



**BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Minutes of the Public Session
November 18, 2010
University of Maryland, Baltimore

Senator Kelly called the meeting of the Finance Committee of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 10:15 a.m. Senator Kelly moved and Regent Attman seconded to convene in closed session. At 10:15 a.m., the Committee voted unanimously to go into closed session under State Government Article Section 10-508(a) to consider the acquisition of property and a competitively bid contract prior to the awarding of such contract.

Those Regents in attendance included: Mr. Attman, Ms. Gooden, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kendall. Mr. McMillen participated by phone. The session adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Senator Kelly reconvened the public session at 10:30 a.m. Also present were: Mr. Vivona, Dr. Avery, Ms. Byington, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kropp, Dr. Wylie, Ms. Schaefer, Mr. Sheehan, Dr. Patel, Ms. Crockett, Mr. Siemer, Mr. Lockett, Ms. Karmioli, Mr. Lurie, Mr. Page, Mr. Salt, Mr. Beck, Ms. McMann, and other members of the USM community and the public.

Senator Kelly welcomed everyone and noted that he would take the agenda items out of order.

1. Recognition of Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc. as an Affiliated Foundation
(action)

Senator Kelly offered Governor Hughes a hearty welcome and the two exchanged warm greetings. Several of the committee members extended their greetings as well. Senator Kelly explained that the Center was seeking to transition to affiliated foundation status and that seemed like a logical extension to change the status of the organization. He added that the work and mission of the Center has benefited the State of Maryland and comes at very little expense to the University of Maryland, College Park while providing great opportunities. Governor Hughes explained that he had met with [former] Dean Fritz years ago with the idea of getting the agricultural and environmental communities together. While the Center and the campus have had two very successful MOUs each spanning 5 years, both parties agreed that a more formal relationship with the University was necessary. The Governor noted that the Center has been quite successful in getting federal grants with awards totaling \$5-6 million over the last decade. He added that 70-80% of the people performing the studies have been from the University of Maryland, College Park. Governor Hughes remarked that any study undertaken by the Center has a practical application and is "not just sitting on the shelf." Dr. Wei, Dean of the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, was also present and stated that the work of the Center was very important for both the University and the State. Regent Hall asked if other universities were able to participate in the work of the Center. Governor Hughes responded that the work was open to any qualified person via the submission of a proposal. He added that UMBC and UMCES members have both worked with the Center.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Regents approval the request of the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc. to be considered an Affiliated Foundation under Board of Regents Policy IX-2.00, and be exempted from the requirement that the Center obtain express, advance approval of the UMCP president before conduct of research or educational activities that would be considered within the normal scope of the mission of the System or any of its components.

(Regent Attman moved recommendation, Regent Gooden seconded, unanimously approved)

2. Opening Fall 2010 Enrollment and FY 2011 Estimated FTE Report (information)

Vice Chancellor Vivona gave a presentation on the opening fall enrollment. The USM has yet another record high of 152,497 students, an increase of 3,821 over last year. While total enrollment increased, the rate at which that growth occurred has actually slowed down between this fall and last year. Like last year, the number of first-time full-time undergraduates enrolled again dropped, a decreased of 368 students. As such, the USM is now below the level of first-time full-time freshmen dating back to 2006, the first year of the enrollment growth funding initiative.

Noting that the USM did not receive enrollment growth funding (EFI) this year, Vice Chancellor Vivona reviewed a chart showing the impact of the EFI. During the years of the EFI, the System gained 2,340 first-time full-time freshmen—about the size of one Towson freshmen class. By comparison, in the years without EFI the first-time full-time freshmen figure was down by 964—about the size of one Frostburg freshmen class. In an effort to preserve quality, approximately 4,000 new freshman and transfers were denied admission in FY 2010 and FY 2011 as a result of budget decreases.

Looking ahead, the USM anticipates growing by 2,377 FTE over the FY 2010 actual enrollment figures. Most of that growth will occur at UMUC (with 60%), Towson (with 12%) and UMBC and Salisbury (each with 8%).

(A copy of the slide presentation is on file with the official copy of the meeting minutes in the Office of the Chancellor.)

3. Coppin State University: Facilities Master Plan Update (action)

Senator Kelly indicated that President Avery gave a great overview presentation on the update to the facilities master plan at the October meeting of the committee. Regent Attman echoed that he thought it was an excellent plan and stated that it's important for West Baltimore that Coppin be successful in its endeavors. Regent Hall concurred.

President Avery thanked the committee members for their support and offered his gratitude for the prayers and support that members of the Board have offered to the Coppin student who was shot last month.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Regents approve the Coppin State University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented in October. Approval of the Plan does not imply approval of capital projects or funding. These items will be reviewed through the normal procedures of the capital and operating budget processes.

(Regent Gooden moved recommendation, Regent Attman seconded, unanimously approved)

4. University of Maryland, Baltimore: School of Medicine – Institute for Human Virology Support Staff Services in Africa and the Caribbean (action)

Vice Chancellor Vivona summarized the item. UMB is requesting authorization to exercise the third of four one-year renewal options with Metrica, Inc. for support services in Africa and the Caribbean for the School of Medicine's Institute for Human Virology Division. If all renewal options are exercised, the total estimated expenditures for the contract will likely exceed \$30 million. The funding for the contract is provided through a Catholic Relief Services grant. This item is before the committee because the contract value exceeds \$5 million. Vice Chancellor Vivona added that he thought that UMB would slowly convert operations to being handled by the Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation (MGIC). Senator Kelly asked if [Vice Chancellor Vivona] was comfortable with the oversight regarding MGIC. Vice Chancellor Vivona responded that he felt the oversight had been strengthened with the participation of UMB vice presidents Byington and Gilbert in the process.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Regents approve for the University of Maryland, Baltimore, the exercising of the third renewal option with Metrica, Inc. for one year beginning March 13, 2011, consistent with the University System of Maryland Procurement Policies and Procedures; Section VII.C.2.

(Regent Attman moved recommendation, Regent Gooden seconded, unanimously approved)

5. University System of Maryland: Draft USM Strategic Plan (information)

Chancellor Kirwan gave a presentation on the draft USM Strategic Plan. He reviewed the planning process, key concerns, structure of the plan, and the five central themes of the plan. Those themes are access, affordability and attainment; economic development, competitiveness, health, and quality of life; academic transformation, student learning/leadership development; stewardship; and, quality and eminence.

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With no further business on the public agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. At 12:01 p.m., the Committee voted unanimously to reconvene in closed session under State Government Article Section 10-508(a) to discuss strategic planning matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Frank X. Kelly
Chairman, Committee on Finance