

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**June 29, 2018**

The University of Central Missouri's (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on Friday, June 29, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Gus Wetzel II. Other Board members present were Mary Dandurand, Marvin E. Wright, Mary Long, Weldon Brady, John Collier, and Walter Hicklin. University President Charles Ambrose, Associate General Counsel Lindsay Chapman, 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 a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

Dr. Wetzel reflected on many good things that happened throughout the year culminating in a celebratory Commencement in May. He expressed appreciation for the dedication and commitment faculty and staff demonstrate for our students' success each day. He also reflected on the budget challenges of the past six months and expressed the Board's appreciation for the cooperation everyone has demonstrated to preserve funds.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Member and Emeritus Status** – Agenda Item No. 3

Dr. Wetzel recognized Governor Brady, whose tenure on the Board concluded at the close of the meeting. Mr. Brady served as a member of the Board from 2008-2018 and during this time provided exemplary service. President Ambrose added that Governor Brady's background and experience have served the University, helping to save UCM significant funds through the years. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Wetzel presented a proclamation to Mr. Brady recognizing many Board and University achievements during his tenure.

President Ambrose noted BOG Policy 1.1.060 – Emeritus Status for Members of the Board of Governors authorizes the Board to grant emeritus status to those members of the Board successfully completing their appointed term; or leave their position on the Board in good standing. Mr. Brady served well beyond his term expiration date of January 1, 2012, and has been an exemplary Board member (Attachment 1).

*President Ambrose recommended to the Board approval of emeritus status for Governor Weldon Brady, which was placed into a motion and seconded. Dr. Wetzel was intentional in asking for a roll call vote to symbolize the Board's overwhelming support of Mr. Brady:*

<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Walter Hicklin</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*Note: As reflected, the next two agenda items were taken out of order.*

## **Special Recognitions and Introductions** – Agenda Item No. 5

*J.P. Mees Award* - Ms. Beth Rutt introduced the 2018 J.P. Mees Award recipient, Dr. Gerianne Bliss, who unfortunately could not attend the meeting. Dr. Bliss, formerly Director of the University Health Center who recently retired, exemplifies all the qualities of the late John Paul Mees who died in 2000 while serving as vice president of planning and policy/executive assistant to the president at UCM. The award named for Dr. Mees is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the University's staff, and honors his legacy.

*Outstanding Staff Award* – Ms. Rutt introduced the 2018 Outstanding Staff Award recipient, Ms. Rachel Clements, office professional for the Department of Middle, Secondary and Adult Education. Ms. Rutt said the award is presented each year to a non-exempt employee with at least one year of service to UCM who has demonstrated superior service to students, staff, faculty and the community, and who models professionalism, shows a commitment to go above-and-beyond normal duties, and promotes teamwork and collaboration. The Board extended its congratulations.

## **Remarks by the University President** – Agenda Item No. 4

President Ambrose opened his remarks by introducing Dr. Bill Estes, Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation. He then expressed deep gratitude for the friendships he has made in his eight years as President of the University of Central Missouri, and announced that he would be leaving UCM to assume a new leadership role as President/CEO of *Knowledgeworks*. President Ambrose said he is excited to go to a place where he can possibly help take The Missouri Innovation Campus to scale on a national level.

On behalf of the Board and the University, Dr. Wetzel wished Dr. Ambrose and his wife Kris all the best. Dr. Ambrose will serve the University through August, and the Board is working to establish an interim plan prior to his departure.

## **Consent Agenda** – Agenda Item No. 6

Dr. Wetzel noted the Finance and Administration Committee requested removal of the “Job Order Contracting Service” item from the agenda. *Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the listed action items and acknowledge those included as information.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously. Items approved or acknowledged included:

### Action

- Minutes of April 26, 2018, Work Session and April 27 and May 30, 2018, Plenary Session;
- Emeritus status for Eddy Agueros, Cheryl Riley, and Mike Sekelsy (Attachment 2); and
- Award of an initial three-year contract period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$232,016, with two additional one-year renewal options at \$60,669.44 each year to Ex Libris, a ProQuest Company of Des Plaines, IL for an Integrated Library System (Attachment 3).

### Information

- Enrollment and Scholarships Update (Attachment 4)
- Standards & Poor Bond Rating
- Annual Compliance Checklist (Attachment 5)

## **Reports and Updates**

### **Updates** – Agenda Item No. 7

President Ambrose provided the following updates:

*UCM – Lee’s Summit* - Gould Evans, a nationally recognized design and planning firm in Kansas City that has worked on a variety of projects for the University of Central Missouri, was honored this month as a recipient of two Chicago Athenaeum 2018 American Architecture Awards. One of those awards was for Gould Evans’ work on the Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC) building in Lee’s Summit. Gould Evans also received an American Architecture Award for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Justice Center, which is a tribal court and practitioners’ building in the nearly native Sonoran Desert, near Phoenix. This project and the MIC both earned Gould Evans recognition by the European Centre of Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies.

Transition has occurred within the leadership of many UCM’s MIC partners. Efforts are underway to reestablish The Missouri Innovation Campus Lead Facilitators’ group.

*Learning to a Greater Degree* – Construction is underway for the new Academic Advising Center, which will be located in the space previously occupied by the Book Store on the lower level of the University Union. New Academic Success coaches met as a group two weeks ago and are excited for the start of the Fall semester. UCM is part of a coalition receiving grant monies from the Lumina Foundation to expand further into the St. Louis area. UCM is proud to be a part of this initiative.

