

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**February 10, 2017**  
**Plenary Session**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in University Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel II. Also in attendance were Governors John Collier, Mary Long, Mary Dandurand, and Mathew Martinez. Governors Marvin E. Wright and Walter Hicklin participated in the meeting via conference call. University President Charles Ambrose; General Counsel Hayley Hanson; and Assistant Secretary to the Board Monica Huffman were also present.

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Wetzel called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 1

Dr. Wetzel noted that earlier in the morning the Board participated in an appreciation breakfast for residents of the Humphreys Building, which included a facility tour. He expressed a special thank you to all those involved in the remediation project. Last month, Board members attended the *MLK Freedom Scholarship Dinner* where Elizabeth Bankhead Tankersly, a UCM alum and currently Executive Director of the Kauffman Kansas City Scholars Program, was the keynote speaker. In closing, Dr. Wetzel remarked about the impact state budget cuts will have on UCM and asked the campus community to work together to meet the challenges ahead.

**Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 2

President Ambrose expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort of the campus to remediate the Humphreys Building and expressed special thanks to faculty and staff who continue to work together for the good of our students. With regard to the state budget cuts, President Ambrose said UCM will continue to make the case for access and affordability. Other remarks included this year's Athletic Hall of Fame will be one of UCM's largest; and, UCM will have an extraordinary opportunity to host the Global Strike Command's (GSC) Commanders Conference in March. Of particular note is that Elon Musk is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the conference.

**Minutes of November 17, 2016, Work Session, November 18, 2016, and January 11, 2017, Plenary Session and January 3, 2017, Special Finance and Administration Committee Special Plenary Session** – Agenda Item No. 4

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016, Work Session; November 18, 2016, and January 11, 2017, Plenary Session; and the*

*January 3, 2017, Special Finance and Administration Committee Special Plenary Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

### **Reports and Updates**

#### **Written Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 5

Dr. Wetzel noted that written governance groups reports were included in the meeting packet under Tab 8 (Attachment 1).

#### **Updates** – Agenda Item No. 6

- *UCM Lee's Summit* – President Ambrose reported that progress continues on the new Missouri Innovation Campus facility in Lee's Summit and completion is expected in July. President Ambrose and Dr. Drummond have been in conversation with the President of VML, one of UCM's MIC business partners. Eric Campbell is a UCM alum who views UCM's extended campus and MIC program as key to the company's future. UCM will host a career fair on campus next week where 160 employers will participate, many of which that will be represented by UCM alums. President Ambrose noted that Dr. Godard and Ms. Hogue are providing leadership of UCM's initiatives to align education to workforce through partnerships with groups such as *KC Task Force*.
- *Legislative Update* – Noting Governor Greitens' recommendation to cut \$160 million to post secondary education, President Ambrose stated the Legislature has not presented a budget. President Ambrose testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee last month concerning the FY 2018 Budget and the impact budget cuts would have on higher education and its students. With regard to Senate Bill 389, it's possible the Consumer Price Index could be adjusted against the cuts. This could be addressed by the Missouri Department of Higher Education Commissioner and does not require statutory approval.

President Ambrose reviewed proposed bills related to higher education, including two submitted by Representative Jason Chipman that prohibits public institutions of higher education from requiring students to live on campus, except for first-year freshmen who may be required to live in campus housing for their first year; and another that prohibits public institutions of higher learning from requiring students to purchase a meal plan when a student presents medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue. Additionally, there was bill introduced by Representative Rick Brattin that would eliminate tenure for new employees at public institutions of higher education.

President Ambrose stated the Governor recently made Board appointments to the University of Missouri and has placed board appointments for two other higher education institutions as priorities. He expressed appreciation to UCM Board members whose terms have expired, for their willingness to continue serving until replacements are appointed.

In addition to the above legislation, Ms. Luann Madsen shared that the Missouri Department of Higher Education initiated a mission review. President Ambrose provided background to this and said the process for mission review has been positive and inclusive of community colleges and universities. Any major changes would have to be vetted and approved at all levels. Provost Curtis shared that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education disapproved a software engineering program that the Board of Governors recently approved because it contained the work "engineering" which falls outside of UCM's scope of offerings. Clarification will be provided to the Coordinating Board in hopes the program can be approved. President Ambrose suspects this decision was made to demonstrate good stewardship in response to one of the largest cuts to higher education funding.

