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 8:32 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013 at the Universities at Shady Grove. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Augustine, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kelly, Kinkopf, Manizade, McMillen, Rauch, Slater and Turner; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, and Vivona; Assistant Attorney General Bainbridge; Presidents Bell, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Gibralter, Hrabowski, Vice President for Administration Erica Kropp (for Boesch), Loeschke, Miyares, Neufville, Perman, Provost Mary Ann Rankin (for Loh), SVP of Academic Affairs Harry Schuckel (for Bogomolny); USM Council Representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and USM Staff.

Welcome from the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). Executive Director Stewart Edelstein welcomed the regents to the Universities at Shady Grove and provided an update on the status of USG.

1. Committee of the Whole.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 1, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Manizade; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from November 1, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Gossett, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

   c. Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2013 Special Board Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Hance, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

   d. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Kirwan thanked the Universities at Shady Grove, and Executive Director Stewart Edelstein for hosting the meeting and noted the incredible impact of USG on the priorities of access, affordability, and completion and the goals of workforce development and competitiveness. He highlighted the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success—or ACES—program that creates opportunities for underrepresented minority and first-generation college students from
Montgomery County Public Schools. The Chancellor noted the numerous highlights and achievements at all of the USM institutions.

The Chancellor reported that he had the opportunity to testify before the United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) on the USM’s leadership in academic transformation and noted the strong interest in using sophisticated technology to simultaneously improve learning outcomes and address the cost of education delivery. The HELP Committee announced the formation of a Task Force on Higher Education Federal Regulations consisting of a group of 14 presidents and chancellors from across the country who will examine federal regulations of higher education and make recommendations to streamline and improve these regulations. The Chancellor noted that he would serve as co-chair of the task force along with Chancellor Nick Zeppos from Vanderbilt.

The Chancellor also reported that, in response to U.S. District Judge Catherine Blake’s order, the state of Maryland and representatives from Maryland’s historically black institutions (HBIs) are preparing to begin mediation to determine how best to address the concerns raised by the court. He said that while the USM was not named in the lawsuit, the USM is committed to working closely with both sides on this issue and pledged to keep the BOR informed as the process moves forward.

Chancellor Kirwan noted that there have been a number of meetings in the past weeks as USM works to formulate its FY 2015 budget; much more information will be available after the Governor releases his budget in January.

The Chancellor highlighted the activities celebrating USM’s 25th anniversary and thanked institutions that donated prizes in support of this effort. He noted that a video was recently posted in which Governor O’Malley congratulates USM on its 25 years of service to the state.

Finally, the Chancellor reported that Norm Augustine was presented with the George Brown Award for International Scientific Cooperation from CRDF Global, an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration and Regent Tom McMillen was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2013.

2. BOR Task Force on Enabling Transformation Through Technology. Regent Gooden reported on the organizational meeting of the new task force. She reviewed the membership, scope and charge for the task force, and noted that she anticipated that a draft report would be completed by May 2014.

   a. Council of University System Presidents. Dr. Dudley-Eshbach provided the report.
   b. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Fox provided the report.
   c. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Crockett provided the report.
d. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Zimmerman provided the report.

4. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report of the committee.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 20, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from November 20, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

   c. Financial Aid Panel. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report.

   d. Report on Campus Mental Health Services. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report.

   e. Report on the Instructional Workload of the USM Faculty. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report.

   f. Report on Opening Fall 2013 Enrollment and FY 2014 Estimated FTE. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report.

   g. Report on the Teacher Education Summit. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report.

5. Committee on Finance

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2013 Closed Session. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

   b. Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2013 Public Session. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

   c. The Universities at Shady Grove: Facilities Master Plan Update. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

   d. Towson University: Sale of University House Located at 3903 Greenway, Baltimore, Maryland. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

   e. University of Maryland, College Park: Sale of Real Property to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation, Inc. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; Regent Kinkopf recused himself; motion approved.)

a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

b. Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Florestano, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

7. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf presented the report.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

b. Update on University of Baltimore presidential search process. Regent Kinkopf presented the report.

8. Reconvene to Closed 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 Convening in Closed Session statement. Regent Florestano moved for the adjournment of the public session, seconded by Regent Hance, unanimously approved by Chairman Shea; Regents Augustine, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kelly, Kinkopf, Manizade, McMillen, Rauch, Slater and Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Since the next BOR meeting is February 14, 2014, more than 60 days after the December 6, 2013 meeting, the minutes were sent to the BOR via email on December 16, 2013 for review and approval. The minutes were approved by email by the following regents on December 16 and 17, 2013: Chairman Shea; Regents Florestano, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen, Rauch, Reid, Slater, and Turner. Documentation of approval is maintained in the USM BOR office as part of the documentation for the December 6, 2013 BOR meeting.