

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**February 13, 2015**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in Elliott Student Union 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 Gus Wetzel II, Weldon Brady, Mary Long, John Collier, and Elizabeth Wood. Mr. Walter Hicklin participated in the meeting via conference call and Ms. Dandurand was unable to attend and was excused. Also present was University President Charles Ambrose; Vice President for Law, Strategy and Policy Mike Racy; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Remarks from the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Wright welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this morning's meeting. He noted this is the Board's first formal meeting of and then shared recent events Board members participated in including the MLK *Freedom Scholarship Dinner* and the announcement event for the University of Central Missouri's and Lee's Summit R-7 School District's partnership.

**Remarks from the University President**- Agenda Item No. 3

President Ambrose expressed pride in UCM as a caring and compassionate community, noting the amount of support and outreach the campus provided to families of two UCM employees who recently passed away. He also spoke of several alums who demonstrate UCM's culture of service including Lucas Boyce who was the keynote speaker for the MLK *Freedom Scholarship Dinner*; Jim Crane who hosted the Mules Baseball team last week in Houston and who has made a great impact on the City of Houston; and Todd DeVoe who now plays for the Tennessee Titans and was recently inducted into UCM's Athletic Hall of Fame.

President Ambrose expressed appreciation to the Board for its support of the partnership between UCM and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District. He noted that UCM received \$450,000 in grants for the Missouri Innovation Campus and stated he looks forward to soon learning the location for the new facility. A marketing and branding presentation for the MIC facility will be presented to the Board in March.

President Ambrose closed by saying there is much to look forward to over the next several months including a visit to campus by Undersecretary of the U.S. Air Force Eric Fanning next month, along with several high profile U.S. Air Force dignitaries who will visit campus in early May when UCM cohost the Strategic Nuclear Deterrent Symposium.

**General Session**

**Selmo Park Committee Final Report**

Mr. Wright said the Board accepted an extensive report presented by the Selmo Park Committee during yesterday's Work Session. To ensure that the motion is part of the official record, *Dr. Wetzel moved that*

*the Board of Governors ratify the action taken at the February 12, 2015, Work Session to accept the Selmo Park Committee's final report and its recommendations, with one exception – that the two carriage mounting stones from the front and side yards which the Committee recommended be donated to the Johnson County Historical Society, remain with the University of Central Missouri for possible use on campus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

**Approval of the Minutes** – Agenda Item No. 4

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014, Work Session; November 21, 2014, Plenary Session; and December 13, 2014, Special Plenary Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Reports/Updates**

**Written Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Wright noted the governance groups' written reports were included in the meeting materials under Tab 8 (Attachment 1) and expressed appreciation for the updates.

**Legislative Update** – Agenda Item No. 6

Senator David Pearce was in attendance to provide a legislative update. After introducing his legislative intern and UCM student David Rogers, Senator Pearce provided updates on legislation pertaining to higher education including Senate Bill 9, which is a bonding bill designed for capital improvements to colleges and universities. Included in this bill is \$12 million for UCM's W.C. Morris Building. The bill is currently being discussed in the House.

Governor Nixon revealed his budget on January 21, 2015, which includes a 1.2% increase for higher education, or an increase of \$574,583 for UCM's budget. In total, this would be a state appropriation of \$57.4 million for UCM. Senator Pearce added that performance funding is being implemented this year and because UCM met all five of its criteria, it would receive 100% of the performance funding. He stated that all efforts are being made by the House and Senate to get through the budget quicker this year. Last year Amendment 10 was approved by the voters and gives the Legislature authority to override any withholds. If the Legislature can get through the budget by May 8, the Governor will be required to act on it within 10 days.

Senator Pearce reviewed other higher education related bills including Senate Bill 207 that authorizes an employer to retain an employee's withholding tax for five years if employees have graduated with a STEM degree from a Missouri Innovation Campus; and Senate Bill 299 which modifies the eligibility requirements for the Bright Flight Scholarship Program and adds a forgivable loan component.

President Ambrose asked about a consensus budget that the Governor suggested he would consider if higher education would maintain no tuition increase. He asked if the potential exists to obtain more than the 1.2% increase. Senator Pearce said it is very doubtful. He added that if he becomes aware of any other opportunities that would help students persist and complete, he would be sure to let the University know. In closing, President Ambrose asked Mr. Rogers what has been the most interesting thing he has learned from his internship, to which he replied the length of time it takes to get a bill passed.

**The Crossing – South at Holden Facility Update** – Agenda Item No. 8

Messrs. Jim Schraeder and Dennis Strait of Gould Evans Architects were present and provided an update on the progress of construction of The Crossing – South at Holden (Attachment 2). The project remains on schedule and on budget. Mr. Brady suggested that the Board of Governors tour the facility in March. President Ambrose shared that Gould Evans and McGown Gordon was selected by the Lee's Summit R-7 School District to design and construct the new facility in Lee's Summit which will house the Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC). He compared the size of The Crossing at 188,000 square feet to the future MIC facility at 150,000 square feet. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to the Lee's Summit R-7 School Board to visit The Crossing so that it might view the quality of work it can expect.

