

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
June 17, 2022

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on June 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B were Governors Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Kenneth Weymuth, and Zachary Racy, as well as General Counsel Lindsay Chapman and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Governor Mary Dandurand and University President Roger Best participated by phone. Governors Marvin E. Wright and John Collier were unable to participate in today's meeting and were excused.

Call to Order - Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney welcomed all individuals attending the meeting from UN 237B as well as those listening in via the live stream. He expressed appreciation to university leaders, faculty, and staff for the work they do each day to make UCM the great institution it is. He stated two staff would be recognized during the meeting for exceptional contributions they have made to the University, and later in the meeting the Board Nominating Committee would present a recommendation for Fiscal Year 2023 Board officers. In closing, Mr. Abney said it has been his honor to serve as Board President for the past two years.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best thanked Mr. Abney for his leadership as Board President and thanked the Board for accommodating his attendance at the 2022 Eduventures Summit held this week in Boston, MA. He announced Jacqueline Faria was recently named recipient of the Global NACADA Outstanding Advisor Award for her primary role as a UCM academic advisor, and Dr. Matthew Garver was selected to receive the Global NACADA Outstanding Advisor Award for his student advising role as a faculty member.

President Best shared significant organizational changes occurring within the Missouri Department of Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) including the resignation of Commissioner Zora Mulligan who accepted a position as Executive Vice President at Missouri State University, and Assistant Commissioner Mara Woody who accepted a position at a non-governmental Foundation. LeRoy Wade has been appointed Interim Commissioner for MDHEWD. President Best shared he was recently elected to a two-year term as President of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri (COPHE). In this role, President Best will also serve in an advisory role to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

In closing, President Best remarked Representative Dan Houx is in attendance today to provide a legislative update to the Board. He expressed his appreciation to Representative Houx for his ongoing support of the University.

Introductions and Recognitions - Agenda Item No. 4

Ms. Jackie Jackson introduced recipients of two awards -- Ms. Charissa Davis, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, who was selected for the J.P. Mees Award, and Ms. Gwena Basinger, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies, who was selected for the Outstanding Staff Award. Following individual introductions, Ms. Davis and Ms. Basinger were congratulated by the Board.

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Consent Agenda - Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Abney presented the following Consent Agenda items for the Board's approval:

Action

- Minutes of the April 21, 2022, Finance and Administration Committee of the Whole and Plenary Session;
- Emeritus status to Dr. Della Goavec, Dr. Songlin Tian, Dr. Musa Ilu, Dr. Li Liu, Dr. Mary J. Hartnett, Mr. Steven Tracy, and Mr. Ray Lawson (Attachment 1);
- Award of Contract to SKC Communications Products LLC in the amount of \$841,980.17 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for the installation of academic audio-visual technology equipment laboratories and classroom at the W.C. Morris Science Building (Attachment 2);
- Award of a three-year contract (July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025) to Blackboard Inc., totaling \$1,233,284.98 (Attachment 3);
- Award for Library Subscription Services to ESBCO Information Services for a contract period of July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025 (Attachment 4); and
- Award of contract to ProPhoenix Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$450,509 to include all labor, materials, and provisions necessary to replace the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Software used by Public Safety including five years of maintenance (Attachment 5).

Information

- FY 2023 Operating Budget Update (Attachment 6); and
- Annual Compliance Checklist (Attachment 7)

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

Reports and Updates

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Abney noted written governance groups reports were included under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 8).

Legislative Update - Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Pearce introduced Representative Dan Houx (R-54) and expressed his appreciation for the positive work relationship between UCM and Representative Houx. Representative Houx provided highlights from the 2022 Legislative Session, which ended May 13 --

- SB 718, signed June 16, provides that each eligible student be offered a dual credit or dual enrollment scholarship equal to the tuition and fees paid by the student to enroll in the dual credit or dual enrollment course and repeals the \$500 limitation. It also creates provisions related to advanced placement examinations, and addresses name, image, and likeness rights.
- Reviewed the FY 2023 budget (HB 3) that includes a 5.4% increase to core funding for higher education effective July 1, 2022; a \$6 million increase for the A+ Scholarship; a \$9 million increase for the Access Missouri Scholarship Program; and a \$3.5 million increase to fully fund the Bright Flight Program. Specific to UCM, the budget includes one-time federal funding for the GEER Excels Program which expands UCM's family nurse practitioner program and biotech and gene/cell lab; allocates \$1 million to UCM for MOSERS (\$11 million total for all Missouri higher education institutions); increases to UCM's core budget from \$57 million to \$60.7 million; reappropriations for the W.C. Morris Building and the Airport, as well as \$18.9 million for the Humphreys Building renovation. The total appropriation to UCM including the two reappropriations is \$86.2 million.
- Regarding redistricting, beginning in 2023 all of UCM will fall within the 54th District and include approximately 75% of Johnson County. Leeton, Chilhowee and Kingsville will no longer be included in the district.

