

University System of Maryland Board of Regents University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science November 1, 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 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES). Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kelly, Kinkopf, Manizade, McMillen, Rauch, Reid, and Turner; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, and Vivona; Assistant Attorney General Faulk; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Bogomolny, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loeschke, Loh, Miyares, Neufville, Perman and Chief of Staff Stephen Spahr (for Gibralter); USM Council Representatives; Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and USM Staff.

Educational Forum: Maryland's Approach to Environmental Sustainability. Mr. Fox introduced the forum and Mr. Gill, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Gill provided a presentation on the initiatives in Maryland to advance environmental sustainability.

Welcome from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. President Boesch welcomed the regents to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and provided an update on the status of UMCES.

1. Committee of the Whole.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 20, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
- b. Approval of meeting minutes from September 20, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
- c. Approval of meeting minutes from October 3-4, 2013 Board Retreat Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)
- d. Policy on Student Social Media Privacy. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
- e. Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Kirwan thanked the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) and President Don Boesch for hosting the

meeting and noted Dr. Boesch's leadership as UMCES president and USM's vice chancellor for environmental sustainability. He also highlighted the numerous achievements of Dr. Boesch and UMCES as well as recent accomplishments at other USM institutions.

He reported that every USM institution is reaching out to students, faculty, and staff with information regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), making sure all necessary information about health benefits, eligibility, options, are made available.

The Chancellor announced that CRDF Global—an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration—will honor Regent Norm Augustine with the 2013 George Brown Award for International Scientific Cooperation and Regent Tom McMillen has been elected to the board of directors of the Humane Society of the United States.

Dr. Kirwan briefed the board on the rulings last month by U.S. District Judge Catherine Blake who issued three opinions stemming from the long-standing civil rights case impacting higher education in Maryland. First, the court found that the state has worked to expand the roles of historically black institutions (HBIs) to mitigate the effects of past discrimination during the era of segregation. Second, the judge also found that the Maryland's HBIs have not been underfunded by the state. The court also issued an opinion stating that there is unnecessary duplication of academic programs among the state's public higher education institutions. Judge Blake ordered that the state and plaintiffs go into mediation to resolve this issue.

The Chancellor also reported on the development of USM's budget for FY 2015, which is still in the preliminary stages.

Dr. Kirwan announced that immediately following the public board meeting there will be a press event about the construction of a USM building on the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center (SMHEC) campus. The new building will address the education and research needs of Southern Maryland and the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Regent Pat Florestano serves as chair of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Council, which is charged with developing a strategy and providing recommendations to improve access to higher education for Southern Maryland residents. The council will present its final report by December 1, 2013, which will help inform the exact educational and research activities that will eventually be housed in this new building.

f. Agreement with Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Chancellor Kirwan reported on the proposed agreement.

2. Committee on Finance

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 17, 2013 Closed Session. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
- b. Approval of meeting minutes from October 17, 2013 Public Session. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)

- c. The Universities at Shady Grove: Facilities Master Plan Update. Regent Kelly presented the report.
- d. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Contract Renewal for Scientific Supplies. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
- e. Towson University: Increase Authorization for Newell and Richmond Halls Renovations. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
- f. Towson University: Increase Authorization for Ward and West Halls Renovations. (Move by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Florestano; unanimously approved.)
- g. Towson University: Smith Hall project Alternative Site Study. Regent Kelly presented the report.
- h. University of Maryland, College Park: Sale of Property to Prince George's County to Provide a Right-of-Way for a Bridge Crossing of the CSX Tracks. Regent Kelly presented the report.

3. Report of Councils.

- a. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Zimmerman provided the report.
- b. Council of University System Presidents. Dr. Dudley-Eshbach provided the report.
- c. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Fox provided the report.
- d. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Crockett 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 October 15, 2013 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
 - b. Approval of meeting minutes from October 15, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Role and Function of the Education Policy and Student Life Committee. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - d. Board's Charge to Education Policy and Student Life Regarding Financial Aid. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - e. Tentative Annual Agenda, 2013-2014. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.

- f. Library Consortium Resources. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
- g. Maryland Open Source Textbook Initiative. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
- h. Report on Academic Program Actions Delegated to the Chancellor, 2012-2013. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
- i. New Programs 5-Year Enrollment Review Process. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
- 5. Committee on Audit. Regent McMillen presented the report.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 17, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
- 6. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf presented the report.
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 18, 2013 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
- 7. Briefing and Remarks by Congressman Steny Hoyer. Congressman Hoyer briefed the BOR on current issues at the federal level and on the Southern Maryland region.
- 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 stated in the *Convening in Closed Session statement*. Chairman Shea noted that a separate event would be held immediately following the public session that is not part of the BOR meeting a press conference on the Agreement with Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. The closed session meeting of the Board will convene immediately following the conclusion of the press conference. Regent Reid moved for the adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Regent Attman, unanimously approved by Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Hance, Kinkopf, Manizade, McMillen, Rauch, Reid, and Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.