Minutes of the Public Session

Call to Order. Chairman Shea called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:58 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012 at Bowie State University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hershkowitz, Johnson, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen, Reid, Slater, and Young; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, and Vivona; Assistant Attorneys General Faulk, and Short; Presidents Avery, Bell, Boesch, Bogomolny, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Gibralter, Acting President Miyares, Hrabowski, Loeschke, Loh, Perman; USM Council representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and USM Staff.

Welcome from Bowie State University. Dr. Burnim welcomed the regents to Bowie State University (BSU) and provided an update on the status of BSU.

1. Committee of the Whole.

   a. Board of Regents’ Staff Awards. Chairman Shea announced the recipients of the Regents’ Staff Awards. The awardees were honored at a special breakfast prior to the BOR meeting.

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from June 22, 2012 Public Session. (Approved.)

   c. Approval of meeting notes from April 13, 2012 Executive Session. (Approved.)

   d. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan welcomed Jim Shea as the new chair of the board, the new student regent, Steven Hershkowitz, the new Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Joann Boughman and Juliette B. Bell, the new president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
The Chancellor highlighted some significant grants and initiatives that promote college completion at USM institutions and expanded access throughout the USM including the expansion of programs at The Universities at Shady Grove and The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown,

Chancellor Kirwan noted that the economic impact of the USM has become increasingly important and will be highlighted in a new economic impact study. He reported that USM institutions are investing in the area of cyber security as well as other areas key to the state’s growth in the innovation economy. The new MPowering the State initiative resulted in the launch of the collaborative University of Maryland School of Public Health, which will advance Maryland’s leadership in the health sciences and help meet key health care workforce needs. The Chancellor also noted recent developments that address environmental sustainability and reduce the state's carbon footprint.

Finally, the Chancellor reported on the continued demonstration of academic excellence in the USM through rankings and other accolades, as well as individual honors for members of the USM. He noted that Cliff Kendall, former long-serving chair of the board and Regent Norm Augustine will be inducted into the Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame. Also, the Chancellor mentioned that the next Way-2-Go-Maryland event is on December 1st at UMUC and promised to keep the regents informed on the status of USM’s budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

e. Resolution on Defense Security Service. (Moved by Regent McMillen, seconded by Regent Kelly; motion approved—Regent Hershkowitz abstained from voting.)

f. Intercollegiate Athletics.
   i. Regent Florestano provided an overview of the BOR’s review of Intercollegiate Athletics.
   ii. Mr. Page presented the proposed changes to BOR policy on Intercollegiate Athletics. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Slater; unanimously approved.)
   iii. Regent McMillen discussed the establishment of the BOR Workgroup on Intercollegiate Athletics and the goals of the Workgroup for the coming year.


a. Council of University System Presidents. President Burnim reported on the September 4, 2012 meeting of the council. The council was briefed on the FY 2014 budget request, the new format for BOR meetings for the coming year, the regents’ meetings with presidents and the agenda for the BOR retreat on October 5. Mr. Page presented a report on the changes to the USM policy on intercollegiate athletics. The presidents discussed the draft agenda for the CUSP retreat. Mr. Vivona provided a status report on the performance funding study and the Meet and Confer guidelines.
b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Zimmerman presented the report of the council. The council passed an Academic Freedom Resolution in May and will be developing a preamble that explains why the council believes this document is necessary and will determine the next steps on this issue. Dr. Zimmerman reported that the chancellor added two CUSF members to the Meet and Confer Committee and that the council was briefed in the draft MSDE regulations on the issuance and renewal of Advanced Professional Certificates.

c. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Sullivan shared the goals for CUSS for 2012-13 and reported that the Executive Committee will be undertaking a comprehensive review of the CUSS bylaws. In addition, CUSS will be looking at ways to streamline their work and increase member participation. The council also plans to produce a report that details potential best practices for performance reviews and professional development of Exempt and Nonexempt excluded Staff employees, advocate for additional USM wellness initiatives, and recommend ways to improve awareness of CUSS at all institutions. The Legislative Affairs Committee will be keeping a very close eye on bills that could affect Staff employees, as well as facilitate more regular contact with legislators to further the System’s goals.

d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Cohen provided the report of the council. The council held a retreat on September 9, 2012 during which they set goals and approved a calendar for the year. They also discussed a number of issues including civic engagement, the Maryland DREAM Act, shared governance, the new USM smoking policy, and institutional commitments to sustainability. The goals set by the council include the implementation of the Board policy on student fee review committees, student engagement in the legislative session, a system-wide “peace” day, solutions on alcohol misuse and binge drinking, course redesign and the Marriage Equality referendum.

3. Finance Committee. Regent Kelly provided the report of the Committee.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 13, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 13, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

c. University of Maryland, College Park: Shuttle UM Relocation Authorization Increase. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)

d. University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science: Facilities Master Plan Update. Regent Kelly presented the report.

4. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett reported on the USM fund raising campaign.

5. Economic Development and Technology Commercialization Committee. Regent Attman reported on the work of the committee, including the tracking of new company formation, the status of the USM economic impact study, UM Ventures and the UM Academy for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship activities at UMBC. The committee also discussed various ways to enhance technology commercialism and entrepreneurship.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 13, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 13, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

6. Reconvene to Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.