

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
March 24, 2022

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on March 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. 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 were Governors Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Kenneth Weymuth, John Collier, and Zachary Racy. Governors Marvin E. Wright and Mary Dandurand participated by phone. Staff participating from Union 237B were University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

Call to Order - Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney expressed appreciation to those attending the meeting as well as those listening in via the live feed. He noted the semester has been busy and in six short weeks we will celebrate our graduates during Spring Commencement. Mr. Abney thanked the Student Government Association for establishing the Walt Hicklin Excellence in Service Award, noting Mr. Hicklin was the first person to receive the award earlier this week. He added that many people have had an opportunity to work with Mr. Hicklin and know of his dedication to UCM and its students. He closed restating the Board's appreciation once to SGA for recognizing Mr. Hicklin and for providing future opportunities to honor other deserving individuals.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best said we are entering a season of celebrations. In addition to awarding Mr. Hicklin the Walt Hicklin Excellence in Service Award this week, the SGA also awarded Dr. Ann McCoy the James C. Kirkpatrick Excellence in Governance Award. Today, the recipient of the Governor's Excellence in Education Award will be recognized, and at the April Board meeting, several recognitions will be made including recipients of the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award, Education for Service Award, and Charno Award. These recognitions are a culmination of the achievements and accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students leading up to Commencement in six weeks.

Recognition of Governor's Excellence in Education Award – Agenda Item No. 4

Provost Bridgmon introduced the 2022 Governor's Excellence in Education Award recipient, Dr. Scott Smith, and shared information from his nomination. Dr. Smith, Professor of Marketing, was presented a plaque by Board President Abney and President Best. Following the recognition, a video about Dr. Smith's service to the University and its students was presented.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Abney presented the following Consent Agenda items for the Board’s approval:

Action

- Minutes of the January 27, 2022, Work Session and Plenary Session
- Contract with E&K Companies Inc. in the amount of \$1,054,006.77 for the Multipurpose Building Wrestling Room Construction Project (Attachment 1);
- Agreements with Ross & Baruzzini of St. Louis, MO; Henderson Engineers of Lenexa, MO, Custom Engineering of Independence, MO; SSC Engineering, Inc. of Chesterfield, MO; and Engineering Surveys & Services of Sedalia, MO to provide engineering services on an as-needed basis for one year, with four (4) one-year renewal options; (Attachment 2); and
- Agreements with PGAV Architects of Westwood, MO; GLMV Architecture, Inc. of Wichita, KS; Gould Evans, Inc. of Kansas City, MO; Clark & Enersen, Inc., of Kansas City, MO; Wellner Architecture of Kansas City, MO; International Architects Atelier of Kansas City, MO; SFS Architecture, Inc. of Kansas City, MO; Hollis and Miller Architects of Kansas City, MO; Hoefer Welker of Leawood, MO; and Oke-Thomas & Associates, Inc. of Springfield, MO, to provide architectural services on an as-needed basis for one year, with four (4) one-year renewal options (Attachment 3).

Information

- Spring 2022 Census Enrollment Report & Fall 2021 Enrollment Update (Attachment 4);
- Promotions and Tenure (Attachment 5); and
- Personnel Report (Attachment 6)

Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve all items presented as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Reports/Updates

Written Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Abney said written governance groups reports (Attachment 7) were included under Tab 10 of the meeting materials.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Pearce provided legislative updates both at the state and federal levels. Highlights of his report included:

State

- The Missouri Legislature adjourns May 13 and must have the budget completed by May 6. The current budget is strong with revenues up and receipt of billions of COVID-related

dollars from the federal government. The current State's operating budget is between \$33-34 billion dollars; however, when the next year's budget goes into effect on July 1 it will be \$47 billion.

- The Governor has proposed a 5.4 percent increase in core funding for higher education. Additionally, there are over \$456 million in capital improvement for transformational projects at public higher education institutions statewide. Of this, UCM will receive \$18.9 million for the renovation of the Humphreys Building, but this will require a match.
- To date, 1,570 bills have been filed in the House and 612 bills in the Senate for a total of 2,182 this legislative session, which is the highest of any state in the nation. Bills we are monitoring include one related to Critical Race Theory; one that would require higher education institutions to grant undergraduate credit for those students who score a three or higher on advanced placement examinations; and one related to the Fast Track program for college students 25 years and older, that would remove the sunset provision and make the program a grant instead of a loan.
- Cade Tremain testified in support of SB 703 that requires parents of high school senior to fill out the FASFA; and Dr. Kim Stewart of UCM's Speech-Language Pathology Department testified in support of HB 2138 and SB 978 to allow Missouri to join an Interstate Compact for speech language pathologists.
- UCM and State Fair Community College participated in a roundtable discussion with the Governor on February 16. The discussion was held on UCM's campus and focused on higher education and the importance of working together with our business community.
- The Student Government Association/Association of Black Collegians/Student Housing and UCM International students will soon visit the Capitol.

Federal

- Board President Abney, President Best, and Mr. Pearce visited UCM's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. last week. During the trip, they met with Senator Roy Blunt, Senator Josh Hawley's staff, Congresswoman Hartzler, Congressman Sam Graves, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver and Congressman Jason Smith's staff. They also met with American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Council for Opportunity in Education.

Meetings with Congressional delegates included discussion about the TRIO programs such as the McNair Scholarship Program and Veterans Upward Bound; tuition support for veterans and dependents; and Skyhaven Airport. A Congressional District map reflecting UCM student population was also discussed, and a copy distributed to Board members (Attachment 8).

