MIAA Tournament Championship against Northwest Missouri State University.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose commended UCM's Facilities Planning and Operations staff for the outstanding work they did during the last two major snow storms, both of which required many long hours and a lot of hard work. He noted that he and Jerry Hughes had the opportunity to spend the past two days in Florida with UCM alum Jim Crane and felt proud to have passerbys recognize the Mule logo on their shirts as the University of Central Missouri. Related to this, President Ambrose provided several examples of why UCM is viewed by many to be the "very best." A campus visit by the Missouri Mental Health Commission last week resulted in an opportunity for good collaboration with the

Commission to include UCM's THRIVE Program, which they were very impressed with. As a result of this meeting, President Ambrose will meet with staff in Jefferson City next week to discuss possible funding to help offset the some of the cost of operating the program.

President Ambrose said that on March 15, 2013, a signing ceremony was held between UCM and Johnson County Community College in Johnson County, Kansas for a Reverse Transfer Agreement. Both institutions are very excited about how we can align our programs. Earlier in the month, President Ambrose had the opportunity to host a dinner for Lieutenant General James Kowalski, Commander for the Air Force Global Strike Command. He assured General Kowalski of our commitment to do what we could to minimize the loss of tuition assistance to our service members.

President Ambrose introduced Dr. Steven Moore, Chair of the Music Department, who highlighted information about the program through a Power Point (Attachment 1).

Recognition of the Governor's Excellence in Education Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 4

Provost Curtis introduced Mr. Dane Miller, this year's recipient of the Governor's Excellence in Education Award. Each year, public colleges and universities select Governor's Award for Excellence in Education recipients on the basis of criteria that include effective teaching at the undergraduate level, effective advising of undergraduate students, service to the college community, and commitment to high standards of excellence. Other qualities include success in nurturing student achievement and the impact nominees have had on the academic and personal lives of their students. Applications for the award were considered by a committee of tenured faculty members. An educator who has dedicated 35 years to students in the Department of Criminal Justice, Mr. Miller will be honored during a luncheon hosted by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon Wednesday, April 3, at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The Board extended its congratulations to Mr. Miller.

General Session

Approval of the Minutes – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Wetzel moved that the minutes of the January 24, 2013, Work Session; January 25, 2013, Plenary Session; and February 22, 2013, Teleconference (Open) be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

Reports

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Wright thanked each of the governance groups for their informative reports (Attachment 2).

Learning to a Greater Degree Contract for Completion – Agenda Item No. 7

President Ambrose reviewed the Learning to a Greater Degree Contract for Completion that was presented and discussed in depth during an earlier Board Work Session (Attachment 3). He noted that this conceptual contract has much to do with persistence and completion and with it, students are more likely to stay in school and finish. With it,

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students are offered a safer and more secure environment, and with it, UCM joins a growing list of institutions that are moving towards a two-year residency requirement. Finally, this conceptual contract will have a positive impact on completion.

Mr. Brady asked how we will define the commuter student. Mr. Bradley stated that under current policy a student may request and be approved for an exception if they live with a mother, father, or grandparent who resides within 50 miles of the University.

Ms. Dandurand said that her peers in the community that manage or own rental properties asked her to convey their appreciation to the Board for permitting them to express their concerns about the proposed two-year residency requirement during Work Session. They also asked Ms. Dandurand to convey a request to the Board that it tie g.p.a to the exception policy. Mr. Wright noted that during the Board's Work Session, representatives from the community were present and asked to share their concerns about the University's proposed housing policy. Mr. Wright stated the Board's appreciation, but said the University's first and foremost consideration is for the students and what is in their best interest. Mr. Wright said there is a great appreciation for the relationship between UCM and the town of Warrensburg and believes everyone will understand that whatever decision is made that it is in the student's best interest and what ultimately leads them to leaving UCM with a college degree.

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors adopt a two-year residency requirement for students to include their freshmen and sophomore years, effective with the Fall 2013 semester. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long. Ms. Dandurand abstained and all other Board members voted in favor of the motion; and it passed. All related policies will be brought to the Board at a future date for approval.

Missouri Innovation Campus Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Ambrose reported that Senator Will Kraus has entered Senate Bill 381 as the primary sponsor, which has been heard by the Senate Education Committee. Senate Bill 381 establishes a statutory recognition for innovation campuses and clearly identifies the University of Central Missouri's partnership with the Metropolitan Community College, the R-7 Lee's Summit School District, and the corporate community as meeting the full requirements as what the state defines as an innovation campus. There are three reasons that we sought statutory recognition – 1) to help us with our higher learning commission accreditation and more specifically to recognize that learning can occur outside of the traditional model. Yesterday the Department of Education gave official notification that competency-based and outcome-based credit can be made available for Title IV funding; 2) to gain some degree of recognition by the Missouri Department of Higher Education; and 3) to gain some permanency of state commitment to innovation in education that plays into the hearts and minds of foundations of donors that will be around for a long time and to show that this is not just a pilot program with start-up energy.

