

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**March 23, 2023**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on March 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.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. He commented there are several things occurring on campus as well as at the University Farms, noting the Board had an opportunity earlier in the day to tour both the Prussing and Mitchell Street Farms. He said it was exciting to see the progress being made at the Farms, and to learn more about the vision for further development.

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

President Best said that earlier in the week entrepreneur and mental health activist Ravi Sharma was a guest speaker on campus as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series. Mr. Sharma is the founder of a mental health platform called OOTify, which uses artificial intelligence-powered central architecture to help individuals match their mental health efforts with resources to best meet their needs. Mr. Sharma was highly complementary of what UCM is doing with its students and the experiential learning opportunities it provides. Other remarks included mention of the Student Government Association event later this evening to present the Excellence in Governance Award to Governor Emeritus Mary Long and the Walter Hicklin Excellence in Service Award to Dr. Lover Chancler.

**Recognition of Governor's Excellence in Education Award Recipient** – Agenda Item No. 4

Provost Bridgman shared the nomination of Dr. Michelle Amos for the 2023 Governor's Excellence in Education Award and introduced her to the Board. Board President Weymuth and President Best presented the award to Dr. Amos and photographs were taken. Dr. Amos was recognized at a special luncheon in Jefferson City last week.

## **Plenary Session**

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

### **Action Items**

- January 26, 2023, Plenary Session minutes; and
- Award of a five-year contract with an option for five (5) one-year contract renewals for University Financial Audit Services to Forvis LLP (Attachment 1)

### **Information Items**

- Spring 2023 Census Enrollment Report & Fall 2022 Enrollment Update (Attachment 2); and
- Promotions and Tenure (Attachment 3)

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve all items presented as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

## **Reports/Updates**

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

It was noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 7 of the meeting materials (Attachment 4).

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

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, was unable to attend the meeting due to the funeral of Emeritus Dean of Graduate Studies Harold Sampson. President Best provided a legislative update that included the following highlights:

#### **State**

- The budget is currently going through the legislative process and the House should complete its review House sometime next week. It then goes to the Senate for review. President Best said the House Budget Chair placed substitutes in the budget that would impact UCM. While at the Capitol yesterday President Best was able speak with the House Budget Chair about the proposed substitutions, as well as with Representative Dan Houx. He remains positive that the Governor's budget will remain good for higher education. Another budget update will be provided in April.
- Mr. Pearce testified in support of House Bills 417, 515 and 1038, all of which would positively impact the University. President Best testified for information only on HB 1196, filed by Representative Richey, which would prohibit the inclusion of DEI statements as part of the hiring process.

- Student groups have or will visit the Capitol this spring including Marriage & Family Therapy students; Child Family Development students; Speech, Language and Hearing students; Student Government Association; and international students who are excited to learn more about state government.

### Federal

- Mr. Pearce recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he had an opportunity to meet with Congressman Mark Alford's and Senator Josh Hawley's staff. He also visited with US Senator Eric Schmitt. In February, Mr. Pearce hosted Congressman Mark Alford's District Director Ryan Nonnemaker, a UCM alum. The Congressman has agreed to continue many of Congresswoman Hartzler's activities previously held on UCM's campus including the Congressional Art Show and the Procurement Conference. Additionally, he is planning an Ag Tech Conference for later this summer or fall that UCM would host.
- Messrs. Weymuth and Pearce and President Best will travel to Washington, D.C. in late April to participate in AASCU Day on the Hill, and also to meet with members of UCM's Congressional delegation to advocate for matters related to UCM.

Mr. Weymuth asked how Mr. Pearce determines those bills on which he will testify. President Best responded Mr. Pearce first consults with him and then he decides.

### University Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best reported the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be on campus in just under a year for an accreditation site visit. There is a committee of individuals led by committee chair Dr. Tim Crowley, who has been working diligently for some time now to ensure all of our documentation is together and we are prepared for the visit. The HLC accreditation occurs every 10 years and requires a lot of hard work by many people. In closing, President Best reviewed a number of student competitions, recognitions, and achievements.

### University Metrics Report – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best reviewed the University Metrics Report (Attachment 5) and the information contained in each of the tables. Mr. Abney recalled that in 2021, UCM extended its in-state tuition rate to out-of-state students residing in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference (MIAAC) border states and asked if we know how many students from those states attend UCM as a result. Mr. Chris Lang, Assistant Vice Provost for Admissions and Analytics, responded there are no direct numbers; however, he noted there is a focus on the state of Texas where UCM expects to see growth in UCM's enrollment from this state.

## **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 enjoyed hearing from a panel of students who spoke about their individual international student experience. She added it is always exciting to see and hear about student successes.

## **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the morning and received a Spring 2023 Census Enrollment Report.

