

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
March 29, 2012
Plenary Session

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus located in Warrensburg, Missouri. In attendance were Board President Walter Hicklin and Governors Weldon Brady, Edward Baker, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel and Darren Doherty. Governor Marvin E. Wright was not able to attend the meeting and was excused. Also present were University President Charles Ambrose, General Counsel Henry Setser, and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

Plenary Session

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Hicklin 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. Hicklin noted that Spring is a time of year when the campus celebrates the successes, accomplishments and achievements of many including faculty and staff retirements. He encouraged the campus to express appreciation to these individuals who have dedicated years of service to the University.

Remarks by the President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to the Board for its participation in yesterday's afternoon tour of Whiteman Air Force Base and mission briefing. He noted the importance of the relationship between Whiteman and UCM, as well as the importance of a higher education assessment the base is conducting. President Ambrose stated that this weekend's baseball game will provide another opportunity for engagement with the base when UCM hosts a Military Appreciation Day.

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to Ms. Karen Breshears and students of the Quantity Foods Production and Service and Dining Room Management classes who prepared and served dinner for the Board last evening. He noted that during dinner, Governor Baker, whose professional experience is in the hotel and food industry, was very complimentary of both the quality of the meal and of the service that was provided.

President Ambrose advised that incoming Provost-Chief Learning Officer Deborah Curtis visited campus last week and plans to make additional visits prior to July 1 as part of her transition. He expressed appreciation of the other two candidates -- Dr. Michael Wright and Dr. Titilayo

Ufomata – whose experience and professional backgrounds were very impressive. He noted that Dr. Ufomata was offered and accepted the Provost position for Hobart College located in the eastern part of New York state. President Ambrose advised the Board that a retirement reception is being planned for Provost Wilson who will retire on June 30, 2012. The reception will be held at Selmo Park on May 7.

President Ambrose welcomed ACE Fellow Mike Racy back to campus. A visit to UCM is one of many that Mr. Racy is making to universities as he nears completion of his ACE Fellowship. President Ambrose highlighted the accomplishments of several student athletes including track and cross country athlete Dalton Moberly who was named a recipient of the Elite 89 award for the 2011 NCAA Division II Men’s Cross Country; Shawn Boss who earned the NCAA Elite 89 award for indoor track and field for the second consecutive season; and national championship in the pentathlon, senior Lindsay Lettow who was honored for a second consecutive year as the USTFCCCA Division II National Field Athlete of the Year for indoor track.

President Ambrose concluded his remarks stating there are many things to look forward to in April that will culminate in the Spring Commencement ceremonies in May.

General Session

Approval of the Minutes for February 22, 2012, Work Session; February 23 and March 7 and 12, 2012, Plenary Sessions – Agenda Item No. 5

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012, Work Session and the February 23 and March 7 and 12, 2012, Plenary Sessions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Reports

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Hicklin noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 8 of the meeting materials (Attachment 1)

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

Senator David Pearce joined the meeting via satellite to provide a legislative update. He provided an overview of Senate Bill 455 and House Bill (HB) 1042, two important bills related to the *Complete College America* initiative. He noted that HB 1042 passed the House with 142 votes.

Senator Pearce reported that Senator Bob Dixon is working on a bill that would allow universities to lease property without the Legislature's approval, and that the House Higher Education committee is working to ensure that proprietary schools have appropriate assessment tools in place to ensure student success. He also provided an update on the Budget, noting that it must be completed by 6:00 p.m. on May 11. The House has finished its work with the budget and the Senate Appropriations committee will begin working on it next week. Senator Pearce stated that recommendations have been made to return funding to higher education. If approved, this could potentially result in a best case scenario of level funding for higher education for FY 2013.

Legislation related to recordings in the classroom has not made it very far and Senator Pearce did not anticipate it to go anywhere during this legislative session. A proposal to allow community colleges to make program changes without the Missouri Department of Higher Education's approval has not actually been introduced in the form of legislation. Other updates included Charter Schools legislation that allows for greater accountability and transparency of the schools. This legislation has passed through the Senate Education Committee and is now awaiting a hearing. Senator Pearce also provided an update on redistricting that moves Johnson County from District 31 to District 21. He noted that under the new districting, seven of the eight counties are new to him. Districts for the House of Representatives also changed that will result in four representatives for Johnson County and two for Warrensburg.

In closing, Senator Pearce stated that the Missouri Innovation Campus is generating a lot of excitement in Jefferson City. He also noted he and others were glad to welcome UCM's Student Government Association to the Capital earlier this week. President Ambrose thanked Senator Pearce for taking time from his schedule to give this report.

