

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
November 22, 2013
Plenary Session

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, November 22, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in UN 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Marvin E. Wright. Also in attendance were Governors Gus Wetzel II, Walter Hicklin, John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Weldon Brady, and Kyle Shell. Others present included Chief Learning Officer Deborah Curtis; General Counsel Henry Setser; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman. University President Charles Ambrose was unable to attend the meeting.

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Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Wright welcomed and expressed appreciation to those attending today's meeting. He reviewed a number of significant activities occurring over the past week that Board members participated. Of particular note was the National Convening on Higher Education Innovation held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City November 13-14. People from across the country were in attendance at this very successful event, and Mr. Wright said the Board looked forward to future developments related to the Missouri Innovation Campus. The second important event was a special Board meeting held on November 11, where the Board of Governors approved the issuance of bonds for the new Mixed-Use Facility and the refinancing of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center bond that will reduce the maturity date by six years and save UCM \$4.7 million over the life of the loan.

Mr. Wright said that several members of the Board plan to celebrate our graduating students' successes at the December 13-14 Commencement ceremonies. He thanked Dr. Curtis for stepping in for President Ambrose, who was unable to be at today's meeting.

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

Provost Deborah Curtis said she was happy to represent President Ambrose today, and expressed appreciation and thanks for several things including the faculty and staff that make a difference in the lives of our students every day. She also expressed appreciation for the Board and for the institutional leadership.

Introduction of Learning to a Greater Degree Award Recipients – Agenda Item No. 4

Mr. Robin Krause shared the criteria of the Learning to a Greater Degree Award and introduced recipients Dr. Wendy Geiger and student Samantha Behlman . Mr. Krause said this is the second year the award has been presented, and that Dr. Geiger’s and Ms. Behlman’s name would be added to a plaque that is displayed in the Administration Building. Mr. Wright and Provost Curtis presented certificates to Dr. Geiger and Ms. Behlman and had photographs taken with these two individuals.

General Session

Approval of the Minutes – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the October 25, 2013, Finance & Administration Committee of the Whole meeting; October 25, 2013, Work and Plenary Sessions; and November 11, 2013, Special Teleconference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.

Reports

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Wright invited the leadership for each of the governance groups to provide an update on their respective group’s activities.

Faculty Senate – Ms. Cheryl Riley, President of the Faculty Senate, provided information about the Senate’s work including, but not limited to, discussion of best practices related to attendance and posting of grades; constitution and bylaws; and faculty load and compensation. She commended the Professional and Support Staff for their efforts to collect items for the food pantry and clothing exchange for people in need.

Professional Staff Council – Ms. Paula Brant, President of the Professional Staff Council, provided information about the Council’s work and activities including, but not limited to, the annual *60 minutes with the President*; community service projects done in partnership with the Support Staff Council; review of the Human Resource CJS system and discussion of ways to improve it; establishment of pedestrian walkways at the outer perimeters of campus; and nominations for the J.P. Mees Award.

Support Staff Council - Ms. Barbara Hicks, President of the Support Staff Council, provided information about the Council’s work and activities, including, but not limited to community service projects done in partnership with the Professional Staff Council; a joint session with the Professional Staff for *60 Minutes with the President*; and a meeting with the Strategic Leadership Team that will result in bringing forth a recommendation to the Board in February to revise the Board’s policy for emeritus status to include all university employees. Ms. Hicks expressed appreciation for the extra day off employees will be provided in conjunction with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Student Government Association – Ms. Christina Parle, President of the Student Government Association, provided information about the Association’s work and activities, including, but not limited to, a proposal to install library charging stations in the JCK Library, which SGA has contributed more than \$3,000 towards; a resolution to install credit/debit card readers at Swisher Skyhaven Airport; a resolution to recognize library staff for extending the Library’s hours, which makes a significant contribution to student success; a resolution proposing that the University Store carry Alta Gracia *Living Wage Apparel*; a resolution that recommends any future campus construction be required to meet the lead silver requirement for sustainability; establishment of pedestrian walkways at the outer perimeters of campus; and further expanding SGA’s interaction with students.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

No legislative update was provided.

Missouri Innovation Campus Update - Agenda Item No. 8

Provost Curtis reported on the success of the National Convening for Higher Education Innovation held in Kansas City the previous week. She noted that the first day consisted of a Summit that included speakers from around the country. The second day consisted of a Technical Academy, which was key for providing opportunities for in-depth discussions about what needs to be done in order to take the Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC) to scale. Provost Curtis said it was a luxury to be able to spend focused time with the Academy’s facilitators and others. In closing, Provost Curtis noted that the University is considering a number of options for the MIC’s future site and will provide more information as it develops.

Learning to a Greater Degree Contract Update – Agenda Item No. 9

Provost Curtis reviewed the goals of the Learning to a Greater Degree Contract and provided an overview of some of the measures that have been taken in implementing this initiative (Attachment 1). She gave high commendations to the four college deans who developed college-based plans for implementation. She also commended Student Governor Kyle Shell for his work in compiling data reflective of the many efforts. As further steps are taken, they will be shared with the Board in future updates.

