

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
August 17, 2023

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on August 17, 2023, at 12:30 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 were Governors Stephen Abney, Gus Wetzel II, Mary Dandurand, John Collier, and Hadley Oden, as well as University President Roger Best, General Counsel Lindsay Chapman, and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman.

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 opened his remarks by remembering Governor Marvin E. “Bunky” Wright who passed away in July. Mr. Weymuth and others from around the table shared fond memories of Mr. Wright who will be remembered for his strength, institutional and higher education knowledge, sense of humor, and most of all for always putting the interest of students first.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best also shared his memories of Mr. Wright and closed by saying he would be missed.

Oath of Office – Agenda Item No. 4

Associate Judge Brent Teichman of the Johnson County Circuit Court was in attendance and administered the Oath of Office to UCM's newly appointed Student Governor, Hadley Oden. Following the Oath of Office, Mr. Weymuth and President Best presented Ms. Oden with a bag for her Board work. Photographs were taken.

Emeritus Status Requests and Recognitions – Agenda Item No 5

President Best said the following individuals qualify for emeritus status in accordance with BOG Policy 2.1.070 – *Privileges Extended to Emeriti and Retired Employees* (Attachment 1).

- Ms. Karla Massia (August 13, 2001 – August 31, 2019), Faculty Librarian*
- Ms. Maureen Wilt (August 24, 1998 – August 31, 2023), Professor
- Dr. Duane Lundervold (August 23, 1999 – August 31, 2023), Professor
- Dr. Jack Rogers (August 21, 2000 – August 31, 2023), Professor
- Dr. Delia Gillis (August 20, 2001 – August 31, 2023), Professor
- Dr. Steven Popejoy (August 15, 2002 – August 31, 2023), Professor
- Ms. Kimberly Stewart (August 16, 2010 – August 31, 2023), Senior Instructor

*This individual who met the criteria for emeritus status at the time of her retirement in 2019 was inadvertently overlooked.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve emeritus status for Ms. Massia, Ms. Wilt, Dr. Lundervold, Dr. Rogers, Dr. Gillis, Dr. Popejoy and Ms. Stewart. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weymuth and President Best presented Certificates of Recognition to individuals in attendance – Ms. Stewart, Dr. Popejoy, Dr. Rogers, and Ms. Massia – for their years of service, and photographs were taken.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Weymuth asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Action

- June 8, 2023, Plenary Session Minutes
- KMOS dues payments for FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026 not to exceed \$590,000 per year or \$1,770,000 in total for the three years (Attachment 2);
- Award of contract to Infinity Group in the amount of \$1,279,726 to provide all labor; and materials, and provisions necessary for the completion of the Terry Noland Football Office Remodel Project (Attachment 3)

Information

- Annual Investment Report (Attachment 4) ;
- Annual Debt Service Report (Attachment 5); and
- Standard & Poor’s Annual Rating (Attachment 6)

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 7

President Best reported that earlier today, Mr. Weymuth, Executive Director for Governmental Relations David Pearce, and he attended the Governor’s Ham Breakfast at the Missouri State Fair Grounds in Sedalia, Missouri. Following the event, Mr. Pearce remained at the Fairgrounds for a luncheon hosted by Senator Josh Hawley this afternoon, and therefore, could not be present for the Board’s Plenary Session.

President Best gave the legislative report on Mr. Pearce’s behalf. He reported the Governor signed the FY 2024 State Budget which went into effect July 1, 2023. Budget highlights include –

- A 7% increase in core funding for higher education;
- A 25% increase for transformational projects including \$9.95 million for the renovation of UCM’s Humphreys Building;

- MoExcels funding of \$1.5 million for UCM's Construction Management and Safety Sciences Lab renovation; and
- \$850,000 in funding for self-service fuel pumps at UCM's Skyhaven Airport

President Best also shared that Congressman Alford plans to hold a Town Hall meeting in UCM's Union Auditorium on August 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.; and UCM will host House Budget Minority Leader Keven Windham when he visits campus on August 30 to discuss deferred maintenance.

University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best provided an update on the Skyhaven Airport Terminal Education Center, which is near completion. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the facility is planned for September 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. As part of his update, President Best also reported on first day enrollment numbers, noting an increase of 9.6% from fall 2022. This includes new and returning students. More information will be available following Census date. Mr. Abney asked what the total enrollment number is and if we expect it to continue to increase over the next couple of weeks. President Best said current enrollment is just under 12,000 students, however, he expects it to increase to 12,500-13,000 by Census date. He added that on Day 1 of the fall semester, the fall tuition revenue forecast of 4% had already been met. Mr. Abney also asked about credit hours. President Best said credit hours increased by 5.7% on day one.

President Best mentioned the Career and Life Design Annual Report was previously distributed to the Board. Highlights from the report included a 96% average first destination rate for undergraduates and graduates, and an average annual salary that was 12.9% above the State's average.

Intercollegiate Athletics Update – Agenda Item No. 9

Dr. Matt Howdeshell, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, thanked everyone who attended the 2023 Athletic Auction, which grossed more than \$220,000. He acknowledged his staff who worked hard to make the event possible, and gave special recognition to Michelle Schubert, noting she will be leaving UCM's employment later this month for a position at Western Missouri Medical Center.

Dr. Howdeshell acknowledged Jerry Hughes for the contributions he made to Athletics throughout his career, not only at UCM, but at regional and national levels. He recognized Kathy Anderson for her work and for her leadership during a period of transition.

