



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
Coppin State University
December 7, 2012

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 8:31 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2012 at Coppin State University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Augustine, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Hershkowitz, Johnson, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen, Reid, Slater, Vance, and Young; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, and Vivona; Assistant Attorneys General Faulk and Short; Presidents Avery, Bell, Boesch, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Gibraltar, Loeschke, Loh, Miyares, Hrabowski, Perman, and Provost Joseph Wood (for Bogomolny); USM Council representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and USM Staff.

Welcome from Coppin State University (CSU). Dr. Avery welcomed the regents to the Coppin State University and provided an update on the status of CSU.

1. Committee of the Whole.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 2, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
- b. Approval of meeting minute notes from November 2, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
- c. Approval of meeting notes from November 18 and 19, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Hance; unanimously approved.)
- d. Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Kirwan thanked Coppin State University and President Reginald Avery for hosting the BOR meeting. He noted that President Avery is resigning his position effective January 22, 2013 and Mortimer Neufville has agreed to serve as interim president at Coppin until a successor is named and joins the Coppin community. Dr. Kirwan highlighted the recent progress at CSU. He also announced that the BOR will be considering the creation of a new "Coppin Committee" to reexamine the university's mission and goals in order to strengthened this institution and build upon its progress.

Chancellor Kirwan reviewed recent USM activities, including the partnership with Ithaca S+R to measure how well online learning platforms are working. This effort is being funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the Gates Foundation. The Business-Higher Education Forum (BHEF) received a \$400,000 multi-year grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to partner with the USM to expand and scale opportunities for Maryland students in the growing field of cyber security. Finally, he reported that a search is underway for a director to lead the USM's new academic transformation center, now formally called the Center for Innovation and Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CIELT). This center will enable the USM to secure and expand its leadership position in course redesign and other innovative teaching models for the benefit of its students.

Chancellor Kirwan reviewed the highlights of campus activities, accomplishments and recognitions.

- e. Review of Coppin State University. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

2. Report of Councils.

- a. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Sullivan reported on the activities of the Council. A joint meeting was held on November 13 with CUSS and USMSC. The Council is reviewing their 2012-13 goals, the 2013 Regents Awards, a letter to be sent to legislators during the 2013 session, and is updating the list of discounts available to USM employees.
- b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Zimmerman reported on the joint CUSF, CUSS, and USMSC meeting and provided a CUSF resolution on academic freedom.
- c. Council of University System Presidents. President Burnim reported on the activities of the Council, noting that they held a retreat on November 5, 2012. The discussion topics included the presidents' climate commitments, best practices for student success, fostering institutional collaborations, and emerging issues in higher education. At the December CUSP meeting the presidents discussed the preliminary FY 2014 budget, changes in CUSP meetings based on feedback from the retreat, a USM-MACC Report on competency-based credits and status of meet and confer efforts.
- d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Cohen reported on the Council activities. The Council was briefed on course redesign and discussed shared governance, sustainability, the meeting with Governor O'Malley, voter registration efforts and the upcoming legislative session. The Council also created two workgroups – one to study differential tuition and STEM funding models and the implementation of shared governance on each campus.

3. Committee on Education Policy.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent McMillen; unanimously approved.)

- b. Approval of meeting notes from November 19, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent McMillen; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Change in Name of the Committee on Education Policy. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Vance; unanimously approved.)
 - d. Foreign Language Instruction in the USM: Conversation with the Chief Academic Officers. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - e. Academic Innovation Centers at USM Institutions. Regent Michaux Gonzales reported on the presentations from centers at TU, UMCP, and UMUC.
 - f. Report on the Workload of the USM Faculty. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - g. Report on Opening Fall Enrollments. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
4. Committee on Finance.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 15, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
 - b. Approval of meeting notes from November 15, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Revision to Board of Regents Policy VIII-5.30 –Policy on Endowment Fund Spending Rule. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
 - d. University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science: Facilities Master Plan Update. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
 - e. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Approval of Scientific Supplies and Equipment. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; approved; Regent Shea abstained from the vote)
 - f. University of Maryland, Baltimore County: Increase in Authorization for the Residence Hall Renovations/Addition Project. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
 - g. Opening Fall 2012 Enrollment and FY 2013 Estimated FTE Report. Regent Kelly presented the report.
 - h. Financial Aid Report FY 2007 – FY 2011. Regent Kelly presented the report.
 - i. University System of Maryland: Report on FY 2011-12 Procurement Contracts. Regent Kelly presented the report.

5. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 15, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
 - b. Approval of meeting notes from November 15, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

6. Committee on Advancement.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 31, 2012 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Slater; unanimously approved.)
 - b. Approval of meeting notes from October 31, 2012 Executive Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Slater; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Campaign Report. Regent Gossett presented the report.
 - d. USM Branding Campaign. Regent Gossett presented the report.

Chairman Shea read a statement regarding Board of Regents closed meetings (attached).

7. Reconvene to Executive Session. Regent Florestano moved for the adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Regent Gooden. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



**Statement on Board of Regents Closed Meetings
December 7, 2012**

As has been reported, the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents met on November 18, 2012, and November 19, 2012, in hastily convened closed sessions to consider confidential information about the University of Maryland, College Park's (UMCP's) application to move to the Big Ten. The representative of the Office of the Maryland Attorney General who serves as the board's general counsel was present at each meeting.

The board and USM officials acknowledge and sincerely regret that the public notice and closing procedures required by the Maryland Open Meetings Act were not followed with regard to the two sessions. However, the matters discussed at each meeting were proper subjects for closed-session discussions in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

As both USM Board Chair James L. Shea and USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan said in an earlier statement, UMCP's move to the Big Ten did not require the board's approval. But it was important to both the university and the system that the board understands and supports the implications of such a significant move.

The USM board and officials and the Attorney General's Office are thoroughly reviewing their practices to ensure that the USM vigilantly adheres to all of the Open Meetings Act's procedural as well as substantive requirements.

Recently, USM regents and officials learned that a complaint has been filed against the Board of Regents with the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board. The USM board will participate fully in the compliance board's process and looks forward to the compliance board's conclusions and instructions on the practices for meetings that must be held in executive session on short notice.

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