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## Regents Report | December 2019

### Greetings from the Board of Regents

On behalf of the entire Board, we would like to wish a joyous holiday season to our University System of Maryland family--students, faculty, staff and alumni--as well as our many friends and partners throughout Maryland and the world.

We thank you for your continued support of the USM and look forward to working with you to advance our state university system in 2020. This past year presented many challenges both for our system and the board, but working together we were able to realize many important goals. We have taken steps to improve our governance, transparency, and accountability. Over the course of the last year, we have become a more collaborative, more effective, and much stronger Board of Regents.

In the coming year, the USM will have an outstanding new chancellor, Jay Perman, MD, and several new university presidents. This year of new leadership will bring new opportunities and likely new challenges, so please continue to follow this Regents Report to learn about our latest news. We are both excited to see what the USM will achieve next!

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden, Chair  
USM Board of Regents

Robert Caret, Chancellor  
University System of Maryland



### Board Actions & Decisions | December 20, 2019

The USM Board of Regents met at the University of Maryland, College Park on Friday, December 20, 2019. At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

**Chancellor Robert L. Caret Named Chancellor Emeritus of the University System of Maryland.** During the meeting, the USM Board of Regents presented Chancellor Caret with a resolution recognizing his exceptional service to the USM and his 45 years of service in higher education. Board of Regents Vice Chair Barry

Gossett read the resolution aloud and then announced the appointment of Caret as Chancellor Emeritus, effective January 6, 2020. [View the Resolution.](#)

**Board of Regents Elects Officers for 2020.** In accordance with the bylaws of the USM Board of Regents, the board ratified its slate of officers for 2020. These elected officers will begin their term January 1, 2020:

#### **2020 Board Officers**

Chair: Linda Gooden

Vice-Chair: Barry Gossett

Treasurer: Gary Attman

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Wood

Secretary: Michelle Gourdine

Assistant Secretary: Robert Rauch



**Approval of the 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update for the Universities at Shady Grove (USG):** The USG 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update builds upon USG's 2003 Facilities Master Plan and 2013 Plan Update, and outlines USG's continued growth towards a more sustainable campus. All aspects of the existing environment have sustainability recommendations and requirements, including incorporation of a high level of LEED standards for new and major renovation projects; "greening" of the campus; encouraging fuel-efficient and public transportation to reduce greenhouse gases on the commuter campus; and certification of two buildings under the LEED-EB program for existing buildings. [Read More.](#)

**Approval of the 2018 Facilities Master Plan Update for the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES):** The UMCES 2018 Facilities Master Plan Update sets a long-term vision formulated from input from the full UMCES community. The 2018 Plan focuses on aiding the mission-critical research space needs in a multi-faceted approach of renovation, rehabilitation, renewal, and addition. The 2018 Plan emphasizes preserving and enhancing historic buildings and infrastructure and building environmentally-friendly facilities that meet programmatic needs. Energy efficiency on campus will continue to be improved with upgrades, renovation, and construction of facilities that will incorporate LEED standards to reduce energy usage. [Read More.](#)

**Approval of Plan to Pursue a Public-Private Partnership to Provide Additional Student Housing at Bowie State University (BSU).** The proposed project includes the development of approximately 550 beds of new student housing to be owned by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation, with ground-floor retail and a state-of-the-art Entrepreneurship Center that will be owned by BSU on the university's campus. [Read more.](#)

**Approval of NextGen Program at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) as Being Suitable for Procurement as a Public-Private Partnership (P3).** The onsite electric generation equipment and other portions of the energy generation and distribution systems at UMCP have reached the end of their useful lives and substantial additional capital investment is required. The NextGen Program is UMCP's next long-term energy program. After analyzing current operations, financial and funding options, budgetary considerations, and sustainability goals, the NextGen development team has determined that continuing the P3 model is in the university's best interest. Board approval allows UMCP to move forward with the statutorily required process for securing state review and approval of the NextGen Program's procurement as a P3. [Read more.](#)

**Approval of Phased-In Tuition Increases for the Undergraduate Nursing Program at University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB):** UMB seeks to augment its nursing revenue through a phased-in series of tuition increases. These increases for the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) are necessary to offset the high cost of instruction required to deliver an upper-division nursing program. UMSON faces financial challenges due to its uniqueness of being a public, upper-division nursing school. It does not have the benefit of the first two years of undergraduate tuition revenues to help offset the higher cost of the junior and senior years. All current students will be "grandfathered" and thus not subjected to the "program cost catch up" increments. [Read More.](#)

**Board Received Reports from Four Systemwide Councils:** During the course of the meeting, the Regents heard reports from representatives from the following systemwide councils: the [Council of University System Staff](#), the [University System of Maryland Student Council](#), the [Council of University System Presidents](#), and the [Council of University System Faculty](#).

