

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**December 10, 2020**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B included Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Mary Long, Kenneth Weymuth, Gus Wetzel, and Zachary Racy. Governor Marvin E. Wright participated virtually by phone. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

*Note: Due to the restriction on the number of people permitted in the meeting room, the Plenary Session was livestreamed.*

**Call to Order** – Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Request for Closed Session – December 10, 2020** – Agenda Item No. 2

*Dr. Long moved 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, contractual matters, personnel matters and other matters included under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:*

<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Gus Wetzel II</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Marvin E. Wright</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Note: The Board recessed at 11:47 a.m. for Closed Session and reconvened in Plenary Session at 1:30 p.m.*

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 3

Mr. Abney welcomed everyone in attendance and those viewing the meeting via livestream. Noting a full agenda, Mr. Abney kept his remarks brief commenting on the upcoming Commencement ceremonies planned for the weekend and expressing appreciation to all who were a part of helping our graduates meet their goal of achieving a college degree.

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

President Best reflected on the past six months and expressed appreciation to faculty, staff and students for remaining flexible. By doing so, this allowed for a somewhat normal experience on campus. Fall Commencement concludes the semester with more than 800 student participating in the graduation ceremonies. President Best closed he remarks by thanking Board members for their support throughout the semester.

#### **Recognition of Learning to a Greater Degree Award Recipients (Fall 2020)** – Agenda Item No. 5

Vice President for Integrated Marketing and Communications Susan Smedley introduced the Fall 2020 *Learning to a Greater Degree Award* recipients – Dr. Ann McCoy, Associate Dean for the College of Education, and Justin Cobb, a senior political science major and president of the Student Government Association. Ms. Smedley shared the nominations for each individual. Mr. Abney and President Best presented Dr. McCoy and Mr. Cobb *Learning to a Greater Degree* prints commemorating their good work.

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

Mr. Abney listed Consent Agenda action items –

- Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2020, Work and Plenary Sessions and November 6, 2020, Special Plenary Session
- Emeritus Status for Alan Stanley, Scott Norwood, and Elizabeth Dierking (Attachment 1)
- Establishment of a Law Enforcement Minor effective fall 2021 pending approval by MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 2)
- Graduate certificate in Advanced Teaching in Early Childhood Education (Attachment 3)
- Graduate certificate in Leadership and Management in Early Childhood Education (Attachment 4)
- Graduate certificate in Customer Relationship Management (Attachment 5)
- Graduate certificate in Social Media Marketing (Attachment 6)
- Undergraduate certificate in Public Relations and Strategic Messaging (Attachment 7)
- Award of Contract to Nouveau Construction and Technology Services LP, in the amount of \$1,246,675 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary for general modifications to Fitzgerald Hall to install an elevator to the building (Attachment 8)
- Award of contracts to MAS Construction Services, LLC as primary and Nouveau Construction and Technology Services LP as secondary for labor and materials needed to perform on-call electrical maintenance and repair services on an as needed basis, with a contract period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with the option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years (Attachment 9)

- Award of contracts to MAS Construction Services, LLC as primary and Nouveau Construction and Technology Services LP as secondary for labor and materials needed to perform on-call carpet and flooring services on an as-needed basis, with a contract period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with the option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years (Attachment 10)
- Award of contracts to MAS Construction Services, LLC as primary; Nouveau Construction and Technology Services LP as secondary; and Blue Bear Inc. as alternate for labor and materials needed to perform on-call painting services on an as-needed basis, with a contract period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with the option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years (Attachment 11)
- Award of contracts to Major Abatement and Demolition, Inc. as primary vendor; Servpro of Sedalia (IES of Marshall, Inc.) as secondary vendor and B&R Insulation, Inc. as alternate vendor for the abatement of asbestos containing materials and the remediation of mold by certified and registered persons who are knowledgeable, qualified and trained in abatement, handling, and disposal of asbestos containing and mold contaminated material, and subsequent cleaning of the affected environment, with a contract period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with the option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years (Attachment 12)
- Award of contracts to Nouveau Construction and Technology Services LP as primary and MAS Construction Services LLC as secondary for labor and materials needed to perform concrete site repairs and concrete new construction on an as-needed basis, with a contract period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with the option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years (Attachment 13)

*Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors accept all Consent Agenda items listed above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

### **Reports/Updates**

#### **Verbal Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 7

Governance groups' leaders provided updates on their respective groups' fall semester activities.

