

**University of Central Missouri**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Plenary Session**  
**March 27, 2025**

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in Plenary Session on March 27, 2025, at 1:15 p.m. in the Elliott Student Union, Room 237B on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Board President John Collier presided over the meeting. Others participating in the meeting were Governors Stephen Abney, Phyllis Chase, Mary Dandurand, Gus Wetzel II, and Ken Weymuth; Student Governor Hadley Oden; University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Kristen Plummer. Governor Stu Rogers was unable to participate in the meeting and was excused.

**Call to Order** - Agenda Item No. 1

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

**Remarks by the Board President** – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Collier welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it is a very exciting time on campus due to the activities and competitions taking place. He thanked the campus community for helping the university redefine what is possible for our students.

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

President Best thanked everyone for attending the meeting in person and watching online. He shared that this was an unusual month for him as he estimated that with university business travel, he was on campus about five days in March. President Best noted that the university is entering the season of celebration on campus, and he encouraged members of the Board, faculty, and staff to join the upcoming celebrations recognizing the accomplishments and awards of faculty, staff, and students.

**Emeritus Status Requests and Recognitions** – Agenda Item No. 4

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

- Mr. Terry McNeeley (January 4, 1993 – March 31, 2025), Instructional Design Specialist
- Mr. Daniel Othic (July 15, 1998 – March 31, 2025), Assistant Director, Police Operations
- Mr. Charles Rutt (August 1, 1980 – March 31, 2025), Director, University Store

*Ms. Dandurand moved that the Board of Governors approve emeritus status for Mr. Terry McNeeley, Mr. Daniel Othic, and Mr. Charles Rutt. Mr. Abney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.* President Best introduced Mr. Flip Piontek, who was in attendance to provide an official welcome on behalf of the Emeriti and Retiree Association. Photographs were taken of Mr. Collier and President Best presenting Mr. McNeeley, Mr. Othic, and Mr. Rutt individually with a certificate of appreciation.

## **Plenary Session**

### **Consent Agenda** – Agenda Item No. 5

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

#### **Action Items**

- January 23, 2025, Plenary Session Minutes.
- Award of contract to Civic Elite Contracting, Inc. in the amount \$761,404.04 for the base bid with allowances and alternate bid to provide all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, insurance, permits fees, and all other items necessary to complete the renovation of the kitchen of the Traditions Restaurant at Mules National Golf Club and to add a conference room/four-season room to the patio area as stated in the bid specifications (Attachment 2).
- A change order to the Centric Projects LLC contract for the Humphreys Building renovation for \$1,092,735 to provide all labor, materials, and provisions necessary to replace the exterior windows of the Humphreys Building (Attachment 3).
- Award of contract for digital marketing services to Bucket Media Inc. for an initial 15-month contract for the period of April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with four (4) one (1)-year renewal options (Attachment 4).
- A new minor in Information Technology effective Fall 2025 (Attachment 5).

#### **Information Items**

- Spring 2025 Enrollment Census Report (Attachment 6).
- 2024-2025 President's Delegated Authority Program Actions (Attachment 7).
- Promotions and Tenure (Attachment 8).

President Best said these items were thoroughly discussed during the Board committee meetings. *Mr. Abney moved that the Board of Governors approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

## **Reports/Updates**

### **Written Governance Groups Reports** – Agenda Item No. 6

Mr. Collier noted that the written reports from the governance groups were included in the meeting packet (Attachment 9).

### **Legislative Update** – Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. David Pearce, Executive Director for Governmental Relations, introduced Gunner Ussery, the current intern for Governmental Relations, and provided a legislative update (Attachment 10), which included the following information -

#### **Federal Level**

- Board President Collier, President Best, and David Pearce went to Washington, D.C., earlier in the week for the annual federal legislative trip, which included meetings with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) staff, Senator Eric Schmitt, Senator

Josh Hawley, and Congressman Mark Alford. Topics discussed in these meetings included the possible closure of the Department of Education and the impact on UCM and higher education in general across Missouri, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) rollout and issues from last year, the importance of the Pell Grant program, and international education. Mr. Pearce provided the Board with copies of handouts distributed in these meetings that show the UCM student population by congressional district in Missouri and the impact UCM has on Missouri. President Best expressed that he thought the meetings went well overall. He reported that the Missouri delegation provided positive comments about the work being done at UCM and asked what issues they could help with. Mr. Collier added that the AASCU staff encouraged them to share the good news of what UCM faculty, staff, and students are doing. The trip also included a MuleNation event hosted by the Alumni Foundation with Washington, D.C. area alums.

