

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
October 20, 2011

The University of Central (UCM) Missouri's Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B 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 and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman.

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 President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hicklin welcomed students in attendance from the Governance & Finance Leadership class. He noted that the Western Missouri Court of Appeals was held on campus the preceding day and that several Board members had the opportunity to attend the sessions and a special luncheon for the judges and their staff. Mr. Hicklin said that the Board met in Work Session the preceding afternoon and were provided several informative presentations related to distance education. He thanked Provost Wilson for sitting in for President Ambrose who was attending the 2011 Complete College America Academy.

Remarks by the Provost-Chief Learning Officer – Agenda Item No. 3

Provost Wilson provided background information about the Complete College America Academy that President Ambrose was attending this week. The Academy is a three-day work session designed to provide intensive technical assistance and support to leading Alliance states that have demonstrated significant commitment to the establishment, adoption and implementation of robust college completion plans. Participants spend the majority of their time working intensively as individual teams in facilitated work sessions with targeted consultancies from content experts designed to accelerate progress and produce substantial outcomes.

Six states were invited to participate in the Academy – Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri – and each state was asked to assemble a 6-person team. Missouri's team included Dr. Mike Nietzel, Governor's Education Policy Advisor; Dr. David Russell, Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education; Ms. Debbie Goodall,

President, MCC-Business & Technology; Dr. Charles Ambrose, President, University of Central Missouri; Senator David Pearce; and Representative Mike Thompson.

Provost Wilson said that earlier in the week, the campus celebrated its 12th annual Saudi Arabia Day and this year's participation was its largest. He expressed appreciation to everyone involved in preparing for President Ambrose's Inauguration and noted that the Board spent a considerable amount of time in Work Session the preceding day reviewing and discussing matters related to distance learning. In closing, Provost Wilson introduced Dr. Jason Drummond, UCM's new Vice President for Development. Dr. Drummond addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to serve UCM.

General Session

Approval of the Minutes for September 14, 2011, Work Session and September 15, 2011, Plenary Session – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011, Work Session and the September 15, 2011, Plenary Session approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Reports

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Hicklin noted that written governance groups reports were included under Tab 8 of the meeting materials (Attachment 1).

Board Committee on Student Experience & Engagement and Alumni Relations

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Experience & Engagement and Alumni Relations, reported that the Committee did not meet this month; however, it will hold a work session in November to discuss committee goals and objectives.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. He asked Provost Wilson to present the following agenda items.

Amendment to Gordon Parks Charter School Agreement – Agenda Item No. 6

Provost Wilson invited Dr. Vici Hughes to present background information related to the request to extend Gordon Parks Elementary School's charter. She referred the Board to Tab 9 of the meeting materials which contained a briefing paper (Attachment 2) and reviewed the information. Due to circumstances that include a recent realignment of curriculum and significant administrative changes, Gordon Parks' governing board has requested an amendment to the current charter that would extend it by one year to June 30, 2013.

Approving the extension for an additional year would allow the staff to align the curriculum to current DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) expectations. If approved a remedial plan focusing on curriculum alignment and increased student achievement would be implemented with definitive action items, time lines, and personnel responsible for task completion. Dr. Hughes stated that if the charter extension is approved for one year, she would fully expect to come to the Board at the time of charter renewal next year and show continued improvement.

Dr. Long commended Dr. Hughes and her staff for all of their work with the Charter Schools and stated her appreciation for the detail provided. She asked that the Board be provided regular updates throughout the year on the school's progress in meeting the targets that have been established for it. Committee Chair Wright endorsed Dr. Long's request, also asking that the Board receive this information well before the charter comes up for renewal.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to the charter of Gordon Parks Elementary, Article III, extending the charter term to June 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Approval of Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology Program – Agenda Item No. 7

Provost Wilson referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting materials that included background information related to the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology Program (Attachment 3). *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology, contingent upon approval of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried unanimously.*

Census Date Enrollment Report – Agenda Item No. 8

Dr. Rick Sluder reviewed data included as part of a PowerPoint related to the 2011 Fall Census Enrollment (Attachment 4). Following Dr. Sluder's report, Mr. Hicklin asked of the students that applied to the University, what is the percentage of those that were actually admitted. Dr. Sluder did not have the information available at the time of the meeting; however, stated that he would obtain the information and provide it to the Board.

Financial Aid Report – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Phil Shreves reviewed data included as part of a PowerPoint related to a 2011 Fall Financial Aid Update (Attachment 5). In addition to the information contained in the update, Mr. Shreves reported that the national average student loan default rate is 8.8 percent; 7.6 percent for Missouri higher education institutions; and 7.2 percent nationally for all four-year higher education institutions. The most recent data reflects a UCM student loan default rate of 4.8%. In closing, Mr. Shreves announced to the Board that he will retire in March 2012 after 20 years of service. The Board congratulated Mr. Shreves and commended him and his staff for their work.

Grant Applications & Award Activity – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Joe Vaughn referred the Board to Tab 11 of the meeting materials, which contained information related to the FY 2011 Sponsored Program activities (Attachment 6). Ms. Victoria Steel reviewed highlights of the report.

Distance Education – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Wilson stated that the Board and several individuals involved with UCM's distance learning spent good amount of time the preceding afternoon during a Board Work Session discussing distance education. Several presentations were also made. Dr. Sluder was asked to give an overview of the information covered during the Board's Work Session. As part of the Plenary Session report, brief presentations were given related to technology tools for online learning and instruction and design. Additionally, student Shawn Jones spoke about his personal experience with online learning while obtaining a Masters degree at Central.

The Board of Governors took a recess from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Board Committee on Administration & Finance

Mr. Brady, Chair of the Board Committee on Administration & Finance, reported that the Committee met the preceding afternoon. He asked Mr. Merrigan to report on the following agenda items.

Quarterly Investment Report – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 12 of the meeting materials (Attachment 7).

Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Merrigan reviewed the Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenses included under Tab 13 of the meeting materials (Attachment 8).

Board Business

Special Honors & Awards – Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Hicklin noted that an information paper on special honors and awards was included under Tab 14 of the meeting materials. He also noted that a document was provided to the Board that included background about the individuals being recommended for an honor or award (both documents included with the minutes as Attachment 9).

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the following honors and awards:

- *Naming of the new clubhouse at Keth Memorial Golf Course, the Audrey J. Walton Clubhouse.*
- *Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Vance DeLozier at the Winter 2011 Commencement.*
- *Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Joseph Ratterman at the Spring 2012 Commencement.*
- *Presentation of an Honorary Doctorate – Doctor of Laws – to Dr. David Carter at the Spring 2012 Commencement.*
- *Presentation of an honorary Bachelor of Science degree in Education to Martha Groner-Fennewald.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried unanimously.

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 15

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Phillips moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Governance Groups Written Reports</i>
2	<i>Briefing Paper Amendment of Gordon Parks Elementary Charter School Agreement</i>
3	<i>Briefing Paper – Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology</i>
4	<i>PPT – Fall 2011 Census Update</i>
5	<i>PPT – Fall 2011 Financial Aid Update</i>
6	<i>FY 2011 Sponsored Program Activities</i>
7	<i>Quarterly Investment Report</i>
8	<i>Quarterly Statement of Revenues & Expenditures</i>
9	<i>Special Honors & Awards</i>