Minutes of the Public Session

1. Call to Order. Chairman Johnson called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011 at the University of Maryland University College. Those in attendance were: Chairman Johnson; Regents Attman, Augustine, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Kelly, Kinkopf McMillen, Shea, Vance, Wojciechowski, and Young; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Goldstein, Hogan, Moultrie, and Vivona; Assistant Attorneys General Faulk and Short; Presidents: Avery, Bogomolny, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Loh, Interim President Mortimer Neufville, and Interim President Marcia Welsh; George Shoenberger (for Aldridge) Dr. Stephen Spar (for Gibralter), Interim Provost, Dr. Philip Rous (for Hrabowski) and Pete Gilbert (for Perman); USM Council representatives; Ms. Doyle, and USM Staff.

2. Welcome from the University of Maryland University College. George Shoenberger welcomed the regents to the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) on behalf of Dr. Susan Aldridge and provided an update on the status of UMUC.

3. The Board of Regents’ Staff Awards were presented by Chairman Johnson and Chancellor William Kirwan.

4. Committee of the Whole.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 17, 2011 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Slater; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of notes from June 17, 2011 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

   c. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan congratulated Chairman Johnson on his first Board meeting as Chair and welcomed everyone to the first University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents meeting of the new academic year, including the
two new regents—Dave Kinkopf and Collin Wojciechowski. Chancellor Kirwan also thanked and congratulated the winners of the Regents Staff Awards.

Dr. Kirwan recognized Regent McMillen’s appointment as the Inaugural Board Chair of the National Foundation on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, which was launched earlier this year. He also reported that, in the coming year, he will serve as Chairman of the Business Higher Education Forum as well as a member of the 21st-Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Chancellor Kirwan highlighted the many achievements of USM institutions and related some of the impressive rankings for USM institutions.

With regard to personnel changes, Dr. Kirwan reported that David Warner, executive director of the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) accepted a job as Hagerstown Community College's vice president of academic affairs; John Stoothoff was named as interim executive director effective July 25 while a formal search is conducted for a new executive director. In addition, the presidential search committees for Towson University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore are continuing their work and making significant progress.

Chancellor Kirwan reported that the UMCP/UMB Merger Study is proceeding as required by the General Assembly and two public hearings have been set for next month: October 21st at UMB and October 28th at UMCP. The Board will submit a study examining the advantages and disadvantages of such a merger by December 15, 2011. In addition, the USM is beginning work with leaders in Annapolis on the USM’s budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and will stress the importance of linking the budget to the elements of the USM Strategic Plan. Implementation of the plan is continuing throughout the USM, with a progress report being generated later this year to provide the most up-to-date information and our efforts are continuing to engage the business community and other statewide leaders as partners—and advocates—in the plan’s implementation.

Chancellor Kirwan concluded his remarks by noting the passing of John Toll, the USM’s founding chancellor and recognizing Dr. Toll’s proud legacy of accomplishment that touched countless others over the years.

d. Resolution of Defense Security Service. Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

5. Report of Councils
   a. Council of University System Presidents. President Burnim, Chair of CUSP, reported that at their last meeting, the presidents discussed various scenarios for the FY 2013 budget, the agenda for the BOR retreat and the role of the presidents. The presidents also discussed a proposed change in BOR policy that would recognize faculty activities in the area of commercialization of intellectual property in BOR appointment, promotion and tenure policies. President Gibralter discussed the impact of the Alcohol EDU
program at Frostburg State University and the presidents discussed the possibility of it being adopted as a system initiative. The presidents agreed that this issue should be reviewed and discussed by the VPs for student affairs at their next meeting. Finally, the presidents were briefed on the Status of the Coalition Case by Mr. Faulk of the OAG’s office and Chancellor Kirwan and the presidents discussed their campus emergency responses to the recent earthquake and hurricane experienced in the D.C. area.

b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Shirazi, Chair of CUSF, reported that there were two CUSF Executive Committee meetings in August 2011. The first meeting focused on operational issues, as well as on reviewing concerns such as the USM budget and implementation of the Adjunct Faculty Policy. The second meeting was a joint transitional meeting of the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees. The meeting included an overview and update of events and committees involving USM, such as the Task Force to Study Higher Education in Baltimore City and the Study on the Potential Merger of UMCP and UMB. The Chancellor invited CUSF and CUSS to participate in a discussion of health benefits for participants in the Optional Retirement Program at a Joint Committee on Pensions Briefing on September 7, 2011 in the Maryland House Appropriations Committee Room in Annapolis. CUSF supports establishing parity between the ORP and Maryland State Retirement and Pension System with regards to retiree health insurance benefits for dependents by making the benefits available with 16 years of employee service, irrespective of the retirement program.

c. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Brown, Chair of CUSS, reported that the Council held 3 meetings during the summer and held elections for the coming year. The Council discussed agenda items for the joint faculty, staff and student council meetings to be held on November 15. They also discussed the General Assembly Joint Committee on Pensions and the impact of the inequities of ORP health benefits versus State employee benefits. Ongoing activities include review of Annual Year End Report, by-laws, procedures for BOR Staff awards, and committees and annual activities including the annual trip to Annapolis.

d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Welsh, Chair of USMSC, reported that the council hosted a summit at Towson University to focus on student representation of regional center students in the system and in their home institutions. The council will host its retreat on September 18th at Hidden Waters, which will serve as an orientation for new members and as an opportunity for members to discuss a variety of issues including the UMCP-UMB merger, student representation of regional center students, and other issues.

6. Finance Committee. Regent Kelly provided the committee report.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 14, 2011 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting notes from June 14, 2011 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

   c. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Facilities Master Plan Update. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)
d. Frostburg State University: Facilities Master Plan Update. Regent Kelly reported that the FSU facilities master plan was presented to the Finance Committee for information purposes and will be voted on at the next committee meeting.

e. Towson University: De-authorize the Use of Auxiliary Revenue Bonds and Increase Cash Funding for the Renovation and Conversion of Ward and West Halls. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

f. Towson University: Increase Authorization for the Renovation of Newall and Richmond Halls. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Shea; unanimously approved.)

g. University of Maryland, Baltimore County: Food Service Contract Modification. (Moved by Regent Wojciechowski, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; Regent Shea abstained; motion was approved.)

h. University System of Maryland: Proposed Board of Regents Policy on Endowment Fund Investment Objectives. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

i. University System of Maryland: Temporary and Conditional Exemption from the Financial Statements Audit Requirement for the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

j. University System of Maryland: Report on FY 2010 Procurement Contracts. (This information item was deferred to the next meeting).

k. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects. (This information item was deferred to the next meeting).


7. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett provided the committee report.

8. Economic Development and Technology Commercialization Committee. Regent Attman provided the report for the Committee, discussing the information items c. through g. below.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 14, 2011 Public Session (minutes were not approved)

   b. Approval of meeting notes from June 14, 2011 Executive Session (notes were not approved)
c. Robert Rosenbaum Presentation - President, Maryland Technology Development Corporation

d. AUTM Report Highlights

e. Montgomery County Bio-Health Intermediary Initiative

f. Economic Impact – Discussion

g. Research Foundation -- Introductory Discussion

9. Reconvene to Executive Session. (Chairman Johnson moved, Regent Michaux Gonzales seconded and it was unanimously approved to reconvene in Executive Session.) The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.