Mr. Pearce followed Representative Houx's report with additional updates (see Attachment 9 for complete report) --

- More than 2,000 bills were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session, but only 44 passed including 20 budget bills.
- In addition to FY 2023 budget, HB 3 includes funding for a performance funding and efficiencies for higher education study. If approved by the Governor, the deadline for the report is December 15.
- In addition, SB 718 as reported by Representative Houx, other policy bills passed impacting UCM are HB 2149 - Interstate compact allowing Speech Language Pathologists to join an interstate compact; and SB 67 - Fast Track - a program for college students 25 years and older that removes the sunset provision and makes the program a grant instead of a loan.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best said many people view summer as a slow period; however, this is not the case at UCM. Several Mule Nation events are scheduled for summer and are well attended. Enrollment in summer classes is robust with the majority of classes held online, at the Lee's Summit campus, or as internships. Also, UCM hosts several camps on campus throughout the summer months. In closing, President Best thanked faculty and staff for the work they do throughout the summer months.

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. Board members were provided a list of 2021-2022 UCM Community Service Efforts (Attachment 10) and a copy of the Spring 2022 *UCM Magazine*.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and had a good discussion around enrollment. In discussing ways to increase enrollment, the Committee thanked Academic Affairs staff for the work they do and encouraged them to be creative as they consider new strategies.

Board Committee on Finance and Administration

Mr. Weymuth, a member of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. In addition to reviewing action items, the Committee received updates on the recently approved FY 2023 budget and Compliance reporting for UCM's tax-exempt financing. The Committee was also informed UCM received a credit rating of A+ by Standard and Poors. Mr. Weymuth asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Appropriations Request – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 13 of the meeting materials containing a briefing paper for FY 2024 Capital Appropriations Request (Attachment 11). This is UCM's proposed FY 2024 deferred maintenance and capital priorities list that must be submitted to MDHEWD no later than August 5, 2022. Mr. Hawley reviewed the list in detail at the Finance and Administration Committee. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed FY 2024 Capital Appropriations Request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

FY 2024 Operating Appropriations Request – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 14 of the meeting materials containing a briefing paper for FY 2024 Operating Appropriations Request (Attachment 12). This includes UCM's projected funding needs for FY 2024 and must be submitted to MDHE no later than August 5, 2022.

Mr. Hawley reviewed the request totaling \$65,965,128, in detail at the Finance and Administration Committee. *Mr. Weymuth moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's FY 2024 State Operating Appropriations Request of \$65,965,128, and authorize the University Treasurer to modify the request, if needed, due to unforeseen changes in MDHEWD guidelines and/or if the Governor approves MOSERS funding passed by the General Assembly for FY 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Award of Posthumous Degree – Agenda Item No. 11

President Best shared that graduate student Kranthi Kiran Reddy Sareddy passed away following a motor vehicle accident in May 2022. Mr. Sareddy meets the criteria for award of a posthumous degree as listed in BOG Policy 1.2.080 procedures. *Mr. Weymuth moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a Master of Science in Technology degree posthumously to Kranthi Kiran Reddy Sareddy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Report of the Nominating Committee – Agenda Item No. 12

On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Gus Wetzel and Marvin E. Wright), Dr. Wetzel presented the Committee's recommended slate of Board officers for FY 2023 --

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

Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors accept the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of Board Officers for FY 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – June 17, 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. Weymuth and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>		

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 15

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 11:00 a.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 12:10 p.m. and *Mr. Weymuth moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 12:11p.m.

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Attachment Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Requests</i>
2	<i>W.C. Morris Lab Renovations Project - Audio Visual Equipment</i>
3	<i>Blackboard Learning Management System</i>
4	<i>Library Subscription Services</i>
5	<i>Public Safety Dispatch and Records Management Software</i>
6	<i>FY 2023 Operating Budget Update</i>
7	<i>Annual Compliance Checklist</i>
8	<i>Written Governance Groups Reports</i>
9	<i>Legislative Update</i>
10	<i>2021-2022 UCM Community Service Efforts</i>
11	<i>FY 2024 Capital Appropriations Request</i>
12	<i>FY 2024 Operating Appropriations Request</i>