*Faculty Senate* – Dr. Jim Loch, Faculty Senate President, shared some of the Faculty Senate's work and activities that included preparation for the fall 2020 semester; absences related to quarantines; personal protective equipment and acquisition; salary reductions and furloughs; contract renewal letters; names for Academic Review Board; a Faculty Senate motion passed requesting the President form a task force on antiracism, for which it is pleased with President Best's decision to establish a President's Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; several motions related to instructor promotion, for which the Provost has formed a task force to look into; and retrenchment. In closing his remarks, Dr. Loch stated he was pleased to have an SGA representative present at Faculty Senate meetings, and commended faculty for their cooperation and adaptability over the past nine months.

Staff Council – Mr. Chris Beggs, Vice President of the Staff Council, provided an update on some of the Councils activities that included fundraising for staff recognitions; efforts to increase staff morale; seeking additional opportunities for engagement in shared governance; and staying informed on matters related to Covid-19 and the University's budget.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Mr. Justin Cobb, SGA President, shared an extensive list of events, initiatives, legislative matters, and plans for the spring semester (Attachment 14)

### **University Update** – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best had no additional information to share.

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

President Best introduced Senator Denny Hoskins of District 81 and a UCM alum, who was present to provide a legislative update. Senator Hoskins reported the 2021 Legislative Session will begin on January 8 and the Governor's Inauguration is schedule for January 11; however, the Governor's Ball is postponed until sometime this spring.

Senator Hoskins shared he has served as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee for the past four years and remains a member today. He reviewed the distribution of FY 2021 funds totaling \$35.281 billion.

Senator Hoskins distributed and reviewed a 2020 Legislative Session Review (Attachment 15). He provided an overview of some of the listed bills including SB 644 sponsored by Senator Hoskins that modifies the definition of service dog, making it a misdemeanor offense to misrepresent an animal in order to obtain accommodations; SB 1511 that provides professional licensing reciprocity for military spouses who hold occupational licenses in other states or U.S. territories; and HB 1896 that modifies several provisions related to controlled substances and outlaws edible medicinal marijuana products designed to appeal to children and creates offense of trafficking in fentanyl and carfentanyl.

Senator Hoskins has prefiled two bills (prefiling began December 1) related to gaming and illegal gaming machines. The Senate, House and Governor's Office has been working on a consensus revenue estimate, which should be announced in the near future.

UCM Executive Director for Governmental Relations David Pearce thanked Senator Hoskins for all of his work on behalf of UCM and Missouri citizens. He also provided a legislative update noting 309 Senate bills and 408 house bills have been filed. Of these, Mr. Pearce is tracking 14 bills related to higher education. These include HB 233 that would require post graduate tracking of up to 10 years on students and require self-reporting job placement and ten-year earnings. Mr. Pearce said conceal and carry on college campuses continues to be a concern. He will be tracking SB 117 and HB 86, both related to firearms on college campuses.

Mr. Pearce reiterated that a Consensus Revenue Estimate has been reached and will be announced soon. Other legislative activity includes letters sent to legislators from President Best that provided information about many UCM successes. Mr. Pearce noted that of 163 State Representatives, 49 are new House members; and of 34 State Senators, 11 are new. UCM hosted Senator-elect Greg Razer for a tour of Crossroads Charter Schools last week and a tour of UCM's campus is planned for Representative-elect Kurtis Gregory later next week.

In closing, Mr. Pearce reported UCM has received 62 fiscal note requests for which responses will be made on how they financially impact UCM. Also, Mr. Pearce worked with the Warrensburg, Lee's Summit, and Kansas City Chambers of Commerce to get mention of UCM's efforts in the 2021 legislative priorities. He distributed a letter sent to Representative- and Senator-Elects from President Best (Attachment 16)

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

Ms. Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee did not meet this month.

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

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met that morning. Several of the action items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. She asked Provost Bridgmon to present the following agenda item.

### **Charter Renewal – Hope Leadership Academy** – Agenda Item No. 10

Provost Bridgmon referred the Board to Tab 17 of the meeting materials (Attachment 17). Background information was presented and discussed in the Academic Affairs Committee. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the charter agreement between UCM and Hope Leadership Academy for a term of five years, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

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

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, stated the Committee met that morning and had a robust discussion on several business matters. Several items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda and Mr. Collier asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

**Proposed Tuition Rate for IEP Courses** – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to a background paper under Tab 18 of the meeting materials (Attachment 18) that proposes standardizing the tuition rate for Intensive English Program courses across all campuses where IEP courses are offered, by setting the IEP tuition rate equal to the Warrensburg campus non-resident rate, effective for fall 2021 semester. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve setting all Intensive English Program course tuition at the Warrensburg undergraduate campus non-resident rate regardless of where the course is offered. This tuition rate is subject to all mandatory and student-approved general fees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

**Proposed New Course Fees** – Agenda Item No. 12

The Board tabled this item to a future meeting.

