Senator Kelly called the meeting of the Finance Committee of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 10:05 a.m. Senator Kelly moved and Regent Gossett seconded to convene in closed session. At 10:05 a.m., the Committee voted unanimously to go into closed session under State Government Article Section 10-508(a) to discuss an institutional real property transaction, items that might involve the reputation of individuals and the investment of public funds. The session adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The Committee reconvened in public session at 11:25 a.m. Those Regents participating included: Senator Kelly, Mr. Attman, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Kinkopf, Mr. McMillen, and Mr. Hershkowitz. Also present were: Mr. Vivona, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Faulk, Ms. Moultrie, Dr. Boesch, Mr. Behm, Ms. Byington, Mr. Colella, Ms. Kropp, Ms. Jones, Mr. Lockett, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Selser, Mr. Short, Mr. Beck, Mr. Page, Mr. Salt, Mr. Lurie, Ms. McMann, and other members of the USM community and the public.

1. University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science: Facilities Master Plan Update (presentation and information)

Dr. Boesch gave an overview presentation on the update to the facilities master plan. He began by describing the essential elements of the master plan. The Plan calls for a unified vision for multiple locations—Appalachian Laboratory, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and Horn Point Laboratory. There are planning, sustainability, and environmental stewardship guidelines for all locations. Condition of facility surveys were carried out on all existing facilities. Capital projects are planned for all three campuses, including the replacement of the Truitt Laboratory, the renovation of the Morris Marine Lab, and a New Information and Communications Services Building. Dr. Boesch also reviewed the sustainable design goals which include greenhouse gas emissions reductions, storm water management and water conservation, resource conservation, and education, civic engagement and communication. He added that there were opportunities for solar fields on the grassy fields at the Horn Point Lab and wind power opportunities as well.

Senator Kelly thanked Dr. Boesch for his presentation and noted that the Committee would consider the Plan for action at its next meeting scheduled in October.

(A copy of the slide presentation is on file with the official copy of the meeting minutes in the Office of the Chancellor.)
2. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects (information)

Mr. Beck introduced the item. He noted that the report is updated semi-annually and now contains the additional data as requested by members of the Committee. There were no questions or comments on this item.

3. University of Maryland, College Park: Shuttle UM Relocation Authorization Increase (action)

Vice Chancellor Vivona summarized the item. The University is seeking to increase the project authorization for its Shuttle UM relocation. This project is part of the clearing of the East Campus Development site. The Board had previously authorized $6.25 million and the bid prices and subsequent required work brought that figure up to $7.322 million. In order to keep the project on schedule, the campus proceeded over the summer with the work to address unsuitable soil discovered in the site, inadequate drainage, and the construction of a concrete basin to collect waste water. Vice Chancellor Vivona was very supportive of the campus, pointing out that it does a lot of work and is very diligent in the projects it manages. He apologized for the work proceeding before obtaining the necessary Board authorization.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the Board of Regents authorize an increase of $1,072,000 for the Shuttle UM Facility at the University of Maryland, College Park for a total project authorization of $7,322,000.

(Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Frank X. Kelly
Chairman, Committee on Finance