



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
University of Baltimore
October 22, 2010

Minutes of the Public Session

1. Call to Order. Chairman Kendall called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the University of Baltimore. Those in attendance were: Chairman Kendall; Regents Attman, Augustine, Florestano, Gonzales, Gossett, Hall, Hance, Johnson, Kelly, McMillen, Shea, Slater, Vance, and Young; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Goldstein and Vivona; Associate Vice Chancellor Hogan; Assistant Attorney General Travieso and Short; Presidents Aldridge, Avery, Boesch, Bogomolny, Spahr (for Gibraltar), Burnim, Sheehan (for Caret), Allen (for Dudley-Eshbach), Hirshman (for Hrabowski), Orlin (for Perman), Thompson and Wylie (for Acting President Farvardin); USM council representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, USM Staff.
2. Discussion Forum: Course Redesign – New Initiatives. Dr. Spicer and Dr. Shapiro provided presentations to the BOR on two new initiatives in course redesign. Dr. Spicer discussed the efforts underway to scale up the redesign of courses for core curriculum and “gateway” courses at USM institutions. Dr. Shapiro discussed the initiatives to redesign developmental and “bottleneck” courses in Maryland higher education statewide.
3. Welcome from University of Baltimore. President Bogomolny welcomed the regents to the University of Baltimore and provided an update on the status of the University.
4. Committee of the Whole.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 17, 2010. (Moved by Regent Kendall, seconded by Regent Young; unanimously approved.)
 - b. Approval of notes from September 17, 2010 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Johnson, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Approval of meeting minutes from September 27-28, 2010 Board of Regents Retreat. (Moved by Regent Johnson, seconded by Regent Shea; unanimously approved.)
 - d. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan announced that the BOR Chairman, Cliff Kendall, will be inducted into the Greater Washington Government Contractor Hall of Fame for his 40-year-plus innovative career of service and commitment to the

government IT market. He thanked the University of Baltimore (UB) for hosting the meeting.

Chancellor Kirwan provided some highlights of a number of achievements of the USM institutions, including President Barack Obama's visit to Bowie State University earlier this month. He also announced the upcoming Way2GoMaryland event at Harford Community College on Saturday, November 13.

The Chancellor noted that the state's budget situation continues to be very challenging, but preliminary work on the USM's FY 2010 budget has begun with leaders in Annapolis. Once the election is over and the results are known, these efforts will begin in earnest. He reported that both candidates have demonstrated their commitment to higher education.

Chancellor Kirwan reported on the BOR retreat held last month which focused on the USM's new strategic plan. The goal of the new strategic plan is to intensify USM's focus on critical areas, position Maryland as a national leader in college completion, and make the USM even more of a catalyst that will produce the workforce Maryland needs to grow the economy.

The five major themes in the plan are achieving 55 percent of the population having a degree by 2025, advancing Maryland's competitiveness, transforming the academic model, and continuing a focus on exemplary stewardship of resources and commitment to national eminence. The proposed plan will come to the Board for approval on December 3, 2010.

5. Report of Councils

- a. Council of University System Presidents. Dr. Thompson reported on the activities of the Council at their meeting on October 4, 2010. The presidents heard a presentation on the Maryland Charity Campaign and discussed various ways to engage the campus community in the campaign. Chancellor Kirwan reported on the recent BOR retreat on the strategic plan and discussed the next steps in finalizing the plan, which will include the development of a business plan and institutional expectations. The presidents discussed a number of key issues relating to the development and implementation of the new plan. Chancellor Kirwan reported that he is setting up a new task force to delve into the issue of cyber security and provide recommendations to ensure that USM can take the appropriate actions to meet state needs. Mr. Vivona briefed the presidents on the recommendations that will be forthcoming from the workgroups emanating from the Adj. Fac/Grad Assist report. Dr. Goldstein briefed the presidents on CUSF's discussions on the issue of faculty collective bargaining. Chancellor Kirwan reported on his meeting with the GBC Advisory Group regarding the academic programs needed in Harford County. Dr. Caret briefed the presidents on the status of a Towson center at Harford Community College, noting that the proposals have gone to MHEC for approval. Dr. Caret discussed the new process for payment of Conroy Scholarships and expressed concern regarding whether MHEC had sufficient funds to reimburse all institutions. Dr. Caret discussed the CUSP retreat held in June 2009 and the presidents agreed that they wanted to hold another retreat in early January. Finally, the presidents agreed to change the start time for the CUSP meeting to 8:30 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. since presidents can now participate via video conference.

- b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Joyce T. Shirazi, Chair of CUSF, provided a report on CUSF activities. The CUSF General Body met on September 13, 2010 at the University of Baltimore. CUSF voted to endorse the TU Primary Caregiver Policy recommended by the TU-AAUP/Faculty Association and endorsed by the Towson University Senate in spring 2010. The policy offers either a paid parental care leave option, a modified duties option, or a part-time transition option, each in addition to supplementary work-family support initiatives for birth and adoptive parents. The CUSF Executive Committee met on October 4, 2010 at USM and the CUSF General Body met on October 14, 2010 and held a panel discussion on extending the right to consider collective bargaining to USM faculty. CUSF will discuss a proposed resolution and vote on it at the November CUSF General Body Meeting. The CUSF Executive Committee met with the Chancellor and Faculty Senate Chairs on October 15, 2010. Topics at the meeting included the state of shared governance on each campus, furloughs, application of the textbook policy across USM, the Strategic Plan, Mission Statements, and the proposed CUSF resolution to extend the right to consider collective bargaining to USM faculty.
 - c. Council of University System Staff. Willie Brown, Chair of CUSS, provided a report on the council's activities. The Council approved a resolution to limit the amount of representatives per institution to a maximum of three with corresponding alternates and, in order to provide better guidance to the criteria the Council judges nominations for the BOR Staff Awards, the Council created a set of examples to go along with each category. The Council finalized a set of canned messages and other content for messages to all Maryland Legislators making them aware of the ways that USM staff contribute to the mission of the University System of Maryland. Finally, a copy of the CUSS Annual Newsletter was distributed.
 - d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Valerie Streets reported on the activities of the council. New officers are Vice Chair, Deketa Wall (Coppin State University) and Secretary-Treasurer, Emmanuel Welsh (Towson University). The Council discussed the Strategic Plan mostly in regard to the subjects of diversity and messaging; focusing especially on messaging related to student outreach. The Council supports a launch campaign for the plan and would like to look into a launch for students as well, particularly in areas of special concern for students. The Council also recommends that each institution review their policies on harassment and invasion of privacy.
6. Education Policy Committee. Regent Florestano provided the report of the Education Policy Committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 16, 2010. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)
7. Finance Committee. Regent Kelly provided the report of the Finance Committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 7, 2010. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Johnson; unanimously approved.)
 - b. University of Maryland, College Park: Shuttle UM Relocation. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

- c. Energy Performance Contracts at Bowie State University, Towson University, and University of Maryland, Baltimore County. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano—Regent Shea abstained on Towson contract. Motion approved.)
- 8. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett provided the report of the Advancement Committee.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 6, 2010. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Johnson; unanimously approved.)
- 9. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Johnson noted that the MOUs approved by the BOR at the September 17, 2010 meeting in executive session were included in the public agenda as required.
- 10. Reconvene to Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Johnson, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Audio CDs of the meeting are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.