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 8:34 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Augustine, Bartenfelder, Brady, Comitz, Gooden, Gossett, Gourdine, Michaux Gonzales, Kelly, Kinkopf, Neall, Pevenstein, Rauch, Reid and Slater; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Interim President Bowling, Burnim, Interim President Chandler, Greg Prince (for Dudley-Eshbach), Hrabowski, Perman, Loh, Miyares, Schmoke, and Thompson; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Vivona; Ms. Doyle, and AAG Bainbridge.

Welcome from the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). Dr. Loh welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments of UMCP.

1. Committee of the Whole.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 9, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions; and October 23, 2015 Public and Closed Board Retreat. (Moved by Regent Shea, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)
   b. Waiver of Certain Residence Requirements for Relocating Employees of the FBI. (Moved by Regent Neall, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
   c. Resolution in Support of Maryland Charity Campaign. (Moved by Regent Rauch, seconded by Regent Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
   d. UMCP Naming Request. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Reid) Chairman Shea invited the two individuals who requested to speak in opposition to the issue, Mayor Lawson and Mr. DesRoches, to address the BOR. Following their comments, Chairman Shea invited other members in the audience to speak. There were seven speakers: Dr. Thorton-Dill, Dr. Gooden, UMCP Provost Rankin, Mr. Brown, Patrick Ronk, President of SGA at UMCP, and Mr. Byrd spoke in support of the item; Ms. Turkos provided a history on Curly Byrd. Chairman Shea invited UMCP President Wallace Loh to provide comment. President Loh noted that both views on the issue are valid and that he chose a compromise approach after consultation with the campus community and other constituencies. Regent Neall proposed an amendment to delete the proposed new name for Byrd Stadium - “Maryland Stadium” - from the motion. (Moved by Regent Neall, seconded by Regent Augustine; 2 in favor and 12 against, amendment was not adopted) Chairman Shea asked regents to provide their vote on the item. (12 regents voted in favor of the motion and 5 regents voted against the motion; approved)
Chairman Shea recognized Ms. Spaur, Director of the UMCP Student Government Association’s Sustainability Committee, who provided a resolution urging Chancellor Caret and USMF President Raley to divest funds that are in fossil fuels. Chairman Shea reported that a meeting was being scheduled with the students, the Chancellor and the Foundation President.

e. Chancellor’s Report. The Chancellor briefed the regents on the status of the USM FY 2017 budget, which included an enhancement request. He met with Secretary Brinkley and Maryland State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp to share his vision for the USM and discuss the FY 2017 Budget. He also had numerous conversations with the Governor and Lt. Governor, leadership in the House and Senate, and other legislators on the budget and USM’s role in the state. The Chancellor introduced Patrick Hogan who joined the USM as vice chancellor for government relations. Finally, Chancellor Caret announced that Chairman Shea established a BOR Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion to take a closer look at racial and related issues at USM institutions.

   a. Council of University System Presidents. Dr. Don Boesch presented the report of the council from the December 7, 2015 meeting. The presidents discussed issues and concerns on diversity and inclusion that have been raised at their respective institutions. They were briefed on the status of the FY2017 budget, the issue of indirect cost recovery on State grants and contracts, proposed changes by the Dept. of Labor on overtime rules, and issues related to the Physician Assistant program at UMES. President Dudley-Eshbach reported on the AASCU event in Cuba. The presidents discussed the action items and next steps from the CUSP retreat.
   b. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Sampson presented the report of the council. At their December 6, 2015 meeting, the student council discussed the climate on their respective institutions regarding diversity and inclusion and identified a number of areas that need to be addressed.
   c. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Wimbish presented the report of the council. The following topics were discussed at the Council’s November meeting: process for BOR Staff Awards, CUSS newsletter, telework policy, outreach plans for advocacy with the members of the General Assembly and feedback on shared governance at the USM institutions.
   d. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Bryant presented the report of the council. The Council was briefed on course redesign efforts at Frostburg State University and discussed evaluating shared governance at USM institutions. On November 9, 2015, CUSF held a joint meeting with CUSS and USMSC. Topics discussed included shared governance, +/- grading system, spousal benefits, mental health and resilience, cultural competency, and E & E 2.0. The Council passed motion 1512, which recommends revising the USM guidelines for composition of presidential search committees.
3. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life. Regent Brady presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 17, 2015 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
   d. Discussion on Intercollegiate Athletics Reporting to the Board of Regents. Regent Brady presented the report.
   e. Institutional Accreditation Processes. Regent Brady presented the report.

4. Committee on Finance. Regent Pevenstein presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2015 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
   b. Proposed Revision to Board of Regents Policy VIII-16.00—Policy on Payment of Moving Expenses. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
   c. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Contract Renewal for Scientific Supplies. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Kelly; Chairman Shea recused himself—motion was approved.)
   d. University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science: Deed Transfer of 146 Williams Street from Maryland Department of Natural Resources. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
   g. Frostburg State University: Discussion of Student Housing. Regent Pevenstein presented the report.

5. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine presented the report of the committee.

6. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett presented the report of the committee.

7. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)

8. 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 under 3-305(b) and 3-103(a)(1)(i). (Moved by Regent Neall, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.