A Mule Nation event, organized by the Foundation, was also held during the trip.

In closing, Mr. Pearce shared Congresswoman Hartzler will host her Congressional Art Show and Military Academy Reception on UCM's campus April 23.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best stated a recent change in Covid protocol resulted in face coverings now being optional on campus. He reported that since February 28, there has been only one case of Covid among employees and students.

Other information included in President Best's update included famous paleontologist Don Johanson will be on campus next week for a public forum, as will political activist Angela Davis on April 5. UCM will host several visit days on campus for prospective students and will adapt these visits to students' preferences for smaller groupings. More visit days have been added to the schedule to accommodate the smaller group sizes. In closing, President Best shared that the Central District of Future Farmers of America will be on campus next week with more than 1,000 students participating in different competitions. UCM will use this opportunity to share information about the university with students.

University Metrics Report - Agenda Item No. 9

President Best provided an overview of the University Metrics Report included in the meeting materials under Tab 11 (Attachment 9). At the conclusion of his report, President Best thanked the Board for requesting information contained in the report, which also helps staff to capture the data. The next report will be given at the October Board meeting.

Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement

Mr. Weymuth, a member of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and enjoyed hearing from students participating on academic competitive teams about their experiences. They were both impressive and enlightening in their discussion. The Committee will look forward to hearing from another student panel at the April Committee meeting.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Long, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported the Committee met earlier in the day and was presented with two information items. The Committee was encouraged by the number of international students included as part of the enrollment report and encouraged staff to develop recruitment efforts to reach more domestic students. The Committee was also pleased to see the number of individuals who were approved for promotions and/or tenure under this report.

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. Three action items were approved under the Consent Agenda, and Mr. Collier called on Mr. Hawley to present the two remaining action items discussed at committee.

FY 2023 Student Instructional and General Fees – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 12 of the meeting materials, which contained a briefing paper with the recommended student instructional and general fees for FY 2023 (Attachment 10). Mr. Hawley noted an amendment to the Student Activity Fee Flat Rate (9+ Credit Hrs) shown in Attachment II for Fiscal Year 2022. The table inaccurately listed \$32.50; it was corrected to be \$33.00. *Mr. Weymuth moved that the Board of Governors approve FY 2023 rates for instructional and student general fees, with the noted amendment of the Student Activity Fee Flat Rate, and as itemized in Attachments I and II, subject to a waiver approval by the Missouri Commissioner for Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

AY 2022-2023 Room and Board Rates – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley presented the recommended room and board rates for Academic Year 2022-2023 as outlined in the briefing paper under Tab 13 (Attachment 11) of the meeting materials. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommended AY 2022-2023 room and board rates shown below. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

	2021-2022 Rate	2022-2023 Recommended Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Double Occupancy	\$ 2,952.00	\$ 3,047.50	\$ 95.50	3.24%
Single Occupancy	\$ 3,582.00	\$ 3,698.00	\$ 116.00	3.24%
Silver Plan (meal)	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 1,802.00	\$ 75.00	4.34%
Gold Plan (meal)	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 1,899.00	\$ 72.00	3.94%
Platinum Plan (meal)	\$ 2027.00	\$ 2,099.00	\$ 72.00	3.55%
Silver Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,679.00	\$ 4,849.50	\$ 170.50	3.64%
Gold Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,779.00	\$ 4,946.50	\$ 167.50	3.50%
Platinum Plan + Double Occupancy	\$ 4,979.00	\$ 5,146.50	\$ 167.50	3.36%
Foster/Knox/Nickerson (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 769.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 24.00	3.12%
Todd 1 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 769.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 24.00	3.12%
Todd 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 945.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 30.00	3.17%

Central Village 1 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 628.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 20.00	3.18%
Central Village 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 758.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 24.00	3.17%
Central Village 3 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 905.00	\$ 934.00	\$ 29.00	3.20%
Greenwood Park 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)	\$ 827.00	\$ 853.00	\$ 26.00	3.14%
The Crossing 4 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 612.00	\$ 631.00	\$ 19.00	3.10%
The Crossing 4-bedroom garden (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 612.00	\$ 631.00	\$ 19.00	3.10%
The Crossing 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)	\$ 715.00	\$ 738.00	\$ 23.00	3.22%

Board Business

Revisions to BOG Policy 1.2.221 – Animals on Campus – Agenda Item No. 12

Ms. Chapman summarized the proposed revisions to BOG Policy 1.2.221 – Animals on Campus, which was included in the meeting packet under Tab 14 (Attachment 12). *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors adopt the proposed revisions to UCM's BOG Policy 12.221 – Animals on Campus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weymuth and carried unanimously.*

Other – Agenda Item No. 13

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – January 27, 2022 – Agenda Item No. 14

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

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 8

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 1:10 p.m. Following the end of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 4:15 p.m. and *Mr. Collier moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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Attachment Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Wrestling Room Construction Project
2	On-Call Engineering Services
3	On-Call Architectural Services
4	Spring 2022 Enrollment Census Report
5	Promotions and Tenure
6	Personnel Report
7	Written Governance Groups Reports
8	Congressional Map w/Student Populations
9	University Metrics Report
10	FY 2023 Student Instructional Tuition and General Fees
11	AY 2022-2023 Room and Board Rates
12	Revisions to BOG Policy 1.2.221 – Animals on Campus