**Proposed Revised Course Fees** – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hawley presented a list of proposed revised course fees included in a briefing paper under Tab 20 of the meeting materials (Attachment 19) that were also presented and discussed during the morning’s Finance and Administration meeting.

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Requested Fee</u>
ART 1315 & ART 1325	\$30	\$45
ENGT 1011	\$15	\$35
ENGT 1050	\$20	\$38
ENGT 1510	\$25	\$75
ENGT 2048	\$30	\$20
ENGT 2060	\$20	\$25
ENGT 2530	\$20	\$54
ENGT 3017	\$15	\$33
ENGT 3020	\$15	\$30
HLTH 4330	\$29	\$35
HLTH 1350	\$23	\$30

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revised course fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

**Proposed Deleted Course Fees** – Agenda Item No. 14

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 21 of the meeting materials, which included a briefing paper proposing the deletion of course fees for ENGT2065 Computer Programming (\$10) (Attachment 20). *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve deleting the course fee association with ENGT 2065 Computer Programming for ENGT (\$10). The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried unanimously.*

**Amendment to Food Service Program Contract** – Agenda Item No. 15

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 22 of the meeting materials (Attachment 21) containing a briefing paper with proposed amendments to the Food Service Program contract with Sodexo. The reason for the requested amendments is due to the current pandemic and UCM's decision to have all residence hall rooms as single occupancy, resulting in a 25% reduction in the number of residents and associated revenue. The requested changes are:

1. Extend the contract for one additional year (ending on June 30, 2025) under terms of the original contract with the exception of items 2-4 below.
2. Reduce the guaranteed commission limit from \$1,300,000 to \$975,000 (25% reduction) for the second year of the contract (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
3. Reduce the amount of the equipment fund from \$500,000 to \$375,000 (25% reduction) for the second year of the contract (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
4. Extend the amortization of the initial and secondary capital investments for one additional year (ending on June 30, 2025)

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve an amendment finalized by the Office of the General Counsel to the current food service program contract with Sodexo Operations, LLC to reflect the requested changes above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

**Board Business**

**Request to Award Posthumous Honorary Degree** – Agenda Item No. 16

President Best presented information about Whitney J. French who passed away at the age of 21 on September 16, 2020 (Attachment 22). At the time of her passing, Ms. French was a senior in the College of Education's Elementary Education program and had just started her senior clinical block. She was on track to graduate in spring 2021. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a posthumous honorary degree to Whitney J. French at the spring 2021 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

**Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 17

There was no other business to discuss.

**Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 18

Following the adjournment of the Closed Session at 3:32, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn from open meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote (see December 10, 2020, Closed Session minutes).

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Emeritus Status Request</i>
2	<i>New Minor – Law Enforcement</i>
3	<i>Graduate Certificate – Advanced Teaching in Early Childhood Education</i>
4	<i>Graduate Certificate – Leadership and Management in Early Childhood Education</i>
5	<i>Graduate Certificate – Customer Relationship Management</i>
6	<i>Graduate Certificate – Social Media Marketing</i>
7	<i>Undergraduate Certificate – Public Relations and Strategic Messaging</i>
8	<i>Fitzgerald Hall Elevator Installation</i>
9	<i>Electrical Maintenance &amp; Repair On-call Services</i>
10	<i>Carpeting &amp; Flooring On-call Services</i>
11	<i>Painting On-call Services</i>
12	<i>Asbestos &amp; Mold Abatement On-call Services</i>
13	<i>Repair &amp; Concrete New Construction On-call Services</i>
14	<i>Student Government Association Activities</i>
15	<i>Senator Denny Hoskins – 2020 Legislative Session Review</i>
16	<i>Letter Sent to Representative- and Senator-Elects from President Best</i>
17	<i>Charter Renewal – Hope Leadership Academy</i>
18	<i>Proposed Tuition Rate for IEP Courses</i>
19	<i>Proposed Revised Course Fees</i>
20	<i>Proposed Deleted Course Fees</i>
21	<i>Amendment to Food Service Program Contract</i>
22	<i>Posthumous Honorary Degree – Whitney J.</i>