

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
April 21, 2010

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Thursday, April 21, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board Vice President Walter Hicklin. Other Board members in attendance included Governors Weldon Brady, Marvin Wright, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, Edward Baker, and Ryan Sanders. Others present included General Counsel Henry Setser and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman. Board President Richard Phillips and University President Aaron Podolefsky were unable to attend the meeting.

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 Vice President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hicklin said that Board President Phillips was away on business and University President Podolefsky was in Jefferson City for the Governor's briefing on tax reform, and could not attend today's meeting. He noted today's meeting was the last scheduled meeting prior to Commencement and thanked the faculty and staff who help to create and ensure an enjoyable learning environment for UCM students. Mr. Hicklin closed by congratulating Dr. Russell Helm on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his years of service to UCM.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

Provost George Wilson made remarks on President Podolefsky's behalf. He said that the State Senate restored \$14.8 million that was previously cut from higher education funding by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Both the House and Senate versions of the budget have been restored to the original agreement with the Governor for a 5.2% reduction in state funding and no increase to in-state undergraduate tuition.

Provost Wilson said at the national level, Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa has introduced legislation that would provide \$23 billion to support higher education nationally. If passed, this would provide significant support for FY 2012 and result in \$400 million for Missouri higher education.

Provost Wilson noted there are many activities and events planned for the week as part of UCM's *Earth Week* recognition. He called on Dr. Steve Boone, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences to provide an overview of UCM's *Earth Week* activities. Dr. Boone noted that this is the 40th anniversary of *Earth Day* and UCM's theme for this year is "Change Your Behavior, Change Our World."

Introduction of the Charno Recipients – Agenda Item No. 4

Dr. Morrell explained that the Charno Award is the highest honor bestowed upon two members of the graduating class of the current academic year. He explained the award criteria and then introduced this year's Charno Award recipients Ms. Kaitlyn Roach and Mr. Nicolas McDaniels. Mr. McDaniels was unable to attend the meeting. The Board extended its congratulations to both students.

Recognition of the Byler Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 5

Provost Wilson explained that the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award is the highest award presented to a UCM faculty member. The recipient is selected by a committee of faculty peers that consider excellence in teaching, contributions to the academic discipline, and service to the university. Provost Wilson introduced the 2010 Byler Award Recipient, Dr. David Kreiner, Professor of Psychology. The Board extended its congratulations.

Introduction of J.P. Mees Award Recipient – Agenda Item No. 6

Ms. Holly Davenport said that the J.P. Mees Award is presented each year to a professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the University of Central Missouri, the community, professional activities, and commitment of service to students. She introduced this year's recipient Dr. Brenda Moeder who received the Board's congratulations.

GENERAL SESSION

Approval of the March 25, 2010, Plenary Session Minutes – Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010, Plenary Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. Hicklin invited the leadership of the governance groups to give reports.

Student Government Association – Ms. Kati Roach, President of the Student Government Association (SGA) highlighted some of the SGA's activities over the past semester. They were:

- Successfully implemented its new Constitution and now has a fully functioning House of Representatives and Senate.
- Allocated \$5,000 to Central's cable network to help repair an automated server that was damaged.
- Had a successful SGA Day Campaign that resulted in more than 300 comments and suggestions from students on ways to improve campus life.

- Passed a bill to assemble a committee to work on the revitalization of Pertle Springs and established a budget of \$10,000 towards this initiative.
- Scheduled SGA's annual Memorial Service for April 27 at 4:00 p.m. This honors faculty, staff and students who have passed away during the school year.
- Planned SGA's annual Excellence in Governance Day for April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the James C. Kirkpatrick Library. An award will be presented to Representative Mike Thompson.
- Hosted a Presidential Forum on April 12 in the Union for students to meet and greet the presidential candidates for SGA.
- Elections for new officers were held April 13-14. The newly elected SGA President is Derek Wiseman.

Professional Staff Council – Ms. Holly Davenport, President of the Professional Staff Council (PSC) highlighted the PSC's recent activities. They were:

- Review of the existing staff retrenchment policy.
- Assembled questions for the presidential candidate forums next week.
- Held the PSC Annual Breakfast April 17 and announced the J.P. Mees Award recipient.
- Held elections resulting in a newly elected president, Mike Jeffries. The Vice President and Secretary will be elected at the next PSC meeting. A listing of PSC representatives was distributed (Attachment 1)

Support Staff Council - Ms. Peggy Harrison, President of the Support Staff Council (SSC), was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written report (Attachment 2)

Faculty Senate – Ms. Davie Davis, President of the Faculty Senate, was unable to attend the meeting.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 9

Ms. Ann Pearce accompanied President Podolefsky to Jefferson City and was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was later provided to the Board (Attachment 3).

BOARD COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS & ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Board Committee on Student Affairs & Alumni Relations did not meet this month.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Proposed Name Change for Aviation Technology Building – Agenda Item No. 10

Provost Wilson referred the Board to Tab 4 of the meeting materials, which contained a briefing paper proposing a name change for the Aviation Technology Building to “Technologies Laboratory Building” (Attachment 4).

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve changing the name of the Aviation Technology Building to “Technologies Laboratory Building.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.

Charter Schools Agreements – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Wilson asked Dr. Doug Thomas of UCM’s Midwest Center for Charter Schools and Urban Education to present this item. Dr. Thomas referred the Board to Tab 5 of the meeting materials, which contained a briefing paper pertaining to charter agreements with Hope Leadership Academy, Gordon Parks Elementary School, and Academie Lafayette (Attachment 5). He noted there is still work to be done on the agreement with Gordon Parks Elementary and said this would be deferred to a future Board meeting.

Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve a charter school agreement between the University of Central Missouri and Hope Leadership Academy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously. The Board’s action will permit Hope Leadership Academy to begin preparing for the opening of the school in Academic Year 2011-2012. Once the agreement is finalized, it will be brought to the Board for approval.

Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve a revision to the Academie Lafayette charter agreement, expanding and clarifying the capacity of the school that reflects the current student enrollment and projections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.

Mr. Brady asked if the charter schools are considering possible use of any of the facilities that will be vacated as a result of the Kansas City, Missouri School District’s downsizing initiative. Dr. Thomas said yes, that the School District has approached the charter schools to determine their interest in the facilities.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Administration & Finance, stated that the Committee met yesterday afternoon and received a preliminary draft report that responds to a NCAA Audit of UCM’s Athletic Division. Mr. Brady called on Dr. Roberts to present the following agenda item.

FY 2011 Budget – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Roberts referred the Board to Tab 6 of the meeting materials containing a briefing paper on the FY 2011 Budget (Attachment 6). She reviewed the contents of the briefing paper. Dr. Roberts stated that higher education budget officers in Missouri anticipate a potential 20 percent to 30 percent cut to higher education for FY 2012. Mr. Brady said he expects the budget planning process for FY 2012 to be much more intense than in past years.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2011 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Appointment of Nominating Committee – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hicklin stated that Board President Phillips has appointed a nominating committee for FY 2011 Board officers. Mr. Baker will chair the committee. Mr. Wright and Ms. Dandurand will also serve on the Committee. The Committee will recommend a slate of officers at the June Board meeting.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 14

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Attachment Listing*

<u><i>Attachment No.</i></u>	<u><i>Attachment Description</i></u>
<i>1</i>	<i>Listing of Professional Staff Council Representatives</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Support Staff Council Report</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Legislative Update</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – Proposed Name Change for Aviation Technology Building</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – Charter Schools Agreements</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Briefing Paper – FY2011 Budget</i>