Institutional Dashboards and Metrics – Agenda Item No. 8

President Ambrose welcomed AGB Consultant Rick Staisloff who is working with UCM to develop institutional dashboards and metrics and a business model for higher education as it relates to the Missouri Innovation Campus. Mr. Staisloff presented a Power Point that previewed some of the key performance indicators that are being discussed and related information pertaining to benchmark groups and benchmark groups data (Attachment 2). The Board was in agreement that the University is headed in the right direction with these dashboards and metrics, and stated it will look forward to reviewing and considering the final document at a future meeting.

UCM Student-Centered Program-Missouri Innovation Campus Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Ambrose provided a brief update on the Missouri Innovation Campus, noting that there have been conversations with several different employers in the last week who have indicated

they cannot find qualified workers to fill positions within their companies. The Missouri Innovation Campus program will not only help students complete their college degrees in a shorter time with less debt, but it will also help to close the skills gap that presently exists in the work force and allow students to be competitive.

With regard to project development, President Ambrose said that UCM, R-7 Lee's Summit faculty, and industry partners are working to define the curriculum and to align it such that student are able to learn in partnership with industry. The objective is for 30 students enrolled at the R-7 Technology Academy to be a part of this program.

President Ambrose said that UCM participated in a workshop with approximately 75 other educators from two- and four-year higher education institutions in the state. During the workshop, UCM outlined the process by which the Governor has defined access to the pool of resources available for initiatives such as the innovation campus. This pool represents a \$10 million competitive grant fund to emulate the design process that UCM is currently involved with in taking the Innovation Campus forward. UCM was awarded a \$500,000 grant for the start-up, and through the Community Development Block Grant process, UCM will be able to apply for another \$1 million. UCM is working with the Johnson County Economic Development Commission (JCEDC) to facilitate receipt and accounting of the grant. The grant requires the funds to go to a local municipality, a local EDC, or a 501(c)3, and to then be awarded to industry and from industry to the University for their training dollars.

President Ambrose shared that last week several people from the University, the R-7 Lee's Summit School District, Metropolitan Community Colleges, and industry visited the Blue Valley School District's Center for Advanced Professional Studies in Overland Park, which provided a vision for a very invigorating learning environment which we hope to emulate for the physical facility in Lee's Summit. Additionally, UCM has held conversations with Clinton and Warrensburg, Missouri, and others on how other districts could be engaged in the Innovation Campus.

Board Committee on Student Experience & Engagement

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Experience and Engagement, reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. In addition to reviewing the recommendation for the FY 2013 room and board, the Committee received an update from Dr. Jenne Vanderbout about Alumni Relations activities. Ms. Dandurand has asked Dr. Vanderbout to provide a report to the full Board at its April meeting. The Committee also received information on a number of upcoming activities and events, which Dr. Bax also shared with the Board following the report on room and board. A handout was distributed that listed these events (Attachment 3). Of particular note was a groundbreaking for the Habitat Home on April 25, which Ms. Dandurand encouraged Board members to attend.

FY 2013 Room and Board Rate Proposal – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Bax and Mr. Bradley presented information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 9 of the meeting materials related to the proposed room and board rates for FY 2013 (Attachment 4). Mr. Hicklin noted that the increase in housing rates will help pay for necessary renovations, upgrades, and repairs to the residence halls, which are completely reliant on auxiliary funds. The meal plan rate increase is based on the 2.75% increase as per the agreement between UCM and Sodexo and an additional 2.9% increase in the food away from home CPI. Mr. Bradley distributed a comparison sheet, which showed UCM ranks 9 among 13 institutions in the state for room and board. Mr. Brady asked why the University sits so low in the rank order. Mr. Bradley said that UCM has held this same position throughout the years despite some years where significant increases may have been made. He attributes this to other institutions in the State making significant increases more consistently over the years.

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the following FY 2013 room and board rates:

Semester Rates:

*\$2,444 Double occupancy
\$3,044 Single occupancy (\$600 more than the double room rate)
\$1,285 First-year required meal plan*

Monthly Rates:

*\$554 Central Village 1 bedroom (resident pays gas/electric/parking)
\$669 Central Village 2 bedrooms (resident pays gas/electric/parking)
\$800 Central Village 3 bedrooms (resident pays gas/electric/parking)
\$731 Greenwood Park 2 bedroom townhouses (resident pays gas/electric/parking)*

*\$659 Foster/Knox/Nickerson (utilities included)
\$659 Todd 1 bedroom (utilities included)
\$812 Todd 2 bedrooms (utilities included)*

The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. She noted the Committee held considerable discussion related to the Flexible Registration and Degree Works Modules for Banner item, and are excited about the efficiencies it will provide to students and staff. She thanked Drs. Vici Hughes and Michael

Wright for the work they are doing in Kansas City with the Charter Schools, and expressed appreciation for the information they continue to share regarding the progress that is being made within the schools.

