University System of Maryland Board of Regents
University of Maryland, College Park
September 20, 2013

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 20, 2013 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Gooden, Gossett, Kelly, Kinkopf, Manizade, Rauch, Reid, Slater, and Turner; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, and Vivona; Assistant Attorneys General Faulk; Presidents Bell, Bogomolny, Burnim, Vice President Kropp (for Bogomolny), Provost Timothy Chandler (for Loeschke), Dudley-Eshbach, Gibralter, Miyares, Neufville, Perman, and Vice President Lynne Schaeffer (for Hrabowski); USM Council representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and USM Staff.

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

1. Committee of the Whole.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from August 30, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

   b. Board of Regents’ Staff Awards. Chairman Shea acknowledged the recipients of the USM Staff Awards and noted their significant achievements in support of their institutions.

   c. Resolution on Defense Security Service. (Moved by Regent Slater, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

   d. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan welcomed everyone to the first University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents meeting of the new academic year including the new student regent, Samim Manizade. He also thanked and congratulated the winners of the Regents Staff Awards.
The Chancellor highlighted a number of the many accomplishments at the USM institutions but noted that his written report includes a more comprehensive description of these accomplishments.

Chancellor Kirwan provided a few comments about important matters that will be discussed in the coming weeks and months, including the beginning stages of USM’s budget for Fiscal Year 2015. He stressed the importance of continuing to link the budget to the elements of the USM Strategic Plan and the USM’s economic impact. He also noted that in two weeks, the Board of Regents will hold its annual retreat, which will include discussions on issues surrounding financial aid, enrollment management, and information technology impacts on administrative and academic operations. Further, during the coming year, USM is celebrating its 25th anniversary by highlighting the system’s impact on the quality of life throughout Maryland and beyond.

Chancellor Kirwan also addressed the higher education conversation that has been elevated as President Obama unveiled a comprehensive plan to advance his goals for college completion and affordability. Both Freeman Hrabowski and Chancellor Kirwan were invited to the White House several months ago and had an opportunity to contribute to some of the proposals that the President presented which has three major components: Pay for Performance, Promote Innovation and Competition, and Ensure Student Debt Remains Affordable. Many aspects of this plan mirror ideas that the state of Maryland and USM have embraced and implemented.

Finally, Chancellor Kirwan announced that Bob Bogomolny, President of the University of Baltimore, recently announced his retirement after more than a decade leading the University, highlighted his significant achievements and thanked him for his leadership.


f. Request to Address the Board: Mr. Thomas Hearn. Mr. Thomas Hearn addressed the BOR regarding his concern of concussions in intercollegiate football and other sports. A copy of his comments was distributed to the BOR and included as part of the record of the meeting. His concerns will be reviewed by the BOR workgroup on Intercollegiate Athletics.


a. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Crockett provided the report of the Council, noting the new Executive Committee for the coming year. The Executive Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of council practices and procedures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, and engagement. The Benefits & Compensation Committee plans to focus on the goals from last year as well as to review issues of tuition remission, best practices for PMP reviews, dissemination of wellness discounts that are available, and assessment of ORP options at USM and other peer systems. The Community Outreach and Recognition Committee will focus on the annual USM Board of Regents Awards and ways to improve awareness of CUSS and shared governance at all USM
institutions. The Communications Committee will focus on improving methodology and content management of communication processes. The Policy & Legislation committee plans to continue to be an active and engaged body in the coming year.

b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Zimmerman provided the report of the Council, noting the transitional CUSF Executive Committee meeting on August 1, 2013 and the incoming Executive Committee members. The first CUSF Executive Committee meeting was September 3, 2013 and the first full CUSF meeting will be September 17, 2013 at Coppin State University. The CUSF Executive committee has agreed to work with the USMSC on ways to reduce the cost of textbooks. The first annual CUSF report on shared governance was sent to the Chancellor and shared with the Presidents at the Chancellor’s Council on September 3, 2013. In the September 17, 2013 CUSF meeting the ad hoc committee on shared governance will report and the general body will debate that report.

c. Council of University System Presidents. President Dudley-Eshbach provided the report of the Council meetings on August 5 and September 3, 2013. The topics discussed at these meetings were: Presidents’ meetings with the BOR; the development of the FY 2015 operating budget; Performance funding proposal; Whiteboards and campus safety; Financial aid analysis and BOR focus; Labor relations developments; legal issues relating to the use of the common application; CUSF/CUSS proposal on tuition waiver policy; MHEC request for institutional emergency plans; and a briefing on the AAAC retreat.

d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Jalandoni reported on the activities of the Council. The Council met as a full body to discuss its new structure and upcoming initiatives at its summer retreat on August 25th at Hidden Waters. The initiatives for the coming year include the Maryland Open Source Textbook Initiative, with an introductory workshop in the Fall 2013 and a Spring 2014 pilot that will collect and analyze data to accurately evaluate cost savings, learning gains, and other impacts of adopting open source textbooks; first annual Federal Lobby Day on November 12th; a survey of all institutions to identify their early polling site proximity to campus and to ensure early polling sites will be in an appropriate location to fully utilize the new provisions in the Improving Access to Voting Act of 2013; planning for the most appropriate actions to encourage increased sustainability from the system and students; construct an outreach plan on the Affordable Care Act to ensure that students are fully aware of the impact the legislation will have on them and to educate targeted students; and explore areas for improvement and expansion for the mental health and public safety of students.

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

a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 12, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gooden, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 12, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Gooden, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

c. University System of Maryland: Resolution on Spending System Cash Balances on
Revenue Bond-Authorized Projects. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)

d. University of Maryland, College Park: Laboratory for Physical Sciences Lease Extension. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)

e. University of Maryland, College Park: Consulting Services for the Implementation of the Kuali Financial System. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)


g. University System of Maryland (USM): Briefing on the USM’s Response to the Affordable Care Act. Regent Kelly presented the report.

4. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett provided the report of the committee.

5. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman provided the report of the committee.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 12, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 12, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

6. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf provided the report of the committee.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from August 7, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

7. Reconvene to Executive Session. Chairman Shea read the motion for the BOR to close the meeting to discuss issues specifically exempted from the open meetings act under State Government Article §10-508(a) for the reasons delineated in the stated in the Convening in Closed Session statement. Regent Gooden moved for the adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Regent Reid, unanimously approved by Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Gooden, Gossett, Kelly, Kinkopf, Manizade, Rauch, Reid, Slater, and Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.