**Learning to a Greater Degree Student Contract for Completion** – Agenda Item No. 9

President Ambrose said that progress is continuing with the completion agenda and that students are on track to graduate in four years. There are currently 63 students who are on track and that have qualified for the \$500 scholarship. UCM is beginning to see some of its peer institutions consider completion scholarships.

**UCM – Lee's Summit** – Agenda Item No. 10

President Ambrose said there are three major initiatives in progress for UCM-Lee's Summit. The first is preparation to implement a learning management system designed around competency-based education called MOTIVUS; the second is finalizing plans for the next MIC discipline stream; and the third is the development of a new site and facility to house the MIC. He stated that a letter of intent is close to being finalized with the Lee's Summit R-7 School District. Mr. Brady said the potential site will be fully developed and construction ready which will help to lower the cost of construction. He stated that UCM is very fortunate to have the School District as a partner and expressed a high level of respect for its leaders. President Ambrose stated that the School Board will meet next week and that he anticipates it will approve the letter of intent. In closing, he expressed appreciation to Governors Brady and Collier for their involvement with the planning team.

**Strategic Resource Allocation Model (SRAM) Update** – Agenda Item No. 11

President Ambrose stated that a more extensive update was provided to the Board during the February 12, 2015, Work Session. He reviewed components of UCM's growth and student success and provided an overview of the charges for each SRAM team. Each of the Team leaders provided a summary of their respective teams' work. Ms. Branca reviewed next steps which includes a presentation to the Board at its April 30 meeting to update members on the new budget process and multi-year projection tool, and to update them on innovation models that can be used to achieve UCM's future vision (Attachment 3).

**Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement**

The Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement did not meet this month; however, a handout was provided to the Board summarizing Fall 2014 and January and February 2015 Student Experience and Engagement Activities (Attachment 4).

## **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Gus Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee had a very interesting and informative meeting the previous afternoon. He asked Provost Curtis to present the following agenda items.

### **Cybersecurity Program Proposal** – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Alice Greife and Dr. Doug Koch joined Dr. Curtis for the presentation. Dr. Greife referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting materials which contained background information for a proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity (Attachment 5). Following a review of the information, *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity effective Fall 2015, contingent upon approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

### **Networking Technology Program Proposal** – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Koch reviewed background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 11 of the meeting materials for a proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Networking Technology (Attachment 6). Following the review of information, *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed Networking Technology Bachelor of Science degree program effective Fall 2015, contingent upon the approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

### **Innovative Technologies Program Revision** – Agenda Item No. 13

Dr. Koch reviewed background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 12 of the meeting materials for a proposed name change of the Bachelor of Science in Innovative Technologies to Bachelor of Science in Technology Management (Attachment 7). Following the review of information, *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed name change from Innovative Technologies to Technology Management effective Fall 2015, contingent upon the approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

### **Technology (Transfer) Program Revision** – Agenda Item No. 14

Dr. Koch reviewed background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 13 of the meeting materials for a proposed name change for the Bachelor of Science in Technology (transfer program) to Bachelor of Science in Technology Management 2+2 (Attachment 8). Following the review of information, *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed name change from Technology (transfer program) to Technology Management 2+2 effective Fall 2015, contingent upon approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

### **Education Specialist, Elementary Math Specialist Program Proposal** – Agenda Item No. 15

Dean Michael Wright introduced Dr. Nicole Nickets, Chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education. Dr. Nickets reviewed background information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 14 of the meeting materials for a proposed Education Specialist for Elementary Mathematics

Specialist (Attachment 9). Following the review of information, *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an Education Specialist degree in Elementary Mathematics Specialist effective Fall 2015, contingent upon approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

#### **Education Advisory Board (EAB) Contract Approval** – Agenda Item No. 16

Provost Curtis reviewed background information for a proposal for UCM to engage in a three-year agreement with the Education Advisory Board (EAB) as a Founding Member of the Academic Resource Benchmarking service (Attachment 10). As a supplement to this information, Dr. Crooker shared how this service will benefit UCM, as well as complement the work of UCM's Institutional Research Office (included with Attachment 10). Dr. Wetzel asked what the timeline is for implementation of the service. Provost Curtis answered that UCM is further ahead than some of the other participating schools because of the work it has done to date and will see results in this calendar year. It was noted that the cost for participating in this program is \$90,000 per year for the three-year agreement. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve a three-year contract with the Education Advisory Board for the Academic Resource Benchmarking service. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