- Mr. Pearce and Mr. Josh Tomlinson, Director of Broadcasting Services and General Manager for KMOS-TV, attended the Public Media Summit in Washington, D.C., in February 2025, where they were able to talk about the importance of the emergency management grant through FEMA that is currently on hold.

### State Level

- Governor Kehoe unveiled his budget recommendations during the State of the State address on January 28, 2025, in which he recommended a 1.5% across-the-board increase to core funding for higher education. Funding for the MoExcels program was not included in the budget. Mr. Pearce provided an overview of the budget process and timeline, noting that the budget must be done by May 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. During the budget markup process, the House added \$27,000,000 across-the-board for deferred maintenance for higher education institutions. Mr. Pearce stated that this is very important and that there has not been a line item for deferred maintenance in the past. The amount UCM would receive is \$630,000, which President Best explained was based on the replacement value of your assets.
- Mr. Pearce shared that 2,600 bills have been filed by the House and Senate, of which 155 are being tracked by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD). Mr. Pearce provided an update on the six bills that were presented to the Board in January.
- Mr. Pearce provided an overview of recent events, including SGA Day at the State Capitol; a campus visit by Dan Hegeman, member of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Committee; Midwest AMTRAK meetings with local officials; presentation of a proclamation from Representative Brandon Phelps to Zach Zebrowski during the Harlon Hill celebration; and participation in a panel for the National Security Crossroads by Courtney Swoboda, UCM's Director of Military and Veteran Services.

### University Update – Agenda Item No. 8

President Best acknowledged the appointments of Dr. Ann McCoy as the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Dean of Graduate Studies and Dr. Doug Davenport as the Dean of the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies. President Best provided an overview of the recent international trip by UCM representatives to Cambodia and South Korea, which included meetings with nine different universities, two school systems, government officials, and embassy staff. They

also hosted two receptions and signed four memorandums of understanding. He stated that the trip was successful overall and thanked the Board for the opportunity to travel internationally.

President Best stated that the university continues to recruit domestic students heavily and shared that almost 900 people would be on campus the following day for an admitted student campus visit day. He also stated that the annual report from the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity (OSPRI) was distributed to the Board separately from the meeting materials (Attachment 11). The Board did not have any questions regarding the report.

#### **University Metrics Report** – Agenda Item No. 9

President Best presented an overview of the University Metrics Report (Attachment 12), which was prepared by the University Analytics and Institutional Research (UAIR) office. The Board did not have any questions regarding the report.

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

Ms. Mary Dandurand, Chair of the Board Committee on Student Engagement and University Advancement, reported that the committee met earlier in the day and hosted a panel of student-athletes, who shared about their collegiate experience, and received an update the UCM Alumni Foundation.

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

Dr. Phyllis Chase, Chair of the Board Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the committee met earlier in the day and provided an overview of the items discussed, which were moved forward and approved on the Consent Agenda.

#### **Board Committee on Finance and Administration**

Mr. Stephen Abney, a member of the Board Committee on Finance and Administration, reported that Mr. Rogers had chaired the Committee meeting that was held earlier in the day but could not attend Plenary Session. He stated that several items discussed were approved on the Consent Agenda and asked Mr. Hawley to present the following agenda items.

#### **AY 2026 Student Instructional Tuition and General Fees** – Agenda Item No. 10

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 14 of the meeting materials, which contained the proposed AY 2026 student instructional tuition and general fees (Attachment 13). *Dr. Wetzel moved that the Board of Governors approve the following AY 2026 rates for student instructional tuition and general fees as itemized in Attachments I and II. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abney and carried unanimously.*

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**University of Central Missouri**  
**AY 2026 Student Instructional Rates**  
**Presented to the Board of Governors on March 27, 2025**

