

University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Plenary Session
December 8, 2023

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on December 8, 2023, at 1:40 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 Stephen Abney, Gus Wetzel II, John Collier, Phyllis Chase, Stu Rogers and Hadley Oden, 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.

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed excitement for the weekend's Commencement ceremonies. He expressed appreciation to those Board members who will represent the Board this weekend and thanked faculty and staff for the contributions they have made to students leading to this event.

Remarks by the University President – Agenda Item No. 3

President Best reviewed several activities that have occurred over the last couple of weeks including Jingle on the Quad, the First Lady's Holiday Concert, and last evening's alumni event in Kansas City. He also mentioned the Provost Office has arranged for employees and their families to attend the Festival of Lights at Powell Garden and noted this year 1,800 tickets have been reserved for the event. In closing, President Best said more than 1,000 new degrees will be conferred during this weekend's Commencement ceremonies.

Emeritus Status Requests and Recognitions – Agenda Item No. 4

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). He noted that several of the individuals listed below retired in different time periods. He reminded the Board that some months ago it approved a change to the Emeriti policy to align the number of years of service for staff with that of faculty in order that they might qualify for emeritus status. Following an outreach to past retirees who meet the criteria for emeritus status under the revised policy, nine of the following individuals responded they would like to be considered for emeriti status.

- Dorothy Anderson (August 31, 1981 – April 30, 2004), Academic Employment Specialist
- Janet Schawo (May 30, 1978 – December 31, 2006), Administrative Assistant
- Janie Seymour (July 7, 2003 – September 30, 2014), Administrative Assistant

- Linda Persing (July 6, 1999 – December 31, 2015), Office Professional III
- David Craig (April 2, 2007 – December 31, 2017), Applications Manager
- Dalene Abner (November 13, 2000 – May 31, 2018), Executive Editor
- Michael Greife (November 10, 2003 – May 31, 2018), News Bureau Manager
- Charles Creel (June 20, 2005 – May 31, 2018), Technical Project Manager
- Victoria Hughes (October 25, 2004 – June 30, 2022), Director of Charter Schools
- Nancy Anderson (September 5, 2000 – December 31, 2023), Financial Aid Counselor
- Someswar Kesh (August 19, 1991 – December 31, 2023), Professor
- Janice Putnam (August 24, 1998 – December 31, 2023), Professor
- Jay Raveill (August 18, 1997 – December 31, 2023), Professor

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approve emeritus status for Dorothy Anderson, Janet Schawo, Janie Seymour, David Craig, Linda Persing, Dalene Abner, Michael Greife, Charles Creel, Victoria Hughes, Nancy Anderson, Someswar Kesh, Janice Putnum, and Jay Raveill. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wetzell and carried unanimously.

In attendance at the meeting were Dorothy Anderson, David Craig, Charles Creel, Victoria Hughes, Nancy Anderson, Someswar Kesh, Janice Putnam, and Jay Raveill, all of whom were presented a Certificate of Recognition. Photographs were taken and Barbara Mayfield, a representative of the Emeriti Association, welcomed these individuals as emeriti.

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Consent Agenda – Agenda Item No. 5

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

Action

- October 27, 2023, Work and Plenary Session Minutes; and
- A name change for the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies minor to Gender and Sexuality Studies (Attachment 2);
- A new Gender and Sexuality Studies undergraduate major, effective fall 2024, pending approval by the MDHEWE/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 3);
- A new undergraduate degree option, Biochemistry (Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, Pre-Vet, Pre-Pharm), effective fall 2024, pending approval by the MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 4);
- A new undergraduate Mental Health Certificate, effective fall 2024 pending approval by the MDHEWD/Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Attachment 5); and
- Award of contract to Spray Services Inc. in the amount of \$845,438 for the Humphreys Building Asbestos Abatement Project to include all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, insurance, permits fees; and all other items necessary to complete asbestos abatement and related work necessary for the asbestos abatement of the Humphreys Building prior to renovation construction (Attachment 6);
- Award of a five (5)-year contract with an option for one (1), two (2)-year contract renewal to Varsity Brand Holdings/BSN for the University’s Athletic Apparel Sponsorship for Nike products (Attachment 7)

Information

- Personnel Report (Attachment 8)

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

Verbal Governance Groups Reports – Agenda Item No. 6

Faculty Senate (FS) – Dr. Dan Wolcott, Faculty Senate President, provided an update on the Senate’s activities that included

- All 25 Senate seats are filled, and all four colleges are represented. Additionally, the Executive Committee membership remains unchanged.
- Of 386 faculty on campus this year, 118 members are involved in one or more of the 21 university level committees focusing on such matters as general education, university assessment, academic standards, and other topics of importance.
- A new FS Office Professional was hired in November.
- Several FS motions were sent to President Best who has been very timely in responding.
- FS is redesigning a teaching workload document that will align with the University’s strategic goals. A draft was recently introduced at the General Faculty meeting. The Senate hopes to complete its work by February 2024.

Staff Council (SC) – Mr. Ed Wirthwein, Staff Council President, announced he is serving another term as SC President. He commented on increased attendance at SC meetings which are now offered in a hybrid format and provided an overview of administrators that have been guest speakers at the meetings. Mr. Wirthwein thanked President Best for hosting coffees for staff following the State of the University Address.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Ms. Hiba Lukadi, SGA President, provided an overview of SGA Committees’ activities that included trail cleanups, tree campus project, an inclusivity celebration, an SGA social, a food drive, efforts to improve the Night Rider program, planning for Unity Week in the Spring, legislation related to a career poverty initiative, and developing a transfer orientation program in coordination with Admissions. She closed by reporting SGA Executive Officers will remain the same with the exception of the Treasurer. The current Treasurer is graduating and a new one will need to be elected.

