

*University of Central Missouri*  
*Board of Governors*  
*Plenary Session*  
*March 19, 2009*

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri at 8:30 a.m. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Richard Phillips. In attendance were Governors Walter Hicklin, Weldon Brady, Deleta Williams, Lawrence Fick, Edward Baker, and Ryan Sanders. Also present were University President Aaron Podolefsky; General Counsel Henry Setser; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

**Plenary Session**

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Phillips 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. Phillips congratulated and commended the Mules Basketball team for winning the NCAA Division II South Central Region Championship. The team will now go on to play in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Basketball Championship in Springfield, MA next week. Mr. Phillips also congratulated UCM student athletes that participated both in individual and team competitions during the NCAA Division II Championships in Houston, Texas. All-American honors were awarded to several of the student athletes. Mr. Phillips reported several other student athlete accomplishments and achievements, and commended the many students who sacrificed their spring break to support the Mules Basketball team during the NCAA II South Central Region Championship games. He also commended Coach Kim Anderson and other Intercollegiate Athletic staff who provide outstanding leadership to UCM's student athletes.

Mr. Phillips said he has received correspondence from Governor Nixon and various state legislators thanking the Board for its support of Senate Bill 390 and House Bill 792, which if passed, would equalize Access Missouri student financial aid to students with the same financial need regardless of whether they are enrolled at a public or a private four-year university.

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

President Podolefsky commended the governance groups and other campus constituencies for participating in FY 2010 budget discussions. He noted that President Obama has signed into law the Omnibus Appropriations Act, which includes \$285,000 for UCM's Midwest Clinic for Autism Spectrum Disorders. President Podolefsky expressed appreciation for Congressman Ike Skelton's support of the bill and for ensuring this appropriation was included. The original funding request was for three years; this is the second year UCM will receive the funding.

President Podolefsky distributed a letter from Representative Chris Kelly (Attachment 1). Representative Kelly and Representative Steven Tilley are the sponsors of House Joint Resolution 32, which would allow the State to issue \$700 million in revenue bonds to public colleges and universities. President Podolefsky noted that the top item on the list is \$55 million for the construction of a new science and mathematics building at the University of Central Missouri.

President Podolefsky congratulated Dr. Jack Rogers and the UCM Debate Team for their outstanding efforts in representing UCM during the 2009 Montgomery Cup Exhibition Debate Tour of the United Kingdom. The team did very well in the competition; however, did not win the cup.

President Podolefsky added his personal congratulations to student athletes for all of their successes throughout the recent competitions. He congratulated the Mules Basketball team and Coach Anderson and his staff on winning the NCAA Division II South Central Region Championship. President Podolefsky said that he was awaiting a citation from the Governor's Office recognizing the team's achievement. A photo was taken of the team, Coach Anderson and his staff, Board President Phillips, President Podolefsky, and University Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Jerry Hughes. Following the photographs, Coach Anderson thanked the Board of Governors for its support of the team during the season and throughout the Championship games.

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

Provost Wilson introduced the UCM recipient of the 2009 Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. Renee Cole. Dr. Cole, Professor of Chemistry, will be recognized during a special event scheduled for April 22 in Jefferson City. President Podolefsky presented Dr. Cole with a plaque and the Board extended its congratulations. A photo was taken of Dr. Cole with Board President Phillips and President Podolefsky.

**General Session**

**Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2009** – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Fick moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the February 26, 2009, meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Williams and carried unanimously.

**Reports**

**Governance Groups Written Reports** – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Phillips noted that governance groups reports were included under Tab 4 of the meeting materials (Attachment 2).

**Nursing Program** – Agenda Item No. 7

Provost Wilson introduced Dr. Julie Clawson, Chair of the Department of Nursing. Dr. Clawson provided an overview of the Nursing Program in a Power Point presentation, which is included with the minutes as Attachment 3.

Following Dr. Clawson's presentation, Mr. Hicklin and Mr. Phillips attested to the quality nurses that UCM produces and shared personal experiences of close family members who were cared for by UCM graduates. Dean Rick Sluder of the College of Health & Human Services spoke briefly about UCM's quality nursing program and the quality faculty in the department. He closed by commending Dr. Clawson on her work.

President Podolefsky said there is a significant shortfall of health care professionals in Missouri. University presidents met approximately two years ago and determined that their institutions could help the State by graduating more health care professionals if the State could provide the necessary support. A proposal was then submitted to the Governor.