Mixed-Use Facility Update – Agenda Item No. 10

No additional information was provided. Mr. Wright noted earlier in the meeting that the Board held a special meeting on November 11 to approve the issuance of bonds for the construction of a Mixed-Use Facility.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

The Student Experience and University Advancement Committee did not meet this month; however, a listing of Student Experience and Engagement activities was distributed to the Board (Attachment 2).

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met the previous afternoon. He asked Dr. Curtis to present the following agenda items.

Student Financial Assistance Update – Agenda Item No. 11

Provost Curtis invited Ms. Angela Karlin to give a report. Ms. Karlin referred the Board to the Student Financial Assistance Update that was included under Tab 8 of the meeting materials and reviewed the data contained in the update (Attachment 3). Ms. Karlin publicly thanked the Foundation for the funds it has provided that has allowed for additional scholarships to be awarded to our students.

Mr. Brady asked what percent of our students borrow money for college. Ms. Karlin said that the average student loan debt for undergraduates at time of graduation is \$25,000. The average loan amount per year is \$5,552; however, students can borrow additional money for living expenses.

FY 13 Sponsored Program and Research Integrity Activities – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Janice Putnam referred the Board to Tab 9 of the meeting materials and reviewed the FY 13 Sponsored Program and Research Integrity Activities Report included under this tab (Attachment 4).

Emeritus Status Recommendations – Agenda Item No. 13

Provost Curtis reviewed information contained in a briefing paper (Attachment 5) recommending that Dr. Joseph Vaughn (retiring November 30, 2013) and Ms. Catherine Sarantakos (retiring December 31, 2013) be granted emeritus status. *Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of emeritus status to Dr. Joseph Vaughn and Ms. Catherine Sarantakos. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Enrollment Update – Agenda Item No. 14

Dr. Rick Sluder distributed and reviewed an Enrollment Update from the Office of Recruitment and Outreach (Attachment 6).

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

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

Life Safety System Testing and Inspection Contract – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting materials and reviewed information contained in a briefing paper related to the proposed continuation of the Life Safety System Testing and Inspection contract with SimplexGrinnell, through the National Joint Powers Alliance (Attachment 7). *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve continuation of contract through June 30, 2017, for Life Safety System Testing and Inspection, Dryer Vent Cleaning, and Grease Hood Cleaning Services with SimplexGrinnell through the National Joint Powers Alliance for a total annual price of \$252,754, and five-year revised total of \$1,243,871. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

SciQuest Electronic Procurement Software Contract –Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 11 of the meeting materials and reviewed information contained in a briefing paper related to the proposed renewal of a five-year license agreement with SciQuest for its HigherMarkets Express electronic procurement software maintenance and premium supplier pack (Attachment 8). *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve a five-year license agreement with SciQuest Incorporated of Cary, North Carolina for maintenance of Higher Markets e-procurement software at a total cost of \$415,805. The cost is inclusive of one-time system administration training and 10 online courses during calendar year 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Sodexo Contract – Agenda Item No. 17

Mr. Merrigan referred the Board to Tab 12 of the meeting materials and reviewed information contained in a briefing paper related to the proposed renewal of the UCM/Sodexo Campus Services contract option for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 (Attachment 9). He said that Sodexo has been a good partner to UCM over the past five years, which was also reflected in the negotiations. Major terms of the contract include capital investments in new construction and renovations to current facilities totaling \$4.6 million. Additionally, the commission for UCM will be 9% as compared to the previous five years when the first two years it was 5%, then progressing to 6-1/2% and ending in year 5 at 8%. Mr. Brady attributed the increased commission rate to increased enrollment and stated that there is flexibility in where the \$4.6 million is appropriated for improvements. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the extension of the UCM contract with Sodexo Campus Services for the term July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Naming Opportunity – Agenda Item No. 18

Provost Curtis reviewed information in a briefing paper that proposed naming the Facilities Planning & Operations (FPO) Plant the *University of Central Missouri Facilities Planning and Operations South East Complex* (Attachment 10). The facility will relocate to what was formerly

South East Elementary School. The nomination was submitted by a FPO staff member who asked that consideration be given to the historical significance the facility holds to many members of the community. *Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors approve naming the Facilities Planning and Operations facility the "University of Central Missouri Facilities Planning and Operations South East Complex." The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 19

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Learning to a Greater Degree Contract Update</i>
2	<i>Student Experience and Engagement Update</i>
3	<i>Student Financial Assistance Update</i>
4	<i>FY 13 Sponsored Program & Research Integrity Activities</i>
5	<i>Emeritus Status for Retiring Dr. Joseph Vaughn and Ms. Catherine Sarantakos</i>
6	<i>Enrollment Update</i>
7	<i>Life Safety System Testing and Inspection Contract</i>
8	<i>SciQuest Electronic Procurement Software License Fees</i>
9	<i>Contract Award to Sodexo Campus Services</i>
10	<i>Naming – Facilities Planning & Operations</i>