

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Teleconference
August 21, 2008

The University of Central Missouri's (UCM) Board of Governors held a special meeting via teleconference on Thursday, August 21, 2008. The call originated from ADM 204 on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Participating from ADM 204 were Board President Richard Phillips and Governors Weldon Brady and Ryan Sanders. Participating by phone were Governors Walter Hicklin, Lawrence Fick, and Edward Baker. Also in attendance at the meeting were President Aaron Podolefsky, Dr. Betty Roberts, Monica Huffman, Dorothy Salsman, Ann Pearce, Jeff Murphy of University Relations, and Michelle Wood of the *Muleskinner*.

Call to Order

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call vote. All were present except Governor Williams who was excused.

Updated FY 2010 Appropriations Budget Request

Prior to the meeting, a briefing paper (attachment) was e-mailed to the Board that provided background information regarding a recent request made by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) for all public higher education institutions in the state to rework their FY 2010 appropriations budget request previously submitted to CBHE. In its review of the different requests, CBHE noted inconsistencies in the way each institution prepared their individual request. Rather than making adjustments to the requests as it has done in past years, CBHE engaged the institutions and asked them to review their original request and revise them based on its recommendations.

The Board of Governors approved UCM's original FY 2010 Appropriations Budget Request at its June 16, 2008, meeting. President Podolefsky noted that the revised request is now consistent with the format provided by CBHE and is nearly identical to the university's original request. Changes include a renaming of the category headings and reorganization of the originally requested items to fall into the appropriate category. He also noted that the former "Preparing to Care Initiative," has been renamed "Caring for Missourians," and included in all higher education appropriations budget requests as a priority strategic initiative.

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the revised FY 2010 appropriations budget request for submission to CBHE. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried with the following roll call vote:

Walter Hicklin	aye	Weldon Brady	aye
Lawrence Fick	aye	Richard Phillips	aye
Edward Baker	aye		

Express Authority to Interim General Counsel

President Podolefsky stated that as the university enters into certain contractual agreements, it is necessary for the appropriate documents to include general counsel’s signature. Mr. Marvin Wright has been retained by UCM to serve in a consultant/acting interim general counsel capacity and requires Board approval for him to sign contractual obligations on behalf of the university so long as he serves in these roles.

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors authorize Mr. Marvin Wright to sign contractual obligations on behalf of the university as it relates to his capacity as consultant and acting interim General Counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fick and carried with the following roll call vote:

Walter Hicklin	aye	Weldon Brady	aye
Lawrence Fick	aye	Richard Phillips	aye
Edward Baker	aye		

This express authority will remain in effect until a new General Counsel has been hired or Mr. Wright’s services have been terminated, whichever occurs first.

President Podolefsky stated that he has a draft of the position description that will be used in the search for a new general counsel, and that if the Board was in agreement he and Mr. Phillips would review and approve the description before sending it on to the search committee for its work. The Board was in full agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Fick move that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried with the following roll call vote:

Walter Hicklin	aye	Weldon Brady	aye
Lawrence Fick	aye	Richard Phillips	aye
Edward Baker	aye		

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.