



Regents Report | September 2019

Greetings from the Board of Regents

We are pleased to share this inaugural "Regents Report" e-newsletter, which will become a recurring communication following each regular meeting of the USM Board of Regents. Future editions will keep you up-to-date on the work of our Board and the actions and decisions resulting from each meeting.

Each newsletter will also include information about important upcoming Board of Regents events, as well as noteworthy developments at USM institutions. We hope that you find this communication to be informative and we welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden, Chair
USM Board of Regents

Robert Caret, Chancellor
University System of Maryland



Board Actions & Decisions | September 20, 2019

The USM Board of Regents met at Coppin State University on Friday, September 20, 2019. At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Remembering Regent Katrina Dennis: The Board passed a resolution to express its condolences on the death of Regent Katrina Dennis and honor her life of service to the legal community, the Baltimore region, and especially to the University System of Maryland. Regent Dennis, who passed away on Saturday, August 31, was an exceptional attorney, a committed mentor and a tireless advocate for the USM and our students. [Read more.](#)

Enhancements to Board Accountability and Transparency: As recommended in the USM Governance Review Final Report developed by the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), the Board voted to bring clarity to committee work by reviewing and/or developing committee bylaws, charges, and practices to ensure expectations and structures remain consistent with current System priorities. [Read more.](#)

Approval of Two New Programs at Salisbury University: Following the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the Board voted to approve two new programs at Salisbury University: a [Bachelor of Science in Data Science](#) and a [Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Education Leadership](#).

Announcement of Awards and Honors for Faculty, Staff and Students: During the meeting, the Board recognized the recipients of several prestigious annual awards. Chair Gooden announced the [Board of Regents Staff Awards](#), presented to ten staff members at

various USM institutions. The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life notified the Board of the of the awards made for the 2019-2020 [USM Regents Scholars Program](#), the [Donald Langenberg Lecture Award](#), and the [Wilson H. Elkins Professorships](#).

Funding for Construction Projects at UMBC and the University of Maryland, College Park: In keeping with the Board's focus on ensuring the health and safety of USM students, the Board voted to approve a \$17 million construction package to build a new 24,000 GSF building for [UMBC's University Health Services and the Counseling Center](#). The Board also approved a \$14.3 million funding increase to continue the construction project at [New Cole Field House](#) at the University of Maryland, College Park, which will add athletic, research and clinical spaces to the facility, including space for the new Brain and Behavior Research Institute.

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

System Enrollment Remains Robust for Fall 2019

The USM Fall 2019 data snapshot reveals that system-wide enrollment continues to be robust as enrollment across all 12 system campuses and three regional academic centers is expected to exceed 170,000 students. Trends for Fall 2019 include growing interest in STEM and healthcare programs, rising graduation rates, and increased diversity among both undergraduate and graduate students across the system. [Read more.](#)

USM Institutions Make Strong Showing in Annual Rankings

In the most recent releases of college rankings, USM institutions were included in local, national and worldwide rankings, as well as specialized rankings in areas such as affordability, undergraduate teaching, public colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and more. [Read more.](#)

Maryland Momentum Fund Makes Investments in Two Biotechnology Firms. In recent weeks, the University System of Maryland (USM) Maryland Momentum Fund announced investments in [Gemstone Biotherapeutics](#), a clinical stage biotech company developing innovative, evidence-based products for scar-free skin regeneration, and [Veralex Therapeutics, Inc.](#), a preclinical stage therapeutics company. The \$10 million Maryland Momentum Fund, which was established by the USM Board of Regents, is designed to fill gaps in the funding pipeline to push USM's most innovative ideas into the marketplace.

News from USM Institutions

Bowie State University. Prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship award aids BSU researcher in developing black male teachers. [Read More.](#)

Coppin State University. Coppin State University announces the launch of the University Academic Advising Center (UAAC), to provide students with academic support. [Read more.](#)

Frostburg University. University receives surprise posthumous gift, one of the largest in Frostburg State University's history. [Read more.](#)

Salisbury University. SU received \$2.1 Million award from the U.S. Department of Education for Migrant Worker Education. [Read more.](#)

Towson University. Towson University's Residence Tower awarded a U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. [Read more.](#)

University of Baltimore. UB ranked #1 in Maryland in five categories across *Washington*

University of Maryland, Baltimore. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases awarded a \$200 million federal grant to researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health to fund efforts to improve seasonal influenza vaccines and ultimately develop a vaccine that would work for years on most flu variants. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County. UMBC has received a \$2.8 million NSF Research Training Grant to build a new master's program in environmental sciences designed to increase the diversity of the environmental science workforce. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, College Park. A three-year, \$3 million gift to the Clark School of Engineering from Lockheed Martin will fund aerospace research while increasing opportunities for women and underrepresented minorities in STEM. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Two professors in UMES's School of Pharmacy have secured a \$1.3 million NIH science education grant to establish a five-year partnership with Somerset County public schools. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Global Campus. The institution that has been known as University of Maryland University College for nearly 50 years is now University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. To help increase diversity in STEM fields, the Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology (IMET) hosted a dozen undergraduate students for its nine-week summer undergraduate internship featuring research in marine sciences. [Read more.](#)

News from USM Regional Centers

Universities at Shady Grove. The Universities at Shady Grove rededicated a building as the Clifford and Camille Kendall Academic Center to honor Clifford Kendall, who was one of the center's founders. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. University System of Maryland at Hagerstown is welcoming two new programs to the center in Fall 2019: B.S. in Community Health through Salisbury University and a B.S. in Hospitality & Tourism Management through the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland. Members of the USM office have been working with UMCP to select an executive search firm and anticipate launching a search this fall for the first Executive Director of the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland.

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 30

Committee on Audit
USMO, Elkins Building
10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 5

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
University of Baltimore
9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 19

Useful Resources and Contacts

Regents Meeting Minutes [View](#)

Regents Meeting Video Archive [View](#)

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Committee on Organization and Compensation

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

NOVEMBER 19

Committee on Finance

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

NOVEMBER 19

Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

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

NOVEMBER 22

Board of Regents Meeting

Universities at Shady Grove
8:30 a.m.

For the complete schedule of meetings, please visit the USM website at:

www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/



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