

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
December 9, 2022

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on December 9, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Union 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Kenneth Weymuth. Others participating in the meeting from Union 237B were Governors Mary Long, Gus Wetzel II, Stephen Abney, John Collier and Zachary Racy, as well as University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Governor Mary Dandurand participated in the meeting by phone; and Governor Marvin E. Wright was unable to attend the meeting and was excused.

Call to Order - Agenda Item No. 1

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

Remarks by the Board President – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Weymuth thanked individuals in attendance at the meeting and those viewing it via the livestream. He shared in the excitement of the upcoming Commencement activities and of the notice that UCM is the recipient of a \$2 million grant from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds will be used to establish more programs and provide additional facilities on UCM's farms. In closing Mr. Weymuth expressed the Board's appreciation for faculty and staff who help guide students to degree completion.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best provided an overview of several exciting things happening at UCM. In addition to the weekend's Commencement ceremonies, earlier in the week a new *Jingle on the Quad* event was held, and next week the Provost's Office has arranged for employees and family members to tour Powell Garden's *Festival of Lights* as a university-hosted event.

Recognition of Outgoing Student Governor and Request for Emeritus Status – Agenda

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors grant emeritus status to outgoing Student Governor Zachary Racy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously. Following the Board's action, Mr. Weymuth and President Best presented Mr. Racy with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his service on the Board and to the University.

Plenary Session

Mr. Weymuth presented the following Consent Agenda items for the Board's consideration and approval –

Action Items

- October 27, 2022, Work Session and Plenary Session minutes;
- Award of contract for UCM Solid Waste, Recycling, and Environmental Waste Collection Services to GFL Environmental WCA of Missouri for labor and materials needed to perform Waste, Recycling, and Environmental Waste Collection Services on the UCM campus for an amount not to exceed \$940,000 to account for potential annual price increases not to exceed 5% and additional pickups that must be requested by UCM Staff (Attachment 2);
- Award of contracts for Unit Price Electrical Services to MAS Construction Services LLP and Reinhold Electric, Inc. for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *electrical maintenance and repair services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$400,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 2);
- Award of contracts to MAS Construction Services and Aquila Industries for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *General Contracting services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$500,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 3);
- Award of contracts to The Fagan Company, Pro-Mechanical, and US Engineering Service for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *plumbing maintenance and repair services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$400,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 4);
- Award of contracts to Air Design Heating and Cooling, The Fagan Company, Pro-Mechanical, and US Engineering Service for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *HVAC services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$400,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 5);
- Award of contracts to Mas Construction Services, Blue Bear In., Impact Painting, and CSC Contracting for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *painting services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$300,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 6);
- Award of contracts to Mas Construction Services and DB Flooring dba, and Regents Flooring for labor and materials needed to perform Unit Price *carpet and flooring services* on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$300,000 per year without a UCM contract amendment. The contract period is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew in one-year increments for four additional years (Attachment 7);

- Award of contract to Jaggaer for ERP Software Services for a five-year total cost of \$1,105,000 (Attachment 8); and
- Award of a five-year lease to M&M Golf Cars LLC for 60 lithium-ion battery Club Car golf carts with GPS services and one 2024 Club Car Carryall 300 gas range picker at a cost of \$104,930.16 per year, or \$524,650.80 for five years (Attachment 9)

Mr. Collier made a motion for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.

Reports/Updates

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 5

Governance groups' leaders provided verbal reports –

Faculty Senate – Dr. Daniel Wolcott, Faculty Senate President, provided an overview of Faculty Senate activity for the fall semester that included submitting a recommendation to the President related to submission of academic leave requests. The Faculty Senate also held a teaching and research conference that was planned by faculty and supported by Academic Affairs. The Faculty Senate personnel committee collaborated with Academic Programs and Services on a document related to faculty workload and will continue doing so in the spring.

Staff Council – Mr. Ed Wirthwein, Staff Council President, reported Staff Council is using a hybrid model for its meetings which has increased participation. He shared the Council hopes to hold a staff training event this spring and closed by thanking President Best for hosting three coffees during the fall semester.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Mr. Cade Tremain, SGA President, provided an update on SGA activity for the fall semester. He discussed efforts to increase SGA membership; the first *Inclusivity Day*; an SGA reunion held during Homecoming; and legislative activity that included updating the bylaws to address Zoom participation in meetings. Mr. Tremain provided background on the SGA's Excellence in Governance Award and the Excellence in Service Award; the latter of which was named for Walter Hicklin who was also the first person to receive the award. He announced the 2023 Excellence in Service Award recipient, Dr. Lover Chancellor, and the 2023 Excellence in Governance Award recipient, Dr. Mary Long. In closing, Mr. Tremain discussed spring initiatives that involve working with UCM's Public Safety on student related initiatives, SGA's annual election, and the annual memorial service.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, provided a legislative update. Highlights from his report included –

State

- The Missouri House of Representatives has a large freshmen class of 54 new members. As part of the Legislature's freshmen tour this week, UCM was honored to have 60 representatives, senators and their staff visit UCM's campus.