**For more information about the latest Board of Regents meeting, you may view the [meeting agenda](#) or [video archive](#). The [meeting minutes](#) will be posted once approved.**

## Other News from the System

**The University System of Maryland Releases the 2019 Annual Report.** Chancellor Caret presented the 2019 Annual Report at the December 20 meeting of the Board of Regents. [View the full report.](#)

**Anthony Jenkins, Ph.D. Appointed President of Coppin State University.** On December 2, Chancellor Caret announced that Anthony Jenkins, Ph.D., would become the next president of Coppin State University. Since 2016, Jenkins has served as the president of West Virginia State University (WVSU), a historically black land-grant research university near Charleston, WV, with 3,692 enrolled students. Under President Jenkins' leadership, WVSU has experienced enrollment growth at both the undergraduate, graduate, and online levels. Jenkins fostered growth in these areas through the development of the university's first nursing and engineering programs, a comprehensive enrollment management plan, the "WVSU Loyalty Program" and the "Straight 2 STATE" program. [Read more.](#)

**Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS, Approved as Interim President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).** The USM Board of Regents has approved Dr. Jarrell's appointment with a start date of Jan. 6, 2020, the same day that current UMB President Jay Perman, MD, assumes his position as USM Chancellor. Dr. Jarrell currently serves as UMB executive vice president, provost, and dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Jarrell joined UMB in 1997 as chair of the Department of Surgery in the School of Medicine. [Read more.](#)

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## News from USM Institutions

**Bowie State University.** Student-run cafe on Bowie State Campus becomes first Saxbys Experiential Learning Cafe at an HBCU. [Read more.](#)

**Coppin State University.** CSU will welcome Anthony Jenkins as its next president on May 26, 2020. [Read more.](#)

**Frostburg University.** Physician assistant student Calvin Richards was selected to participate in the American Academy of Physician Assistant House of Delegates National Conference. [Read more.](#)

**Salisbury University.** Next March, Salisbury University will host the inaugural National Shore Sales Championship and welcome students from across the U.S. [Read more.](#)

**Towson University.** The TU women's volleyball team completed a perfect Colonial Athletic Association season. [Read more.](#)

**University of Baltimore.** The UB Ethics Bowl Team wins first place at Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl and qualifies for National Ethics Bowl. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland, Baltimore.** UMB will welcome Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS, as interim president. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County.** UMBC was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in *The Baltimore Sun's* Top Workplaces rankings for 2019. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland, College Park.** UMCP received a \$1 million award from the Spencer Foundation to investigate the disparities that exist in the resources invested in children from different backgrounds. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore.** President Heidi Anderson became the first UMES president to complete the Leadership Maryland civic engagement program. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland Global Campus.** UMGC will host the opening reception and awards presentation for the 4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition. [Read more.](#)

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.** UMCES's Sea Grant Program received a \$1.5 million award through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. [Read more.](#)

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## News from USM Regional Centers

**Universities at Shady Grove.** More than 300 scholarship recipients and donors were honored at the Universities at Shady Grove's (USG) Tenth Annual Scholarship and Donor Recognition Luncheon on November 15, 2019. [Read more.](#)

**University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.** Close to \$30,000 was raised for scholarship support through the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown's annual Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic gala on December 2, 2019. [Read more.](#)

**University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland.** An important partnership with the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) was recently profiled in the local media. [Read more.](#)

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## Dates to Remember

**JANUARY 7, 2020**

**Committee on Education Policy and Student Life**

Towson University  
9:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 30, 2020**

**Committee on Governance and Compensation**

University of Maryland, Baltimore  
8:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 30, 2020**

**Committee on Finance**

University of Maryland, Baltimore  
10:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 30, 2020**

**Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization**

University of Maryland, Baltimore  
12:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 21, 2020**

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### Board of Regents Meeting

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
8:30 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

### Committee on Advancement

USM Office, Elkins  
11:00 a.m.

For the complete schedule of meetings,  
please visit the USM website at:  
[www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/](http://www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/)



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