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 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Columbus Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Ahmed, Attman, Augustine (phone), Brady, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden (phone), Gossett, Gourdine, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen (phone), Rauch (phone), and Slater; new incoming regents Comitz, Neall, and Pevenstein; Presidents Bell, Burnim, Ms. Kropp (on phone for President Boesch) Interim President Chandler, Dudley-Eshbach (phone), Provost Bowling (for President Gibralter), Hrabowski, Loh, Neufville, Mr. Shoneberger (on phone for President Miyares), VP Byington (for President Perman), and SVP Schuckel (for President Schmoke); Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Vivona, Ms. Doyle, and OAG Bainbridge.

Chancellor Kirwan presented an overview of the FY 2016 budget including the proposed tuition and fees, the UMCP proposal for differential pricing, and the non-exempt salary structure for FY 2016.

1. Committee of the Whole.
   a. University System of Maryland: Fiscal Year 2016 Schedule of Tuition and Mandatory Fees

   Ms. Comitz, President of the SGA at the University of Baltimore (UB), testified on the impact of the proposed 5% tuition increase on the students enrolled at UB and recommended two alternative proposals that provide a lower increase in tuition for FY 2016. The regents did not approve any changes to the proposed schedule.

   (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Kelly, approved with 9 votes in favor and 3 opposed)


   Regent Kinkopf expressed concern regarding possible negative impacts from the tuition surcharge and moved that the recommendation be amended by adding a requirement for an annual report that includes trends in enrollment in the programs, student financial aid, diversity of students (including race, gender, and income), etc. After discussion
regarding his concerns, Regent Kinkopf withdrew his amendment after President Loh and Regent Gonzales both indicated that they would ensure that comprehensive reporting on the impact of differential pricing takes place through the Education Policy and Student Life Committee.

Regent Ahmed moved that the following amendments be added to the recommendation:

- After full implementation of the differential (i.e. beyond FY19), the differential will grow up to, and no more than, the annual rate of resident undergraduate tuition.
- No lab fees will be charged in business, engineering and computer sciences classes.
- Students that pursue double or triple majors within the 3 majors (business, computer science and engineering) will be charged only one differential, to be split among the academic units as seen fit. They will not be charged multiple differentials.
- Class standing will be determined by number of credits completed at another college or university.
- Students that pursue semester-long study abroad programs outside of the University of Maryland will not be charged the differential for that semester.
- The University of Maryland will develop and execute a clear plan for accountability and transparency to its stakeholders. This includes tracking the implementation process and reporting items like student benefit, enrollment effects, etc. to the campus community. The University will give a brief update to the Board of Regents on the progress of the differential plan annually until full implementation in FY19.

None of the amendments were seconded.

(Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Attman, approved with 10 votes in favor and 2 opposed)

c. University System of Maryland: Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Ahmed, unanimously approved)

   (Moved by Regent Gonzales, seconded by Regent Attman, unanimously approved)

2. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.