Proposed Program Revisions – Graphic Arts/Technologies Management (GATM) – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Wilson reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 10 of the meeting materials (Attachment 5), related to proposed program revisions for the Graphic Arts Technology Management program. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the Graphic Arts Technology Management program, which include a name change from Graphic Arts Technology Management to Graphic Technologies; an emphasis area change to include print media, web media, graphic design, and photography and packaging; individual course revisions and requirement/elective modifications; and a reduction in the overall program to 120 hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Charter Schools – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Hughes joined Provost Wilson for the presentation of the two charter schools agenda items. Dr. Hughes noted that upon approval by the Board, these items will not only expand UCM's footprint in the Kansas City Charter School arena, but will also expand the quality and success of the teachers and students within those charter schools. They will also expand the opportunities for quality and success of UCM's students in the teacher preparation program and the educational administration program.

- *Seton High School – Dr. Hughes reviewed the background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6). Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's sponsorship of Seton High Charter School opening in August 2012, pending approval by the Missouri State Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*
- *Amendment of Hogan Preparatory Academy Charter School Agreement – Dr. Hughes introduced Ms. Donna Storay, Board Treasurer for Hogan. She then reviewed the background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 12 of the meeting materials (Attachment 7) that proposed an amendment to the current agreement to expand the school from grades 6-12 to grades K-12. Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to the charter of Hogan Preparatory Academy, Contract and Attachments A-L, expanding the charter to grades K-12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

Enrollment Update

Dr. Rick Sluder provided an enrollment update and Dr. Long noted that earlier the International Office distributed an enrollment report for international students (Attachment 8).

Board Committee on Administration & Finance

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Administration and Finance, reported that the Committee met earlier in the morning. He asked Mr. Merrigan to present the following agenda items.

University Financial Audit Services – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 13 of the meeting materials which contained information related to a Request for Bids for financial audit services (Attachment 9). Mr. Merrigan stated that the current contract with BKD, LLP will expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Brady said that BKD has done an excellent job for the University over the past 10 years; however, there is benefit to periodically changing audit firms, and in this case it is cost effective. Following Mr. Merrigan's review of the bid process and evaluation, *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract for auditing services to Rubin Brown, LLP. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

Purchase of Flexible Registration and Degree Works Modules for Banner – Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 14 of the meeting materials which included a briefing paper related to a new module for the University's Banner System for registration and degree audits (Attachment 10). At Mr. Merrigan's request, Dr. Joe Vaughn reviewed the benefits of the module and the ease of use and understanding it will provide for students and staff. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors authorize the purchase of the Flexible Registration and Degree Works modules for Banner Enterprise Resource system for \$291,200. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenditures – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the quarterly Statement of Unrestricted Revenues, Expenditures and Transfers included under Tab 15 of the meeting materials (Attachment 11).

Quarterly Investment Report – Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 16 of the meeting materials (Attachment 12).

Request for Closed Session – March 29, 2012 – Agenda Item No. 17

Dr. Long moved that pursuant to RSMO 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors meet in closed meeting, with closed record and closed vote, following the March 29, 2009, Plenary Session for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried with the following roll call vote:

<i>Edward Baker</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Gus Wetzel II</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Weldon Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, *Mr. Brady moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.* The Plenary Session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

***Attachments Listing
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<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Governance Groups Reports
2	PPT – Institutional Dashboards and Metrics
3	Student Experience & Engagement Activities/Events
4	Briefing Paper – FY13 Room and Board Rate Proposal and Room and Board Rates Comparison Sheet
5	Briefing Paper – Proposed Program Revisions – Graphic Arts/Technologies Management
6	Briefing Paper – Proposed Sponsorship of Seton High Charter School
7	Briefing Paper – Amendment of Hogan Preparatory Academy Charter School Agreement
8	Enrollment Update and International Office Enrollment Report
9	Briefing Paper – University Financial Audit Services
10	Briefing Paper – Purchase of Flexible Registration and Degree Works Modules for Banner
11	Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
12	Quarterly Investment Report Appropriations Request