Minutes of the Public Session

1. Call to Order. Vice Chair Florestano called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Those in attendance were: Vice Chair Florestano; Regents Attman, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kelly, McMillen, Reid, Shea, Slater, Vance, Wojciechowski and Young; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Goldstein, Hogan, and Vivona; Assistant Attorneys General Faulk and Short; Presidents: Aldridge, Avery, Bogomolny, Burnim, Childs (for Gibralter), Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loeschke, Loh, Interim President Neufville, and Perman; USM Council representatives; Ms. Doyle, and USM Staff.

2. Welcome from the University of Maryland, College Park. Dr. Loh welcomed the regents to the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) and provided an update on the status of UMCP.

3. Committee of the Whole.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 2, 2011 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting notes from December 2, 2011 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

   c. Approval of meeting minutes from December 9, 2011 Special Board Meeting. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

   d. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2012 Special Board Meeting. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

   e. Security Exclusion Resolution. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
f. Progress Report on the Restructuring of UMBI. Dr. Nuss, Director of IBBR, and Dr. Hill, Interim Director of IMET, provided status reports on the establishment of two joint research centers.

g. Update on Status of the Coalition Case. Mr. Faulk, Assistant Attorney General, briefed the BOR on the status of the coalition case.

h. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan thanked Dr. Wallace Loh and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) for hosting the meeting and noted some major accomplishments of the institution during the past year. Some remarkable things are happening on this campus since we last met. The Chancellor also highlighted a number of accomplishments at other University System of Maryland institutions.

The Chancellor briefed the BOR on the 2012 legislative session, noting that Regent Florestano, Regent Gossett, and he had the opportunity to testify before both the House of Delegates and the State Senate on Governor O’Malley’s proposed FY 2013 budget for the USM which includes state support to “buy down” the in-state, undergraduate tuition increase from 5 percent to 3 percent. Given the rise in mandatory costs—healthcare, retirement, debt service, new facility operating costs, increased financial aid costs, etc.—the proposed budget will enable USM to stay “level” next year.

Chancellor Kirwan also reported on a new initiative in the Governor’s proposed budget - Maryland Innovation Initiative. If approved, this effort would bring together Maryland’s public and private research universities, federal research labs, the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), and other members of the state’s technology community to foster innovation, create new jobs and companies, and better capitalize on promising discoveries.

Dr. Kirwan reported that he has been working closely with UMCP President Wallace Loh and UMB President Jay Perman to develop an implementation plan for the Strategic Alliance, highlighting that the first phase of that plan will be reported to the legislature in early March.

The Chancellor closed his remarks by noting that President Obama, in his State of the Union Address last month, acknowledged higher education as “an economic imperative” and voiced strong support for both higher education and academic research. The President also called upon states to invest in higher education, challenged colleges and universities to moderate tuition hikes, and made specific reference to the impact of cost control efforts and course redesign.


a. President Burnim reported on the Council’s meeting on February 6, 2012. The presidents discussed the 2012 legislative session, issues related to collective bargaining, and were briefed on the status of the coalition case. Mr. Vivona discussed the feedback received from the USM review of the changes to the family leave, briefed the presidents on the status of the study on intercollegiate athletics and indicated that the draft report will be shared with them. The presidents discussed the issue of adopting a policy for all USM institutions to have smoke free campuses. Dr. Wolfe reported on the Regent Faculty Awards.
b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Virletta Bryant presented the report for the Council. CUSF General Body met on Thursday, December 8, 2011 and Friday, January 20, 2012. The issues discussed at these meetings included a discussion of the Dream Act, the UMCP/UMB Merger Study, the Coalition Lawsuit, the USM Budget, and the USM public corporation status. The Council was briefed on the proposed USM Child Abuse Policy. There were many CUSF concerns regarding the proposed policy. The Council was also provided with information on the Proposed Family Leave Policy and was asked to provide input. The Council was briefed on the proposed policy revisions to the USM Appointment, Rank, and Tenure document.

The CUSF Executive Committee also met with Chancellor Kirwan and the Faculty Senate Chairs on December 9, 2011 and discussed many of the topics noted above as well as faculty workload concerns and faculty access to all faculty email lists.

c. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Brown reported that the Council discussed the following issues: the Dream Act, communication strategies, the annual CUSS visit to the General Assembly, and strategy to review the performance evaluation and development practices for non-collective bargaining staff.

d. University System of Maryland Student Council. A written report from the USMSC was provided. The Council met with representatives from CASA de Maryland to discuss the Dream Act and also discussed SB 809 which would establish a sales tax holiday for textbooks.

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

a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting notes from January 26, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

c. University of Maryland, College Park: Facilities Master Plan. Regent Kelly reported on the UMCP FMP.

6. Education Policy Committee. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report of the Committee.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Slater; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2012 Executive Session.

c. USM Institutions and Regional Centers: Mission and Goals Statements Final Approval. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

d. New Academic Program Proposals.

i. Frostburg State University: Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Wojciechowski; unanimously approved.)
ii. University of Baltimore: M.A. in Global Affairs and Human Security.  (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

iii. Results of Periodic Reviews of Academic Programs. Regent Michaux Gonzales briefed the regents on the report.

iv. Universities at Shady Grove: Inter-Campus, Inter-Professional Educational Curricular Initiatives. Regent Michaux Gonzales briefed the regents on the report.

v. UMB: System-wide Inter-Professional Education Initiative. Regent Michaux Gonzales briefed the regents on the report.

vi. External Funding Report. Regent Michaux Gonzales briefed the regents on the report.

7. Effectiveness and Efficiency Committee. Regent Slater provided the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2012 Public Session.  (Moved by Regent Slater, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
   b. 2010-11 Dashboard Indicators. Regent Slater briefed the regents on the report.
   d. Course Redesign Update. Regent Slater briefed the regents on the report.
   e. USM Public Corporation Initiative. Regent Slater briefed the regents on the report.

8. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett provided the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from February 1, 2012.  (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Vance; unanimously approved.)
   b. Campaign Report. Regent Gossett provided the report.
   c. Cost of Fundraising Summary Report. Regent Gossett provided the report.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2012 Public Session.  (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
   b. Approval of meeting notes from January 26, 2012 Executive Session.  (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
   c. USM Economic Impact Study. Regent Attman provided the report.
10. Audit and Inst. Assessment Committee. Regent McMillan provided the report of the committee.
   
a. Approval of meeting notes from December 16, 2012.

11. Reconvene to Executive Session. (Regent Florestano moved, Regent Michaux Gonzales seconded and it was unanimously approved to reconvene in Executive Session.) The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.