President Ambrose will extend an invitation to Senator Hoskins and/or Representative Dorhman to the March meeting to provide legislative update.

#### **Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement**

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, said the committee did not meet this month. She invited Dr. Shari Bax to provide highlights of events within the Student Experience and Engagement (SE&E) area. Dr. Bax distributed a list of SE&E events (Attachment 2) and reviewed events related to *Teach-in Day, Unity Week and Social Justice Week*. Following the committee report, Ms. Dandurand departed the meeting.

#### **Board Committee on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, shared that the committee met briefly the preceding day. She asked Provost Curtis to present the following agenda items.

#### **Request for Emeritus Status** – Agenda Item No. 7

Provost Curtis reported Ms. Deborah Turnbow, Director of Sponsored Programs (December 31, 2016); Mr. Robert Culver, Boiler Technician II (January 31, 2017); Ms. Betty Shaeffer, Office Professional II (January 31, 2017); Ms. Bonnie Hall, Senior Programmer/Analyst (February 28, 2017); Mr. Tom Massia, Microcomputer Network Specialist (passed away January 13, 2017); Ms. Debbie Underwood,

Coordinator in Financial Services (February 28, 2017); and Mr. Donald Schawao, Carpenter II (February 28, 2017), qualify for emeritus status in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 2.2.1070, *Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees* (Attachment 3).

*Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve emeritus status for Deborah Turnbow, Robert Culver, Betty Shaeffer, Bonnie Hall, Tom Massia, Debbie Underwood and Donald Schawo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

### **Choose Red Grant for Students from Contiguous States** – Agenda Item No. 8

Provost Curtis invited Dr. Godard to present information about this item. Dr. Godard referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting materials and provided an overview of the background information (Attachment 4). Amendment to the Board policy regarding the Choose Red Grant for Students from Contiguous States would open availability of the grant to all degree-seeking, admitted students, regardless of admission status. The grant currently permits the waiver of nonresident fees for graduate and undergraduate students fully admitted to UCM from the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Tennessee, excluding those students admitted on a probationary status.

Provost Curtis said considerable time was spent looking at admission criteria. Dr. Godard added the retention rate of students along with high school credentials would be reviewed to ensure these students are on a path to success.

*Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve expansion of the Choose Red Grant for Students from Contiguous States for new graduate and undergraduate students beginning with their studies in the fall 2017 semester to include all admitted, degree-seeking students. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

### **Enrollment Update** – Agenda Item No. 9

Dr. Godard reviewed the Enrollment Update included under Tab 11 of the meeting materials (Attachment 4). He noted the data contained in the report reflects fall data, and that a Spring Census Report will be presented in March. In relation to international student enrollment, Dr. Godard discussed the challenges students from India are experiencing in obtaining visas due to an economy that is based heavily on cash. He noted this is most prevalent in *Hyderabad*. Dr. Godard noted it is unlikely that UCM will sustain the surge of students from India that in has experienced in past years.

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the committee met the preceding day. He noted a decision was made to postpone agenda items related to fire alarm replacement and upgrades, as well as the Audrey J. Walton Stadium field replacement. If prevailing wage is removed, this could help lower the costs of these projects. Mr. Collier stated the current fire alarms in South Yeater Residence Hall, JCK Library and the Ward Edwards Building are operational and in good working order. He asked Dr. Hawks to present the following agenda items.

#### **Capital Projects List** – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Hawks reviewed the Capital Projects List included under Tab 12 of the meeting materials (Attachment 5). Given the Governor's recent cuts to higher education, several of the projects will be placed on hold.

#### **Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport Runway Improvements** – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Hawks reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 13 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6) related to a proposed grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for matching funds to help improve Skyhaven Airport's infrastructure.