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee had a productive meeting earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

### **FY 2024 Student Instructional and General Fees** – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting materials noting that FY 2024 Student Instructional and General Fees (Attachment 6) were presented in greater detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Proposed rate changes include the following:

- non-resident undergraduate tuition for Warrensburg on-campus and Whiteman Air Force Base at twice the proposed new resident undergraduate rate;
- a 5% increase to the on-campus graduate resident and graduate non-resident tuition;
- no change to the \$283.15 per credit hour rate for Cohort undergraduate and Kodaly undergraduate;
- an increase in graduate tuition of 5% per credit hour for on-line and hybrid;
- an increase in graduate tuition of 5% for entrepreneurial and Kodaly;
- an increase of 5% for on-line Ph.D.;
- an increase of 0.3% per credit hour to Business Graduate with rate applicable regardless of location/mode;
- an increase of 4.2% per credit hour to CS and CIS Graduate with rate applicable regardless of location/mode;
- an increase of \$3 per credit hour to Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment courses;
- a 3.6% increase to Professional Development courses; and
- a 3% increase to Limited Cost courses.

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve FY 2024 rates for instructional and student general fees as itemized in Attachment 6 of the minutes, subject to waiver approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

**AY 2023-2024 Room and Board Rates** – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley noted the AY 2023-2024 Room and Board Rates (Attachment 7) were presented in detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the following semester room and board rates for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

	<b>2022-2023 Rate</b>	<b>2023-2024 Recommended Rate</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Double Occupancy	\$3,047.50	\$3,169.00	\$121.50	3.99%
Single Occupancy	\$3,698.00	\$3,846.00	\$148.00	4.00%
Silver Plan (meal)	\$1,802.00	\$1,934.00	\$132.00	7.33%
Gold Plan (meal)	\$1,899.00	\$2,027.00	\$128.00	6.74%
Platinum Plan (meal)	\$2,099.00	\$2,227.00	\$128.00	6.10%
Silver Plan + Double Occupancy	\$4,849.50	\$5,103.00	\$253.50	5.23%
Gold Plan + Double Occupancy	\$4,946.50	\$5,196.00	\$249.50	5.04%
Platinum Plan + Double Occupancy	\$5,146.50	\$5,396.00	\$249.50	4.85%
Foster/Knox/Nickerson (furnished and utilities included)	\$793.00	\$825.00	\$32.00	4.04%
Todd 1 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$793.00	\$825.00	\$32.00	4.04%
Todd 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$975.00	\$1,014.00	\$39.00	4.00%

Central Village 1 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$648.00	\$674.00	\$26.00	4.01%
Central Village 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$782.00	\$813.00	\$31.00	3.96%
Central Village 3 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$934.00	\$971.00	\$37.00	3.96%
Greenwood Park 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$853.00	\$887.00	\$34.00	3.99%
The Crossing 4-bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$631.00	\$657.00	\$26.00	4.12%
The Crossing 4-bedroom garden (furnished and utilities included)	\$631.00	\$657.00	\$26.00	4.12%
The Crossing 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$738.00	\$767.00	\$29.00	3.93%

**Aviation (Fixed Wing) Flight Fees** – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 12 of the meeting materials containing a proposal for Aviation (Fixed Wing) Flight Fees (Attachment 8). This item was discussed in detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed increase in UCM fixed wing flight fees as shown in the table below. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

<b>Aircraft/Simulator/Instructor</b>	<b>UCM Current Hourly Rate</b>	<b>UCM Proposed Hourly Rates (with 12% increase)</b>	<b>Difference in Cost Per Hour</b>
BE-58 Beechcraft Baron	\$ 398.00	\$ 446	\$ 48.00
Cessna 172R Skyhawk (2000 Model)	\$ 167.00	\$ 187	\$ 20.00
Cessna 172S Skyhawk (G1000 Model)	\$ 167.00	\$ 187	\$ 20.00
Cessna 172P Skyhawk	\$ 148.00	\$ 166	\$ 18.00
PA-18-150 Super Cub	\$ 106.00	\$ 119	\$ 13.00
Schweizer 2-33	\$ 31.00	\$ 35	\$ 4.00
Instruction	\$ 45.00	\$ 55	\$ 10.00
Redbird Simulator	\$ 25.00	\$ 28	\$ 3.00
Frasca Simulator	\$ 50.00	\$ 56	\$ 6.00
<b>Fuel Surcharge</b>	Conditional	Conditional	

*Note: UCM proposed rates for all services have a rounded 12% increase. The instructional hourly rate will increase by 22%.*

### **Board Business**

#### **Special Honors and Awards** – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best presented the following honors and awards for the Board’s consideration (Attachment 9).

*Posthumous Honorary Degree* - Bridget Marie Burgoon was a UCM undergraduate student working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management when she was killed in an automobile accident on January 29, 2023. A petition to award a posthumous honorary degree was submitted in accordance with BOG Policy 1.2.080 procedures and meets the criteria for award. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous honorary degree to Bridget Marie Burgoon at a 2023 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

*Honorary Doctorate* – Prior to the meeting, the Board of Governors was provided background about UCM alum David Hoffmann that included information about significant and meaningful philanthropic commitments he and his family have made to help the different communities in which they have lived, as well sizable contributions he has made to help a number of national causes and organizations. *Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve of the award of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to David Hoffmann at the Spring 2023 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

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

There was no other business.

**Request for Closed Session – March 23, 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 1:38 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 2:48 p.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 2:49 p.m.



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Attachments Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
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