

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Work Session**  
**October 19, 2011**

The University of Central (UCM) Missouri's Board of Governors convened in Work Session on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Union 237A on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Walter Hicklin. Other Board members present included Governors Mary Long, Marvin E. Wright, Mary Dandurand, Weldon Brady, Richard Phillips, and Darren Doherty. Governor Edward Baker was unable to attend and was excused. Sitting in for President Charles Ambrose who was attending the Complete College Academy was Provost and Chief Learning Officer George Wilson. Also present were General Counsel Henry Setser; Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman; Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Rick Sluder; Director of Human Resources Rick Dixon; and Bob Charlesworth of Charlesworth Benefits, L.C.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Health Insurance Update** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Rick Dixon introduced Mr. Bob Charlesworth of Charlesworth Benefits, L.C. who presented an executive summary of UCM's group health and prescription benefits. Included in his presentation (Attachment 1) was a review of UCM's premiums, total claim expenses, rate experiences and other data. Following the presentation, Mr. Hicklin asked what UCM's rate increase would be for 2012. Mr. Charlesworth said that the increase would be 5.1%. The national average for premium increases is anywhere from 5.9% to 7%. Mr. Dixon noted that even though the University will experience an increase, UCM is able to control its costs by promoting a healthier lifestyle to its employees and providing opportunities and incentives to improve their overall health. Without this, the rate increase would likely be higher.

Mr. Hicklin asked how the increase would be paid for. Mr. Merrigan said that the University has \$150,000 budgeted for the increase.

**Distance Learning** – Agenda Item No. 3

Provost Wilson called on Dr. Rick Sluder to provide the context of the presentation on distance learning. He spoke briefly about the University's initiative to expand and enhance online learning and the designation of special funds to each of the colleges to assist in this effort. Following Dr. Sluder's introduction of distance learning, presentations were made by Jim Graham related to technical support; Mike Jeffries, Kathy McCormick and Barb Carter related to faculty support; Odin Jurkowski for a course demonstration; and Shawn Jones and Hillary McNeel who spoke about distance learning from a student's perspective.

Following Dr. Jurkowski's presentation, Mr. Hicklin commended him for the care he takes in delivering courses online. At the conclusion of the presentations, Mr. Wright thanked everyone for the very informative session, noting he had a new respect for distance education. (A copy of the PowerPoint and supplemental materials is included with the minutes as Attachment 2.)

**Request for Closed Session – October 19, 2011** – Agenda Item No. 4

*Ms. Dandurand 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, for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried with the following roll call vote:*

<i>Mr. Brady</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Ms. Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mr. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mr. Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mr. Phillips</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*The motion passed. (Note: Dr. Long was out of the room at the time of this vote.)*

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 15

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	<i>PPT – Group Health &amp; RX Benefit</i>
2	<i>PPT – Online Learning at UCM and Supplementary Materials</i>