| Description  | AY 2025<br>Per Credit Hour<br>(Book) | AY 2026<br>Per Credit Hour<br>(Book) | \$ Change<br>Per Credit Hour<br>AY 2025 – AY 2026<br>(Book) | Percent<br>Change |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Warrensburg On-Campus<sup>1</sup></b>                             |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Undergraduate  |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Resident <sup>2</sup>  | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| Non-Resident <sup>2</sup>  | \$570.00                             | \$594.00                             | \$24.00   | 4.2%              |
| Graduate   |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Resident <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$366.50                             | \$399.50                             | \$33.00   | 9.0%              |
| Non-Resident <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$733.00                             | \$600.00                             | < \$133.00 >  | <18%>             |
| <b>On-Line and Hybrid<sup>6</sup></b>                                |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Undergraduate <sup>2</sup>   | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| Graduate <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$425.00                             | \$445.00                             | \$20.00   | 4.7%              |
| On-line Ph.D. <sup>2</sup>   | \$484.00                             | \$504.00                             | \$20.00   | 4.1%              |
| <b>UCM-Lee's Summit<sup>8</sup></b>                                  |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Undergraduate <sup>2</sup>   | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| Graduate <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$425.00                             | \$445.00                             | \$20.00   | 4.7%              |
| Missouri Innovation Campus Program-UG <sup>2</sup>                   | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| <b>Whiteman<sup>8</sup></b>  |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Undergraduate  |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Resident <sup>2</sup>  | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| Non-Resident <sup>2</sup>  | \$570.00                             | \$594.00                             | \$24.00   | 4.2%              |
| Graduate   |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Resident <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$366.50                             | \$399.50                             | \$33.00   | 9.0%              |
| Non-Resident <sup>2,5</sup>  | \$733.00                             | \$600.00                             | < \$133.00 >  | <18%>             |
| <b>Business Graduate<sup>2,6,7,8</sup> (All Locations and Modes)</b> | \$515.00                             | \$535.00                             | \$20.00   | 3.9%              |
| <b>CIS/CS Graduate<sup>2,6,8,10</sup> (All Locations/Modes)</b>      | \$477.00                             | \$498.50                             | \$21.50   | 4.5%              |
| <b>Online and Learning Engagement<sup>8</sup></b>                    |                                      |                                      |   |                   |
| Cohort Undergraduate Rate <sup>3</sup>                               | \$288.75                             | \$300.00                             | \$11.25   | 3.9%              |
| Cohort Graduate Rate <sup>3</sup>                                    | \$425.00                             | \$450.00                             | \$25.00   | 5.9%              |
| Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment <sup>4</sup>                         | \$ 99.50                             | \$ 99.50                             | \$0.00  | 0.0%              |
| Entrepreneurial Undergraduate <sup>2</sup>                           | \$285.00                             | \$297.00                             | \$12.00   | 4.2%              |
| Entrepreneurial Graduate <sup>2,5</sup>                              | \$366.50                             | \$399.50                             | \$33.00   | 9.0%              |
| Professional Development <sup>4</sup>                                | \$ 58.50                             | \$ 62.00                             | \$3.50  | 6.0%              |
| Limited Cost <sup>4</sup>  | \$142.50                             | \$148.50                             | \$6.00  | 4.2%              |
| Description  | AY 2024<br>Per Student               | AY 2025<br>Per Student               | \$ Change<br>Per Student<br>AY 2025 – AY 2024               | Percent<br>Change |
| <b>Central Missouri Police Academy<sup>9</sup></b>                   | \$6,560.00                           | \$6,560.00                           | \$0.00  | 0.00%             |

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Warrensburg on-campus rates are also applicable to Air Force ROTC courses in Columbia, Missouri. These courses are identified in the Banner System with a campus code of CLM.

<sup>2</sup>Subject to all student general fees.

<sup>3</sup>Subject only to the technology fee.

<sup>4</sup>Student general fees are not applicable.

<sup>5</sup>Excludes Business Graduate, CIS Graduate, and CS Graduate Programs.

<sup>6</sup>Non-resident fees, if applicable, will be waived.

<sup>7</sup>Includes School of Business Administration prefixes ACCT, BLAW, CIS, ECON, FIN, MKT, ESE, BADM, RMI, HRM, HM, MBA, and MGT for graduate-credit except for CIS.

<sup>8</sup>Other course fees and/or program fees may apply.

<sup>9</sup>Per student rate includes student instructional and mandatory fees, and other program fees.

<sup>10</sup>Includes CS, CIS, SE, CYBR, and DSA prefixes.

**ATTACHMENT II**  
University of Central Missouri  
AY 2026 Student General Fees  
Presented to the Board of Governors on March 27, 2025

| Fee Description                          | Academic Year 2025          |                              | Academic Year 2026          |                              |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Per Credit Hour<br>(<9 Hrs) | Flat Rate<br>(9+ Credit Hrs) | Per Credit Hour<br>(<9 Hrs) | Flat Rate<br>(9+ Credit Hrs) |
| Athletic                                 | \$8.45                      | \$126.75                     | \$8.70                      | \$130.50                     |
| Facilities                               | \$7.80                      | \$117.00                     | \$8.05                      | \$120.75                     |
| Pertle Springs                           | \$2.20                      | \$33.00                      | \$2.27                      | \$34.05                      |
| Student Activity                         | \$2.35                      | \$35.25                      | \$2.43                      | \$36.45                      |
| Technology                               | \$6.20                      | \$93.00                      | \$6.40                      | \$96.00                      |
| University Union                         | \$8.90                      | \$133.50                     | \$9.17                      | \$137.55                     |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                         | <b>\$35.90</b>              | <b>\$538.50</b>              | <b>\$37.02</b>              | <b>\$555.30</b>              |
| Health Services                          | \$3.10                      | \$46.50                      | \$3.20                      | \$48.00                      |
| Student Rec Center<br>(Student Approved) | \$11.00                     | \$165.00                     | \$11.33                     | \$169.95                     |
| <b>Total Student General Fees</b>        | <b>\$50.00</b>              | <b>\$750.00</b>              | <b>\$51.55</b>              | <b>\$773.25</b>              |