President Podolefsky asked Dr. Clawson to comment about the initiative titled *Caring for Missourians*, formerly known as the *Preparing to Care Initiative*. Dr. Clawson discussed the benefits. If passed, it would allow registered nurses who currently hold a two-year degree to complete an advanced degree and would allow for an increased student capacity in the Master's program. It would also allow nurses in rural areas an opportunity to go back to school to become nurse practitioners. Additionally, the initiative would benefit UCM's communications disorders and medical technology students. Board members were encouraged to express support of the initiative as opportunities present themselves.

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

Ms. Ann Pearce thanked Mr. Sanders for spearheading the Student Government Association resolution in support of Access Missouri bills. Hearings for the bills have not been scheduled. She reiterated President Podolefsky's appreciation for Congressman Ike Skelton's support of the Omnibus bill this year, and his inclusion of a \$285,000 appropriation for UCM's Midwest Clinic for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Ms. Pearce said that UCM is continuing to work with Congressman Skelton's office for Phase 3 of the funding for the clinic.

Ms. Pearce said that she and Mr. Wright continue to monitor the stimulus package. Funding at the state level has not been made; therefore, it is not known if UCM will receive funding for any of its proposals that have been presented to the Governor and state legislators. At the federal level, the stimulus package impacts higher education in many different ways. It adds \$200 million to the work study programs and \$17 billion to Pell Grants, which will allow more students to obtain higher education. It also increases tax credits from \$1,800 to \$2,500 for students and families who claim dependent students. The federal stimulus package also expands the use of college savings plans (in Missouri – MOST Program) from tuition, room and board, and college related expenses, to now include technology related expenses such as computers, software, and internet services.

Mr. Wright reported that 1,791 bills have been introduced during this legislative session. He is currently tracking 191 of these bills for the university. In regard to the State's budget, the House Budget Committee has passed the budget. It will now go to the House floor. Mr. Wright said the general revenue portion of the budget for UCM is \$59,752,000.

Mr. Wright said that there still appears to be no real plan for the stimulus package; however, the State has established some benchmark dates. State departments have been asked to submit their

plans by March 23. Approval of the plans is anticipated during the first week of May, with distribution of funds tentatively scheduled for early July.

Mr. Wright explained that the *Caring for Missourians* initiative asks for \$40 million to be distributed among public four-year universities and community colleges to provide an increased infrastructure for nursing. For UCM, this would be \$1.1 million. Mr. Wright said that while there is a strong need for the initiative, there has been very little related activity by the Governor and legislators.

Mr. Wright provided updates on pending legislation related to House Joint Resolution 32, Access Missouri, Missouri Promise, and the Tax Payer Bill of Rights. He also noted pending legislation related to charter schools, sunshine law, governing boards, tax credit reform, autism, and other miscellaneous issues.

**Consent Agenda** – Agenda Item No. 9

*Proposed Title Change for Minor in Fashion: Textiles & Clothing in Business* – Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve a change in title for the Minor in Fashion: Textiles & Clothing in Business to a Minor in Fashion Merchandising. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fick and carried unanimously. A copy of the briefing paper prepared for this item is included with the minutes as Attachment 4.

**Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Mr. Hicklin, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, asked Provost Wilson to present the following agenda items.

**Proposed Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in International Studies** – Agenda Item No. 10

Provost Wilson referred the Board to Tab 6 of the meeting materials, which contained background information pertaining to a proposed B.A. degree in International Studies (Attachment 5).

Mr. Hicklin asked if all of the courses required for this degree program are currently being taught. Provost Wilson stated that with the exception of one course, all courses are currently being taught. The one class is an introductory course that can be included in the program for no additional costs. Provost Wilson said that any faculty member who is short of having a full teaching load could easily step in to teach the course in any given semester.

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve implementation of the B.A. degree in International Studies in fall 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.

**Proposed Minor in Child and Family Development** – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Wilson referred the Board to Tab 7 of the meeting materials, which contained background information pertaining to a proposed minor in Child and Family Development (Attachment 6).

Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a Child and Family Development Minor in fall 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fick, Chair of the Board Committee on Administration & Finance, asked Dr. Roberts to present the following agenda items.