Dr. Howdeshell showed a video prepared by videographer Andrea Sioteco highlighting 2022-2023 achievements of UCM's athletic teams and student athletes. In closing his report, Dr. Howdeshell provided an update on his activities during his first 60 days as Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

The Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement did not meet this month.

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

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Board Committee on Finance & Administration

John Collier, Chair of the Board Committee on Finance & Administration, reported the Committee met earlier in the day. He asked Mr. Bill Hawley, Vice President for Finance & Operations, to present the following agenda items.

Authorizing Resolution – MOHEFA Debt Refinancing – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 10 of the meeting packet containing background information for the Authorizing Resolution – MOHEFA Debt Refinancing (Attachment 7), which was presented and discussed in greater depth during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting earlier in the day. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund the Series 2013C-2 Housing System Bonds and pay the associated costs of issuance of the Bonds. Based on current market rates, the prospective savings to be realized by refund are more than \$2.9 million through the life of the issue, or nearly \$2.5 million on a net present value basis of 7.5% of the par amount of the refunded bonds. *Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve, and the Board President sign, the Authorizing Resolution authorizing UCM to issue its Series 2023 Bonds through MOHEFA for the purpose of refunding the Series 2013C-2 Bonds delivering significant debt service savings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

2024 Health Insurance Renewal – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 11 of the meeting packet containing information about the 2024 health insurance renewal plan (Attachment 8), which was presented and discussed in more detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting earlier in the day. Based on current enrollment for Calendar Year 2023, the total projected premium cost is \$11,9881,939. The Blue Cross renewal rate increase is 9.6%. As a result, projected premium cost for the 2024 plan year is \$13,132,205. Remaining at 78%, UCM's projected premium cost is \$10,237,473, an increase of \$896,713. The projected employee premium cost is \$2,894,769, an increase of \$253,630.

Recommended adjustments to help reduce the rate increase include switching to the BKC Premium Formulary; adding a \$20 copay for office visits to an Employer Designated Network Physician where there is currently none; and, increasing deductibles 10%.

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve renewal of the Blue Cross of Kansas City health insurance plan for Calendar Year 2024 to include renewal rates and cost share shown in Appendix B of Attachment 8 to these minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.

2024 Dental Insurance Contract – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 12 of the meeting packet containing information about the 2024 dental insurance contract (Attachment 9), which was presented and discussed in more detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting earlier in the day. For plan year 2024, UCM will continue to offer two PPO dental plans at the same rates for Plan A and reduced rates for all tiers except for EE&CH under plan B. Coverage will remain the same. The annual plan maximum for Plan A deductibles, out-of-pocket, and employee costs shares, will remain the same for both plans. However, the annual plan maximum will increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for Plan B. Appendix A of Attachment 9 included with these minutes contains the abbreviated plan document and cost share proposal for reference. Rates are guaranteed for four years. *Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors award a contract to Delta Dental of Missouri for Dental Coverage at the rates shown in Appendix A for Calendar Year 2024, with three one-year renewal options. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.*

2024 Life/AD&D and Long-term Disability Insurance Contract – Agenda Item No. 13

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 13 of the meeting packet containing information about the 2024 Life/AD&D and Long-term Disability Insurance contract (Attachment 10), which was presented and discussed in greater detail during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting earlier in the day. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors award a contract to The Standard for UCM's Life/AD&D and Long-term Disability Coverage for Calendar Year 2024, with three one-year renewal options. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

Proposed Naming – Agenda Item No 14

President Best remarked on the success of UCM's Athletic program which has a national reputation. This is largely due to Mr. Jerry Hughes who served the University for 40 years as University Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletic (Attachment 11). Prior to this role, he was employed by the University in other capacities for four years before being appointed as head of the University's Athletic programs in 1983. His passing in January 2023 was a great loss for everyone, and particularly to Athletics nationally. President Best noted that during Mr. Hughes tenure as Athletics Director and ultimately Vice President, UCM won 10 team-based national championships, 179 MIAA championships and more than 300 NCAA postseason appearances. For these reasons, he asked the Board to consider renaming the Multipurpose Building the "Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center."

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve renaming the Multipurpose Building the "Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center." The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Jerry's wife, Dr. Vici Hughes, was in attendance and expressed appreciation to the Board on the family's behalf.

Proposed 2024 Board Meeting Schedule – Agenda Item No. 15

President Best reviewed the proposed dates for 2024 Board of Governors meetings (Attachment 12). They are –

- January 25
- March 21-22
- April 25-26
- June 13-14
- August 22-23
- October 24-25
- December 12-13

President Best noted that the April meetings would be held at the Missouri Innovation Campus in Lee’s Summit, MO. He added that all meetings are structured as two-day meetings, however, with the concurrence of the Board President and when the agenda is conducive to doing so, meetings may be held in one day. *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve the dates listed above for 2024 Board of Governors meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

Board Committee Appointments – Agenda Item No. 16

Mr. Weymuth said the composition of the current Board committees will remain as they are for FY 2024, with one addition. He appointed Student Governor Hadley Oden to the Student Engagement and University Advancement committee.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 17

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – August 17, 2023 – Agenda Item No. 17

Ms. Dandurand moved pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors resume meeting 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>Steve Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Kenneth Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>		

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 17

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 1:35 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 4:00 p.m. and *Ms. Dandurand made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 4:01 p.m.*

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Requests & Recognitions
2	KMOS PBS Dues
3	Terry Noland Football Offices Remodel Project
4	Annual Investment Report
5	Annual Debt Service Report
6	Standard & Poor's Annual Rating
7	Authorizing Resolution – MOHEFA Debt Financing
8	2024 Health Insurance Renewal
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