**AY 2025-2026 Room and Board Fees** – Agenda Item No. 11

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to Tab 15 of the meeting materials for the proposed AY 2025-2026 room and board rates (Attachment 14). *Mr. Weymuth moved that the Board of Governors approve the following semester room and board rates for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried unanimously.*

|   | 2024-2025 Rate | 2025-2026<br>Recommended<br>Rate | \$ Change | % Change |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Double Occupancy  | \$3,264.00     | \$3,394.00                       | \$130.00  | 3.98%    |
| Single Occupancy  | \$3,959.00     | \$4,118.00                       | \$159.00  | 4.02%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Silver Plan (meal)  | \$2,016.00     | \$2,076.00                       | \$60.00   | 2.98%    |
| Gold Plan (meal)  | \$2,106.00     | \$2,169.00                       | \$63.00   | 2.99%    |
| Platinum Plan (meal)  | \$2,306.00     | \$2,375.00                       | \$69.00   | 2.99%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Silver Plan + Double Occupancy  | \$5,280.00     | \$5,470.00                       | \$190.00  | 3.60%    |
| Gold Plan + Double Occupancy  | \$5,370.00     | \$5,563.00                       | \$193.00  | 3.59%    |
| Platinum Plan + Double Occupancy  | \$5,570.00     | \$5,769.00                       | \$199.00  | 3.57%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Foster/Knox/Nickerson (furnished and utilities included)                | \$850.00       | \$884.00                         | \$34.00   | 4.00%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Todd 1 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)                       | \$850.00       | \$884.00                         | \$34.00   | 4.00%    |
| Todd 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)                       | \$1,044.00     | \$1,086.00                       | \$42.00   | 4.02%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Central Village 1 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric) | \$694.00       | \$722.00                         | \$28.00   | 4.03%    |
| Central Village 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric) | \$837.00       | \$870.00                         | \$33.00   | 3.94%    |
| Central Village 3 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric) | \$1,000.00     | \$1,040.00                       | \$40.00   | 4.00%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| Greenwood Park 2 bedroom (unfurnished, residents pay gas and electric)  | \$913.00       | \$950.00                         | \$37.00   | 4.05%    |
|   |                |                                  |           |          |
| The Crossing 4 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)               | \$677.00       | \$704.00                         | \$27.00   | 3.99%    |
| The Crossing 4 bedroom garden (furnished and utilities included)        | \$677.00       | \$704.00                         | \$27.00   | 3.99%    |
| The Crossing 2 bedroom (furnished and utilities included)               | \$790.00       | \$822.00                         | \$32.00   | 4.05%    |

## **Board Business**

### **Other Business** – Agenda Item No. 12

There was no other business to discuss.

### **Request for Closed Session – March 27, 2025** – Agenda Item No. 13

*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. Abney 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> |

### **Adjournment** – Agenda Item No. 14

The Board concluded Plenary Session at 1:58 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to Plenary Session at 3:33 p.m., and *Ms. Dandurand made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chase and carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



***University of Central Missouri  
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Attachments Listing***

| <b><i><u>Attachment No.</u></i></b> | <b><i><u>Attachment Description</u></i></b>                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1                                   | Emeritus Status Requests and Recognitions                         |
| 2                                   | Mules National Golf Club - Traditions Renovation Contract         |
| 3                                   | Humphreys Building Renovation Change Order                        |
| 4                                   | Digital Marketing Services Contract                               |
| 5                                   | New Minor - Information Technology                                |
| 6                                   | Spring 2025 Enrollment Census Report                              |
| 7                                   | 2024-2025 President's Delegated Authority Program Actions         |
| 8                                   | Promotions and Tenure   |
| 9                                   | Written Governance Groups Reports                                 |
| 10                                  | Legislative Update  |
| 11                                  | Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity Annual Report |
| 12                                  | University Metrics Report Spring 2025                             |
| 13                                  | AY 2026 Student Instructional Tuition and General Fees            |
| 14                                  | AY 2025-2026 Room and Board Fees                                  |