- The Missouri Legislative Session begins January 4 with pre-filing that started on December 1. To date, 776 bills have been filed. According to Paul Wagner of COPHE, very few bills have been filed related to higher education.
- Governor Parson released the Consensus Revenue Estimate (CRE) earlier this week, which projects a General Revenue Growth of 1.4 percent. This is a very conservative estimate because the current year is currently growing at 7 percent. The CRE does include the reduced personal income tax rate that becomes effective January 1. It reduces the rate from 5.3 percent to 4.95 percent. Currently there is a \$6 billion surplus in General Revenue of which \$1.2 Billion is from federal COVID relief.

Federal

- Congress has a deadline of December 16 to pass a continuing resolution to fund the government. It must also include a vote to raise the debt ceiling and the National Defense Authorization Act.
- Congress will resume meeting January 3. UCM's new Congressman will be Mark Alford, and his District Director will be UCM alumni Ryan Nonnemaker who was a Public Relations major.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best's University Update included progress is being made on Strategic Plan objectives, and plans are being made for the \$2 million grant UCM was awarded from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. He expressed appreciation to the staff of the Department of Agriculture, UCM Farms, and Office of Sponsored Programs and Research for the significant amount of work they did to prepare the grant proposal. President Best said the Board will hear more about the grant at future meetings as items are brought forward that require expenditure of grant funds and Board approval.

President Best announced UCM received the results of a survey conducted by Lockton Companies related to employee compensation and benefits. The report has been distributed to the Board and to employees. Once the details of the report are fully understood, and it is clearly identified what is done well and what is not, work will begin towards improving compensation and benefits. President Best said he plans to work on this through the spring semester. He noted the survey received well over 70% employee participation. In closing, he thanked the Board for their work in moving UCM forward to where it is today.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

The Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement did not meet in December.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

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Board Committee on Finance & Administration

Mr. Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Hawley to present the following items.

Single Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 9

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 14 of the meeting materials which contained the external Single Audit Report prepared by Rubin Brown LLP (Attachment 10). The audit, which resulted in an unmodified clean opinion, was presented in detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting earlier in the day. One significant deficiency was discovered that showed proper procurement practices were not followed for two purchases utilizing HEERF funds. A corrective action plan for the Procurement and Materials Management Department was developed and is being implemented. *Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors accept the external Single Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

Banking Depository Services – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 15 of the meeting materials which contained information related to banking depository services (Attachment 11). In response to a Request for Proposals issued on September 13, 2022, the University received three proposals from local banks, which were evaluated by a committee. Central Bank of Warrensburg was determined to be most responsive and received the highest score. *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors award a contract for banking services to Central Bank of Warrensburg. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and passed with a majority vote. Mr. Abney abstained from discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest.*

Course Fees – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 16 – Proposed Revised Course Fees (Attachment 12); Tab 17 – Proposed Deleted Course Fees (Attachment 13); and Tab 18 – Proposed New Course Fees (Attachment 14), which were presented in greater detail during the morning Finance and Administration Committee meeting. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revised course fees, deleted course fees, and new course fees as outlined in the briefing papers. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.*

Board Business

Award of Posthumous Degree – Agenda Item No. 12

President Best recommended the award of a posthumous degree to undergraduate student, Derek Jordan, an actuarial sciences major from Knob Noster, who passed away October 23, 2022 (Attachment 15). At the time of his death, Derek had completed all of the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science degree. *Dr. Long moved that the Board of Governors approve the award of a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Sciences Degree posthumously to Derek Jordan at the Spring 2023 Commencement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

Revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.040 Educational Development Program – Agenda Item No. 13

During the morning Finance and Administration Committee meeting, Ms. Chapman presented proposed revisions (Attachment 16) to BOG Policy 2.1.040 – Educational Development Program in detail. The proposed revisions would provide additional educational benefits to current employees and their dependents and assist UCM in recruiting and retaining employees. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors adopt the proposed revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.040 – Educational Development Program effective with the fall 2023 semester. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzel and carried unanimously.*

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 14

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – December 9, 2022 – Agenda Item No. 15

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 passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Mary Long</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>		

Note: Ms. Dandurand who participated via teleconference dropped from the call following Other Business and did not participate in this vote.

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 15

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 11:35 a.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 2:57p.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Long and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Attachments Listing**

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	<i>Solid Waste and Optional Recycling Collection Services</i>
2	<i>Unit Price Electrical Services</i>
3	<i>Unit Price General Contracting Services</i>
4	<i>Unit Price Plumbing Services</i>
5	<i>Unit Price HVAC Services</i>
6	<i>Unit Price Painting Services</i>
7	<i>Unit Price Carpet and Flooring Services</i>
8	<i>Jaggaer ERP Services</i>
9	<i>Golf Cart Lease</i>
10	<i>Single Audit Report</i>
11	<i>Banking Depository Services</i>
12	<i>Proposed Revised Course Fees</i>
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14	<i>Proposed New Course Fees</i>
15	<i>Award of Posthumous Degree – Derek Jordan</i>
16	<i>Revisions to BOG Policy 2.1.040 – Educational Development Program</i>