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, December 12, 2014 at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Ahmed, Attman, Augustine, Michaux Gonzales, Gossett, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen, Motz, Rauch, Reid, and Slater; Presidents Boesch, Burnim, Acting President Chandler, Dr. Dane Foust (for Dudley-Eshbach), Gibralter, Dr. Philip Rous (for Hrabowski), Loh, Miyares, Neufville, Perman, and Schmoke; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Vivona, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and OAG Bainbridge.

Welcome from the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Mr. Halsey welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments at USMH.

1. Committee of the Whole.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 24, 2014 Public and Closed Sessions; and, November 25, 2014 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

b. Technical Amendments to BOR Policies. Ms. Doyle presented the information concerning the amendments. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Ahmed; unanimously approved.)

c. Establishment of Ad Hoc Workgroup on Productivity and Effectiveness.

d. Chancellor’s Report. The Chancellor thanked the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown and Executive Director Mark Halsey for hosting the meeting and highlighted some of the recent achievements at USMH. He reported that UM Ventures, the tech transfer office that is part of the MPowering partnership, announced its first equity investment. The Chancellor highlighted a number of achievements across the USM system as well as recognitions received by a number of USM regents: The Baltimore Sun's 100 Top Workplaces Rankings for 2014 included Kelly & Associates Insurance Group, founded by Regent Frank Kelly and FutureCare Health and Management Corporation, co-founded by Regent Gary Attman and the Tech Council of Maryland announced that it will honor former Lockheed Martin CEO and current USM regent Norm Augustine with a 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award.
The Chancellor also noted a number of recognitions he will be receiving including the Tech Council’s Lifetime Achievement Award, the Tech Council and the MdBio Foundation Maryland STEM Champion Award and one of five finalists for The (Baltimore) Sun’s Marylander of the Year.

Chancellor Kirwan concluded his remarks by providing a brief update on the status of budget negotiations and the upcoming legislative session. He reported that discussions have begun with Governor-elect Hogan’s Transition Team and information has been provided regarding USM’s impact on the state through our education and research components, as well as broad-based economic development, public service, and quality-of-life terms. He noted that Maryland has a significant budget deficit and the System faces a possible cut to our current budget between $40 to $80 million; some campuses have already implemented various spending restrictions.


a. Council of University System Presidents. President Burnim reported that the presidents discussed the following issues at their recent meeting: recent meetings with representatives of Governor-elect Hogan, inquiries from DBM and DLS staff on USM tuition remission benefits, interest of unions in negotiating the non-exempt pay plan, the potential impact of DBM proposals for health care for postdoctoral students and the establishment of a new BOR Taskforce on effectiveness and efficiency.

b. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. McGee provided the report of the student council. USMSC activities included conducting interviews for the student regent position for the coming year and discussing the Council’s legislative agenda and state lobby day.

c. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Crockett reported that the Council held meetings in October and November; topics discussed in the meeting included the Biennial Nonexempt Market Salary Survey and Report, briefing on UMD’s efforts on Behavior Evaluation and Threat Assessment, status of shared governance roles in the USM, briefing on activities at the state and national level impacting higher education and feedback on 2015 State Employees Health Benefit packages.

d. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Bryant presented the Council report. The Council passed 3 resolutions on shared governance and were briefed on Behavioral Evaluation and Treat Assessment programs, the status of shared governance roles in the USM, and activities at the state and national level impacting higher education,

3. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report of the committee.

a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 4, 2014 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Rauch; unanimously approved.)

b. New Academic Program Proposals.

i. Salisbury University: M.S. in Athletic Training. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Augustine; unanimously approved.)

c. Report on Opening Fall Enrollment. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.

e. Update: Sexual Misconduct Policy and Initiatives. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.

f. Intercollegiate Athletics. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.

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

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 20, 2014 Closed and Public Sessions. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Ahmed; unanimously approved.)
   b. University of Maryland University College: Facilities Master Plan. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
   c. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Contract Renewal for Scientific Supplies. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Rauch; unanimously approved.)
   d. University of Maryland, College Park: Renovation, Conversion, and Expansion of the Cole Student Activities Building. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; one nay response by Regent Ahmed; motion passed.)

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

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 20, 2014 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent McMillen; unanimously approved.)

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

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2014 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

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

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 5, 2014 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

8. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine provided the report of the committee.

9. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chairman Shea read the “convene to close” statement citing the topics for the closed session and the relevant statutory authority for closing the meeting (10-508(a)(8)). (Moved by Regent McMillen, seconded by Regent Kelly; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.