#### **Emeriti Status Request** – Agenda Item No. 17

Provost Curtis presented information related to a request for emeriti status for retirees Shelly Burrows (retired December 31, 2014); Connie Wray (retired January 31, 2015); and Mark Schneider (retiring February 28, 2015) (Attachment 11). All three qualify for emeritus status in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 2.1.070, *Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees*. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors grant emeritus status to retirees Shelly Burrows, Connie Wray and Mark Schneider. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

#### **Spring Enrollment Report** – Agenda Item No. 18

Provost Curtis announced that February 10, 2015, was the Spring Census date and a more detailed report would be provided to the Board at its March meeting. Dr. Betsy Kreisel provided an enrollment update (Attachment 12) that reflects a headcount of 12,683 one week into the Spring semester and a student credit hour count of 142,000. She also reported that to date there have been 3,839 applications received for Fall 2015 and of those 2,776 have been admitted. Mr. Brady asked if future enrollment updates could include the ACT scores of those enrolling in UCM. He stated this would provide a clearer view if we are maintaining the academic standard that we desire. Provost Curtis said the best time to share this particular information is in the Fall; however, it will be included with the next enrollment update. Mr. Collier asked if the growing enrollment will have an impact on the availability of housing. Provost Curtis answered that there are 3,200 available beds in our traditional residence halls and that The Crossing will of course add some additional beds. UCM currently has 1,800 first-year students and 1,000 sophomores. So for now, we are able to accommodate everyone.

*Following the Academic Affairs Committee report, the Board took a short break from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*

### **Board Committee on Finance & Administration**

Mr. Weldon Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported that the Committee met the previous afternoon. He noted that the Committee was presented a Capital Improvements Project list (Attachment 13) that was quite impressive. He added that several of the items on the list will be covered by insurance and auxiliary funds. Mr. Brady acknowledged that unexpected things may come up throughout the year; however, the list gives the Board an idea of those items it can anticipate on an annual basis. He asked Mr. Merrigan to present the following agenda items.

#### **FY 2016 Student Instructional & General Fees** – Agenda Item No. 19

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 18 of the meeting materials which included background information on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 instructional and student general fees (Attachment 14). Mr. Merrigan stated that the tuition proposal for FY 2016 is a modest increase in tuition and fees for all on-campus courses of 0.8%, consistent with the CPI-U. The tuition proposal for Graduate CS and CIS at the Summit Center includes an increase of \$52.55 per credit hour. He noted that this recommendation is contingent upon the Legislature approving the Governor's recommended budget. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve FY 2016 rates for instructional and student general fees as itemized in Attachments 1 and 2 of the briefing paper (Attachment 14) and contingent upon the Missouri Legislature approving the Governor's proposed higher education budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

#### **Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenditures** – Agenda Item 20

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses included under Tab 19 of the meeting materials (Attachment 15) and also distributed and reviewed Spring Semester Tuition Results (included with Attachment 15).

#### **Quarterly Investment Report** – Agenda Item No. 21

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 20 of the meeting materials (Attachment 16).

#### **Title IX Grievance Procedures** – Agenda Item No. 22

Mr. Racy asked Mr. Rick Dixon to present this item. Mr. Dixon referred the Board to Tab 21 of the meeting materials which included a briefing paper that provided background on Title IX Grievance Procedures (Attachment 17). He explained that the law firm of Husch Blackwell is working with UCM on its Title IX policy and previously conducted a comprehensive audit. Mr. Dixon said Title IX procedures apply to everyone affiliated or associated with the University, and that current procedures for faculty and staff differ from those for students. The procedures included with the Board meeting materials bring them into alignment.

Mr. Racy shared that Husch Blackwell has more than 100 clients in higher education and they assessed UCM to be in the top 10% in regard to its work with Title IX. There are some things that need to be modified, and within the next three months one thing will be to implement a very comprehensive training program for faculty and staff.

## **Other**

Mr. Brady asked for an update on the golf course renovation. Mr. Jerry Hughes reported that the construction firm came in mid-January and began moving dirt. The firm has done a tremendous job and has been fortunate to have good weather to work. A couple of the greens and tees have been shaped in and all is ahead of schedule. The irrigation crew will be out within the next two weeks and the greens are expected to be planted in April.

## **Board Business**

There was no other Board business to discuss.

## **Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 23

*Mr. Collier moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:50 a.m.*

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**Attachments Listing**

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2	<i>PowerPoint – The Crossing Update</i>
3	<i>PowerPoint – Strategic Resource Allocation Update</i>
4	<i>Student Experience &amp; Engagement Update</i>
5	<i>Briefing Paper – Cybersecurity Program Proposal</i>
6	<i>Briefing Paper – Networking Technology Program Proposal</i>
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