

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**January 26, 2023**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on January 26, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Kenneth Weymuth. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B were Governors Stephen Abney, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, and John Collier, as well as University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Governor Marvin E. Wright was unable to attend the meeting and was excused.

**Call to Order** - Agenda Item No. 1

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

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

Mr. Weymuth thanked individuals in attendance at the meeting and those viewing it via the livestream. On behalf of the Board, he expressed condolences to Vici Hughes and other members of Jerry Hughes' family, noting many people were fortunate to know and engage with Jerry during the time he served UCM. Through Jerry's leadership over the past 40 years in athletics, he had a tremendous impact on UCM student-athletes and coaches, and he will be greatly missed.

In closing his remarks, Mr. Weymuth said the Board would have an opportunity later in the meeting to recognize Dr. Mary Long and her service on the Board and to the University.

**Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best also acknowledged the impact Jerry Hughes had on UCM's athletics. He announced a Celebration of Life would be held in the Union Ballroom at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon and also be live streamed. Additionally, he shared that Duane Sterling, a long-time UCM administrator passed away this past week. A memorial service is planned for the near future.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Member and Request for Emeritus Status** – Agenda

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors grant emeritus status to outgoing Board member Mary Long. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand. Note: In his absence, Governor Wright designated General Counsel Chapman as his proxy to vote in favor of this motion, which passed unanimously. In conjunction with this vote, Mr. Weymuth and President Best presented Dr. Long with a Resolution highlighting the many accomplishments achieved during her tenure on the Board from her initial appointment in 2008 to the end date of her last term on January 1, 2023.*

## **Plenary Session**

Mr. Weymuth presented the following Consent Agenda items for the Board's consideration and approval –

### **Action Items**

- December 9, 2022, Work Session and Plenary Session minutes;
- Emeritus Status for Carrie Clothier, Barbara Martin, Galen Corbett, Gretchen Reynolds, and Robert Patillo (Attachment 1)
- New B.S. Degree in Data Science, effective fall 2023, pending approval by MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 2);
- New Undergraduate Minor – Data Science, effective fall 2023 (Attachment 3);
- New Master of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, effective fall 2023, pending approval by MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 4);
- Name Change for the Child and Family Development Bachelor of Science Program to “Human Development and Family Science,” effective Fall 2023, pending approval by MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 5);
- Name Change for the Child and Family Development undergraduate minor to “Human Development and Family Science,” effective Fall 2023 (Attachment 6); and,
- Commitment of up to \$2 million of institutional funds for the purchase of new and/or used single-engine Cessna aircraft for the purpose of flight training. Purchase agreements must be completed no later than October 1, 2023, and a report will be made to the Board following the completion of the purchases (Attachment 7).

### **Information Items**

- Annual Report – Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (Attachment 8);
- FY 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report (Attachment 9);
- FY 2023 Second Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Attachment 10); and,
- Personnel Report (Attachment 11)

*Mr. Collier made a motion for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

## **Reports/Updates**

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

Mr. Weymuth noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 16 of the meeting materials (Attachment 12).

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

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, provided a legislative update. Highlights from his report included –

### *State*

- The 2023 Missouri Legislative Session began January 3, with both House and Senate members sworn in.
- To date, 1,500 bills have been filed, 30 of which could directly affect higher education. The last day to file legislation is February 28.
- Governor Parson delivered his State of the State Address on January 18 communicating a proposed FY 2024 budget that included –
  - A seven-percent increase in core funding to Missouri’s public higher education institutions, the largest increase in 25 years. If approved, it would mean a \$4.1 million allocation to UCM.
  - \$275 million in funding for transformational capital improvement projects within Missouri’s public higher education institutions, which would greatly support the Humphreys Building renovation project.
  - \$38 million in funding for MoExcels workforce development projects on college campuses.

## **University Update** – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best reported that enrollment is up seven (7) percent compared to this time last year. He noted the official census date for spring enrollment is February 6, and that a spring enrollment report will be provided to the Board at its March meeting. He was also able to share the spring tuition forecast was achieved by the end of the first week of classes.

President Best shared a list of items University staff will be working on this Spring including the finalizing the Campus Master Plan; securing fall 2023 enrollment; building the FY 2024 revenue forecast and budget; working with the Legislature for passage of the Governor’s budget recommendations; and addressing the recommendations included in the recent salary and benefits study conducted by Lockton Companies.

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

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and received a positive report from University Advancement staff. This included many successes in fundraising and UCM-hosted events; as well as laying some groundwork for a possible multi-year capital campaign.

### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the morning to discuss a number of action items that were approved under the Consent Agenda. Mr. Weymuth shared that with the departure of Dr. Long from the Board, he asked Dr. Wetzel to assume the role of Committee Chair and expressed his appreciation for his willingness to do so.

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee met earlier to discuss a number of action items that were approved under the Consent Agenda. The Committee also received a number of informational reports that were listed as such under the Consent Agenda.

### **Board Business**

#### **Proposed New BOG Policy – Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)** – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Nnamdi Nnedu, Assistant General Counsel, reviewed a proposed new Board policy related to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), included under Tab 17 of the meeting materials (Attachment 13). The policy was discussed in greater detail in the Finance & Administration Committee meeting. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors adopt the proposed Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

#### **Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 10

There was no other business.

#### **Request for Closed Session – January 26, 2023**

*Ms. Dandurand 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. Collier and passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

#### **Adjourn** – Agenda Item No. 15

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 11:40 a.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 1:23 p.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	Emeritus Status Requests
2	New B.S. Degree in Data Science
3	New Undergraduate Minor – Data Science
4	New M.S. Degree in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
5	Name Change for B.S. Child and Family Development Program
6	Name Change for Child and Family Development Program Minor
7	Purchase of Aviation Program Aircraft
8	Annual Report – Office of Sponsored Programs and Research
9	FY 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report
10	FY 2023 Second Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses
11	Personnel Report
12	Written Governance Groups Reports
13	Proposed New BOG Policy – Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)