Through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, UCM is eligible to receive grant funds to pay for 90% of proposed infrastructure and safety improvements at Skyhaven Airport. This includes moving the existing taxiway further from the runway. The grant would also help fund a portion of the main runway rehabilitation project. The estimated cost of the infrastructure improvements is \$7 million. With 90% funded by the grant, UCM's responsibility would be approximately \$700,000, which would be covered by institutional reserves. Dr. Wetzel asked how many of the airport hangars will have to be replaced. Mr. Monetti responded that the current terminal will be demolished and hangar two will be moved. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors authorize the submission of the FAA grant application and the \$700,000 in required matching dollars from UCM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

#### **Fire Alarm Replacement & Upgrades** – Agenda Item No. 12

As previously noted, action for the replacement and upgrade of fire alarms in South Yeater Residence Hall, JCK Library, and Ward Edwards is postponed. Fire alarms are operational and in good working order.

**Campus Branch Bank, ATM Services and Student Card Program** – Agenda Item No. 13

Dr. Hawks reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 17 of the meeting materials (Attachment 7). He noted a correction to the table included in the briefing paper – “Monthly Facility Rent” should have said “Annual Facility Rent.” The contract for campus bank branch, ATM services and student card program would be for five years and commence on September 3, 2017, with an option for an additional two-year renewal. An RFP issued on November 7, 2017, for these services, resulted in a single bid from U.S. Bank, UCM’s current provider. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract for campus bank branch, ATM services and student card program to U.S. Bank for a term of five years, commencing on September 3, 2017, with an option for an additional two-year renewal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Houts-Hosey/Nickerson Residence Halls Cooling Tower and Chiller** – Agenda Item No. 14

Dr. Hawks reviewed information contained in a briefing paper (Attachment 8) pertaining to the replacement of the Chiller and Cooling Tower that serves Houts-Hosey and Nickerson Residence Halls. An Invitation for Bid was sent to five construction plan houses and advertised. The bid resulted in three responses and of these, The Fagan Company, Inc. of Kansas City, Kansas was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of contract to The Fagan Company of Kansas City, Kansas for the replacement of the chiller and cooling tower for Houts-Hosey and Nickerson Residence Halls in an amount not to exceed \$636,630, which includes a 10% contingency. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Audrey J. Walton Stadium Track Resurfacing Project** – Agenda Item No. 15

Dr. Hawks reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 19 of the meeting materials (Attachment 9). He reminded the Board that in April 2015, it approved the award of contract to Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc. of Hunt Valley, Maryland, for the resurfacing of the outdoor track at Walton Stadium at a cost of \$250,570. At the time, a portion of the approved track resurfacing project was deferred until construction of The Crossing and other improvements at the southwest corner of the Stadium could be completed. The project will resume in May and a proposed change order would modify the scope of work to include the addition of BSS 200 track surface in the west straightaway, southeast chute, and perimeter edge, as well allow for some other repairs and mobilization charges. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve a change order to Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc. of Hunt Valley, Maryland in the amount of \$48,032, and establish a project contingency of \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.*

**Audrey J. Walton Stadium – Vernon Kennedy Field Replacement** – Agenda Item No. 16

As previously noted, this item was postponed.

**Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses** – Agenda Item No. 17

Dr. Hawks reviewed the Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses included under Tab 21 of the meeting materials (Attachment 10).

**Quarterly Investment Report** – Agenda Item No. 18

Dr. Hawks reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report included under Tab 22 of the meeting materials (Attachment 11).

**Board Business**

**Special Honors and Awards** – Agenda Item No. 19

Dr. Ambrose deferred this item for a later meeting.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 20

There being no further business to discuss, *Dr. Long moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	<i>Governance Groups Reports</i>
2	<i>Student Experience &amp; Engagement Activities &amp; Events</i>
3	<i>Briefing Paper – Requests for Emeritus Status</i>
4	<i>Briefing Paper – Choose Red Grant for Students from Contiguous States</i>
5	<i>Enrollment Update</i>
6	<i>Briefing Paper - 2017 Capital Projects</i>
7	<i>Briefing Paper – Campus Branch Bank, ATM Services and Student Card Program</i>
8	<i>Briefing Paper - Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport Runway Improvements</i>
9	<i>Briefing Paper – Houts, Hosey and Nickerson Residence Hall Cooling Tower and Chiller Replacement</i>
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