#### **Quarterly Statement of Revenue & Expenses** – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Roberts asked Mr. John Merrigan to review the Quarterly Statement of Revenue and Expenses included in the meeting materials under Tab 8 (Attachment 7). Following Mr. Merrigan's review of the statement, Mr. Baker asked if any money has been taken back from the *Prior Year Carryforward* - \$19,783,522 – as shown in the statement. President Podolefsky said that the number shown in the statement is as of July 1, 2008, and does not change throughout the course of the year; however, 10% of the \$19+ million carryforward was reclaimed and will be used for the renovation of the HVAC system in the Morris Science Building and for the Dockery Building roof. These projects are planned for summer 2009. Dr. Roberts added that a significant portion of this money has been dedicated to making security improvements on campus. Mr. Baker said he is pleased to see the money go to good use.

Mr. Brady asked why spending in the general operations category is down. Mr. Merrigan explained that the prior fiscal year carryforward monies are added to the revenue budget for the annual year in order to show total funds available for the current fiscal year. The prior fiscal year cumulative carryforward is also added to the general operations expense budget to show the total funds available to be spent. The carryforward addition to the general operation expense budget makes the budget number appear high.

#### **Quarterly Investment Report** – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 9 of the meeting materials (Attachment 8). Included with the materials was a report showing bond proceeds for the Student Recreation Center. He noted that of the \$20.5 million bonds that were sold, investors in 27 states purchased UCM bonds. Missouri investors purchased \$14.5 million in UCM bonds. More specifically, of the \$14.5 million bonds purchased in Missouri, approximately \$1.3 million were purchased in the Kansas City area; \$3.3 million in the St. Louis area; and \$2.4 million in Warrensburg. Dr. Roberts said this speaks to the viability of the university.

Mr. Setser asked what portion of the Student Recreation Center bonds were purchased by institutional and individual investors. Mr. Merrigan said that \$17.1 million were purchased by retail or individual investors, and the remaining \$3 million was purchased by institutional investors.

Dr. Roberts said that her staff continues to be diligent and watchful of the economic well-being of the institution. She thanked the staff for their work and the campus community for all they do to ensure the university meets its financial objectives.

**Board Committee on Student & Alumni Affairs**

**2009-2010 Room and Board Rates** – Agenda Item No. 14

Ms. Williams, Chair of the Board Committee on Student & Alumni Affairs, noted that at the last Board of Governors meetings, the Board expressed its desire that there be no increase in room and board rates for the 2009-2010 school year. The briefing paper included under Tab 10 of the meeting materials (Attachment 9) reflects this.

Ms. Williams moved that the Board of Governors authorize room and board rates for the 2009-2010 school year to remain the same rate as the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously. Mr. Hicklin expressed appreciation to the administration and staff.

**Board Business Items**

**Amendments to Board of Governors Policy 1.1.010 – Bylaws – Article XVII** – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Setser said there was discussion at the last Board meeting pertaining to Article XVII of the Board of Governors Bylaws. Since the meeting, Mr. Brady, President Podolefsky, and Mr. Setser met to discuss the concerns expressed and to prepare proposed amendments. The proposed amendments reflect the Board’s desire to retain authority to approve (1) major reorganizations within the university, (2) reorganization of units reporting directly to the university president; and (3) reorganization at the college level. Tab 11 of the meeting materials contains a briefing paper and the proposed amendments (Attachment 10).

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Board of Governor’s Bylaws as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.

President Podolefsky said that the Board’s approval of reorganizations is appropriate. In regard to bullet 2 of the Article XVII, President Podolefsky said that at some point he would like to gain greater clarity from the Board regarding its definition of “high profile” positions.

**Request for Closed Session – March 19, 2009** – Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Fick moved that 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, following the Plenary Session for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried with the following roll call vote:

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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**Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Letter from Representative Chris Kelly re: House Joint Resolution 32</i>
2	<i>Governance Groups Reports</i>
3	<i>Power Point – UCM Nursing Program and promotional materials</i>
4	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed Title Change for Minor in Fashion: Textiles &amp; Clothing in Business</i>
5	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed B.A. in International Studies</i>
6	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed Minor in Child and Family Development</i>
7	<i>Quarterly Statement of Unrestricted Revenue &amp; Expenditures</i>
8	<i>Quarterly Investment Report</i>
9	<i>Briefing Paper – FY 2009-2010 Room and Board Rate Proposal</i>
10	<i>Briefing Paper – Amendments to Board of Governors Policy 1.1.010 – Bylaws, article XVII</i>