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President Ambrose said that next week he will meet with leadership of the Kauffman Foundation, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Big Five, which is the corporate commitment for the strategic visioning of the Kansas City market. We recently invited the KCADC to visit the Missouri Innovation Center and there is a foundation in Lebanon, Missouri that is very interested in some capital consideration, but they want to know if there is some permanency to the program. Senate Bill 381 will help will this. President Ambrose expressed appreciation to General Counsel Setser and Madsen & Wright and others who have worked to move this bill along. A House hearing will be held soon and Representative Gary Cross is co-sponsoring the bill in the House. He is anxious to get the bill out of committee and on to the floor within the next 8 to 10 days. President Ambrose thanked Mr. Wright for attending the Senate Education Committee Hearing where Senate Bill 381 was heard and noted that a copy of the Bill was included with the meeting materials (Attachment 4).

President Ambrose noted that the second stream of curriculum is now being developed and we have great partnership and engagement with our corporate partners – Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell, Grunfos, Honeywell, and KCPL.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Ambrose said there is a bill out of a special joint committee recommending the funding formula for higher education is underfunded by \$353 million. MDHE has invested a considerable amount of time on performance funding that listed five criteria and where UCM met four. One of the recommendations out of the House Budget Committee is not appropriate on the basis of those performance funding criteria, and instead that a flat appropriation be given up against current percentages.

President Ambrose said there are two fiscal challenges that we will monitor. The first is the Governor's budget still has approximately \$146 million in revenues that are requiring legislative action before the end of session. This is a gap in what the Governor has proposed. What the legislature came back with from the Governor's proposal of 3.4% increase is a 2% increase for UCM, which would be \$1 million. UCM already has a \$1.5 million challenge due to the MOSER's increase.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, reported that the Committee met earlier that day. She reported that Dr. Bax is away from campus this week accompanying a group of students on a Spring Break trip to Chicago, IL to work on a Habitat project. After reviewing several campus activities and summarizing Alumni Relations and Foundation activities, she noted that she has asked that Development give a full report to the Board at its June meeting. She called on Patrick Bradley to present the following item.

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FY 14 Room and Board Rates Proposal – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Bradley referred the Board to Tab 11 of the meeting materials and reviewed the information related to proposed room and board rates for FY 2014 (Attachment 5). The proposed increase would result in a 3% rate increase in room rates and a 5.25% rate increase for food. An increase is not being requested for Central Village or Greenwood Apartment rates at this time, because we are market sensitive to what is happening in the Warrensburg community. With regard to the two-year residency requirement, a Brailsford & Dunlavey study will provide recommendations for related pricing.

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommended room and board rates for FY 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, asked Provost Curtis to report on the following agenda items.

Provost Curtis reported that the programs listed in agenda items 11 and 12 are being deleted because they are designed to more efficiently deliver masters degrees by collapsing two programs into one. These are informational items only.

Secondary Education/Curriculum Instruction MSE Program Deletion – Agenda Item No. 11 and **Sociology MA Program Deletion** – Agenda Item No. 12

Spring Enrollment Report – Agenda Item No. 13

Ms. Ann Nordyke, Director of Admissions, presented the Spring Enrollment Update on behalf of Dr. Rick Sluder (Attachment 6).

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported that the Committee met earlier that day. He called on Mr. Merrigan to present the following agenda items.

Nickerson and Houts Hosey Window Replacements – Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Merrigan noted that a briefing paper related to window replacements for Nickerson and Houts/Hosey Residence Halls was sent to the Board separately from the Board packet (Attachment 7). Following Mr. Merrigan's review of the information, Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract to Jim Plunkett, Inc. Kansas City, Missouri, in the amount of \$910,094 for Nickerson Hall; \$676,735 for Hosey Hall; and \$746,742 for Houts Hall window replacements. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

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Architectural Engineering Services for Skyhaven Airport Projects – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 12 of their meeting materials which contained information about a multi-year contract proposal for architectural engineering services for Skyhaven airport (Attachment 8). Mr. Merrigan and Dr. Roger Best reviewed the background for the proposal. Dr. Best noted that while the award of contract would cover multiple years, the recommended firm would receive payment only for the work that is actually done subject to Board approval. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of*

Governors approve the award of contract for architectural and engineering services to Jviation, Inc. for Skyhaven Airport projects and runway refurbishment not to exceed \$450,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.

Dr. Best provided an update to the Board's November action where they approved the purchase of a Seminole aircraft. He said that the aircraft we were interested in purchasing was sold before we were able to get back with the broker. The broker has not been able to find another Seminole that is comparable. We are currently looking at the possibility of leasing a plane for the short term.

Annual Compliance Checklist – Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 13 of the meeting materials and provided a brief overview of the briefing paper that included an update on compliance reporting for the University's tax-exempt financing (Attachment 9).

Quarterly Investment Report – Agenda Item No. 17

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 14 of the meeting materials (Attachment 10).

Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses – Agenda Item No. 18

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses included under Tab 15 of the meeting materials (Attachment 11).

Board Business

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 19

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Attachment Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1.	<i>Power Point – Music Department</i>
2.	<i>Written Governance Groups Reports</i>
3.	<i>Power Point – Learning to a Greater Degree Contract for Completion</i>
4.	<i>Draft of Senate Bill 381</i>
5.	<i>Briefing Paper – FY 14 Room and Board Rates Proposal</i>
6.	<i>Power Point – Spring Enrollment Report</i>
7.	<i>Briefing Paper – Nickerson and Houts Hosey Window Replacement</i>
8.	<i>Briefing Paper – Architectural Engineering Services for Skyhaven Airport Projects</i>
9.	<i>Briefing Paper – Annual Compliance Checklist</i>
10.	<i>Quarterly Investment Report</i>
11.	<i>Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses</i>