Legislative Update – Agenda Item No. 8

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director for Governmental Relations, provided a legislative update (Attachment 9) that included an overview of meetings he participated in since the last Board meeting, as well as legislators and State officials who visited campus. He reviewed important dates and information --

State

- Missouri legislative session begins January 3, 2024
- Prefiling of Missouri legislation began December 1. To date 562 bills have been filed in the Senate and 550 bills have been filed in the House.

- UCM Board of Governors Senate Confirmation Process
- Governor’s Prayer Breakfast January 4, 2024
- Governor Parson’s State of the State Address January 24, 2024

Federal

- Continuing Resolutions to fund Federal Government
- January 19, February 2, to fund all 12 Appropriation bills. No decision will result in a 1% cut
- Labor, Health, Human Services Bill
 - House Version - \$57 billion
 - Senate Version - \$79.6 billion
 - Senate Version Increase of \$250 PELL
- Talk of creating workforce PELL 8-15 weeks in length

University Update – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best referenced the Consent Agenda and acknowledged the amount of time and work that staff put in to researching and preparing the proposals for the Board’s consideration. He expressed appreciation to all involved employees.

Board Committee on Student Engagement & University Advancement

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

Board Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Wetzel, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, said the Committee met earlier in the day and received a positive update related to Admissions.

Board Committee on Finance & Administration

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

External Audit Report – Agenda Item No. 9

A draft external audit report (Attachment 10) was presented in detail during a Finance and Administration Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the day.

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors accept the draft external audit report subject to the final report being approved by the Finance and Administration Committee, who will report to the Board once the final report is approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Proposed New Course Fees – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 13 of the meeting materials containing information for a proposal to add the following new course fees effective August 2024 (Attachment 11):

AGRI 2620	\$125
AGRI 4200	\$25
AVIA 4100	\$460
AVIA 4101	\$460
AVIA 5100	\$460
AVIA 5101	\$460
BIOL 1500	\$10
BIOL 1505	\$10
CD 5911	\$15
PHYS 1104	\$5

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the course fees listed above, effective August 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Proposed Revised Course Fees – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 14 of the meeting materials which contained information for a proposal to revise the following course fees effective August 2024 (Attachment 12):

AGRI 1200	\$105 (currently \$75)
AGRI 3415	\$34 (currently \$10)
AGRI 4440	\$55 (currently \$10)
AGRI 4605	\$72 (currently \$35)
AGRI 5605	\$72 (currently \$35)
ART 2420	\$100 (currently \$60)
ART 3420	\$100 (currently \$60)
ART 3440	\$100 (currently \$60)
ART 4420	\$100 (currently \$60)
AVIA 2345	\$444 (currently \$380)
BIOL 3511	\$40 (currently \$35)
CD 4802	\$340 (currently \$70)
CD 4803	\$15 (currently \$10)
CD 5810	\$340 (currently \$70)
CD 5811	\$15 (currently \$10)
CMGT 4310	\$15 (currently \$5)
CMGT 5310	\$15 (currently \$5)
FLYA 1320	\$83 (currently \$68)
FLYA 1321	\$193 (currently \$158)
FLYA 2313	\$83 (currently \$68)
FLYA 2314	\$193 (currently \$158)
FLYA 3310	\$83 (currently \$68)

FLYA 3311 \$83 (currently \$68)
 FLYA 3312 \$110 (currently \$90)
 FLYA 3315 \$83 (currently \$68)
 FLYA 3316 \$83 (currently \$68)
 FLYA 3317 \$110 (currently \$90)
 FLYA 3330 \$110 (currently \$90)
 FLYA 3360 \$110 (currently \$90)
 FLYA 3362 \$110 (currently \$90)
 FLYA 3364 \$110 (currently \$90)

Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors approved the recommended revisions to the course fees listed above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chase and carried unanimously.

THRIVE Program Expansion and Fees – Agenda Item No. 12

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 15 of the meeting materials which included information pertaining to a proposal to expand the THRIVE Program to include third- and fourth-year options and to charge a program fee for students participating in THRIVE (Attachment 13). The table below shows the tuition and proposed THRIVE fees.

	Tuition	Current THRIVE Fee	Proposed THRIVE Fee
First and Second Years	15 hours at the applicable tuition rate	\$5550	\$5550
Third and Fourth Years	Cost varies depending on number of enrolled hours, up to 15, at the applicable tuition rate		\$2775

Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the addition of a third- and fourth-year option for the THRIVE Program and the assessment of program fees as specified above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously.

Other Business – Agenda Item No. 11

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – December 8, 2023 – Agenda Item No. 12

Dr. Chase 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>Gus Wetzel</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>John Collier</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stephen Abney</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Mary Dandurand</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Phyllis Chase</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Ken Weymuth</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Stu Rogers</i>	<i>aye</i>		

Adjourn – Agenda Item No. 13

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 2:26 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 3:59 p.m. and *Mr. Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.* The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Attachments Listing

<u>Attachment No.</u>	<u>Attachment Description</u>
1	Emeritus Status Requests & Recognitions
2	Minor Program Name Change: Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
3	New Undergraduate Major – Gender & Sexuality Studies
4	New Undergraduate Degree Option – Biochemistry
5	New Undergraduate Certificate – Mental Health
6	Humphreys Building Asbestos Abatement Project
7	Athletic Apparel Sponsorship
8	Personnel Report
9	Legislative Update
10	Draft External Audit Report
11	Proposed New Course Fees
12	Proposed Revised Course Fees
13	THRIVE Program Expansion & Fees