*Legislative Update* – Governor Parson signed HB 3 into law yesterday, which restores \$68 million for higher education into the FY 2019 budget. Work force is a priority for the State, which UCM will be a contributor. Senator Hoskins anticipates he will have more leadership opportunities in the Legislature, and talked with Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richards about organizing a leadership visit to The MIC.

### **Written Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 8

Dr. Wetzel noted written governance groups reports were included under Tab 14 of the meeting materials (Attachment 6)

### **UCM Sesquicentennial Update** – Agenda Item No. 9

*Official UCM Repository and Official Designation and Slogan* – Dr. Amber Clifford, Chair of UCM’s Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, reviewed information contained in a briefing paper under Tab 15 (Attachment 7) of the meeting materials related to the McClure Archives and University Museum established in 1881. Since its establishment, the McClure Archives and UCM Museum has been a recognized museum and archival repository, and is the only major museum between Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri. As UCM prepares to celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the University recommends the official designation of McClure Archives and University as UCM’s official historical, ethnographic, and archival repository.

With regard to the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial (Attachment 8), UCM seeks Board approval for official designation of Spring 2021-Spring 2022 as UCM’s 150<sup>th</sup> or Sesquicentennial year, under the slogan of “150 Years of Education for Service.”

Committee members include Vivian Richardson, Joy Stevenson, Mick Leurhman, Jeff Murphy, and Deleta Williams. As planning for the event progresses, other individuals will join in preparing and planning for the event through subcommittee work.

Dr. Wetzel asked how the event would be funded. Dr. Clifford responded the Committee will work with appropriate University staff to obtain major corporate sponsors/partners and alumni donations.

*Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve (1) designation of the McClure Archives and University Museum as UCM's official historical, ethnographic, and archival repository, and (2) official designation of Spring 2021-Spring 2022 as UCM's 150<sup>th</sup> or Sesquicentennial year, under the slogan "150 Years of Education for Service." The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

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

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement, reported the Committee met the preceding day and received informative presentations by both University Relations and University Advancement.

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

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met the preceding day. She expressed appreciation for the Enrollment report that was presented, and noted there was only one action item considered by the Committee - Emeritus Status Requests - that was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee met the preceding day. He asked Dr. Best to present the following agenda items.

#### **FY 2020 Capital Appropriations Request** – Agenda Item No. 10

Dr. Best referred the Board to Tab 17 of the meeting materials, which contained background information related to the FY 2020 Capital Appropriations Request that must be submitted to the Missouri Department of Higher Education no later than July 15, 2018. Dr. Best noted the prioritization of deferred maintenance as a single capital project in the FY 2020 Request. A breakout of deferred maintenance by category was included as an Attachment to the briefing paper (Attachment 9).

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's FY 2020 Capital Appropriations Request and subsequent cost adjustments that will be based on an expected formula modification by the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

**FY 2020 State Operating Appropriations Request** – Agenda Item No. 11

Dr. Best referred the Board to Tab 18 of the meeting materials, which contained background information related to the FY 2020 State Operating Appropriations Request (Attachment 10), that must be submitted to the Missouri Department of Higher Education by August 1, 2018. The requested amount is \$61,767,945. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve UCM's FY 2020 State Operating Appropriations Request of \$61,767,945. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.*

**Authorizing Resolution – MOHEFA Debt Financing** – Agenda Item No. 12

Ms. Brockhaus reviewed information contained under Tab 19 of the meeting materials (Attachment 11) related to the final terms for the issuance of tax-exempt Series 2018A & B Bonds within the parameters of a board resolution included as an attachment to the briefing paper. She explained bond proceeds would be used to finance the cost of the planned Elliott Student Union facility project; refinance 2013B-2 Stadium Bonds previously issued by the Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MOHEFA) of the State of Missouri in 2013; and, pay the associated costs of issuance of Bonds. *Mr. Brady moved that the Board of Governors approve, and the Board Secretary sign, the Board resolution authorizing UCM to issue its Series 2018A and B Bonds through MOHEFA for the purpose of financing the Elliott Student Union Master Plan Project, and refinancing the Series 2013 B-2 Bonds assuming the latter delivers interest rate savings to the University. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

**Board Business**

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – Agenda Item No. 13

Dr. Long gave the report of the Nominating Committee who recommended the following slate of Board officers for FY 2019.

President	John Collier
Vice President	Marvin E. Wright
Secretary	Mary Dandurand
Assistant Secretary	Monica Huffman
Treasurer	Susan Brockhaus

Dr. Wetzel asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, *Mr. Hicklin moved that the Board of Governors accept the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers for FY 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady and carried unanimously.*

Dr. Wetzel expressed appreciation for all those who supported him during his two-year tenure as Board President, and stated his appreciation of UCM as an institution and the many friendships he has made throughout the years. He thanked President Ambrose again, and wished him well in his new position.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 14

There being no further business to discuss, *Ms. Dandurand moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicklin and carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded at 9:40 a.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<b><u>Attachment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Attachment Description</u></b>
1	Emeritus Status for Outgoing Board Member
2	Emeritus Status Requests
3	Integrated Library System
4	Enrollment and Scholarship Updates
5	Annual Compliance Checklist
6	Written Governance Groups Report
7	Official UCM Repository
8	Official Designation and Slogan for UCM Sesquicentennial
9	FY 2020 Capital Appropriations Request
10	FY 2020 State Operating Appropriations Request
11	Authorizing Resolution – MOHEFA Debt Financing