



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
September 19, 2014

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 8:59 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Towson University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Ahmed, Attman, Augustine, Michaux Gonzales, Gooden, Gossett, Kelly, Kinkopf, McMillen, Rauch, Reid, and Turner; Presidents Bell, Mr. David Balcom (for Boesch), Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Gibraltar, Hrabowski, Acting President Chandler (for Loeschke), Loh, Miyares, Neufville, Perman, and Schmoke; Chancellor Kirwan, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Vivona, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and OAG Bainbridge.

Educational Forum. The regents were briefed on activities of MPower by President Loh, President Perman, UMD Provost Rankin and UMB Senior Vice President Jarrell.

Welcome from Towson University. Acting President Chandler welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments at TU.

1. Committee of the Whole.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from Special BOR Meetings on August 4, 2014, August 7, 2014, August 15, 2014, and September 7, 2014. (Moved by Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Kelly; 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 Rauch, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
- d. Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Kirwan welcomed everyone to the first USM Board of Regents meeting of the new academic year and introduced the new student regent, Raaheela Ahmed and again recognized Regent Catherine "Cassie" Motz who is attending her second official Board meeting as a USM regent. He congratulated the winners of the Regents Staff Awards noting that they represent the excellence, professionalism, and commitment found throughout the USM. He also thanked Towson University for hosting the meeting and highlighted a number of major achievements at TU as well as many of the numerous achievements at institutions across the USM.

Chancellor Kirwan reported that the current FY 15 state funding was reduced by \$6.3 million due to a decline in state revenues. However, even with this reduction, the USM's state funding level for the current fiscal year is \$1.24 billion, an increase of almost \$70 million—or 6 percent—over the FY 14 funding level. The USM is just beginning the process of working with the Governor's staff, the Department of Budget and Management, and legislative leaders on the FY 2016 budget and institutions are preparing enhancement requests for USM to include in a formal submission to DBM in October.

Chancellor Kirwan noted that USM is facing a time of serious transition with a new academic year, the election of a new governor and lieutenant governor, and the naming of a new chancellor but expressed his confidence that the System and our institutions will continue to thrive as we educate and graduate more students, grow our research portfolio and advance discovery which will have a significant impact on economic growth, and continue to elevate Maryland's quality of life.

2. Report of Councils.

- a. Council of University System Staff. Mr. Crockett reported on the activities of Council this year, which included setting their goals for 2014-15, which includes a continuation of a comprehensive review of council practices and procedures. He noted the Council's support of the change in tuition remission policy and that the Council was provided with an opportunity to highlight the qualities and characteristics for the Chancellor search.
- b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Bryant reported on the activities of CUSF, which included an opportunity for the Council to provide input on the new Chancellor search. The Council also plans to review the faculty sick leave policy, revisit the academic freedom resolution and determine ways to increase their presence in the legislative session. The Council was briefed on Sexual Misconduct Policy presence in the legislative session. The Council was briefed on the BOR Sexual Misconduct Policy and is focused on ways to enhance training. The Council was also briefed on a number of issues and initiatives.
- c. Council of University System Presidents. President Dudley-Eshbach reported on the July and September meetings of the Council. Issues discussed included requirement for fingerprinting and background checks, CDC advice on Ebola, FY 2016 budget, topics for the BOR retreat, MD Innovation Authority, ACA update and changes to State employee health/wellness plan, and student conduct hearings.
- d. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. McGee reported on the USMSC activities which included proposed changes to the Council's constitution, continued work on the MOST initiative (Maryland Open Source Textbook), development of guidance and other assistance for institutions to implement the Sexual Misconduct policy, and discussion on ways to improve financial literacy.

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

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2014 Public Session and the September 11, 2014 Closed Session. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

- b. Amendments to USM Policy VII-4.20—Policy on Tuition Remission for Spouses and Dependent Children of USM Employees and Retirees. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Rauch; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Coppin State University: Sale of Property Known as the Hebrew Orphan Asylum to The Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation. (Moved by Regent Kelly, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
 - d. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects. Regent Kelly presented the report.
4. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life. Regent Michaux Gonzales provided the report of the committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 4, 2014 Public Sessions. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
 - b. New Academic Program Proposals:
 - i. Towson University: Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts Infusion. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
 - ii. Towson University: Master of Science in Marketing Intelligence and Embedded Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Interactive Marketing. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
 - c. Revisions to Board of Regents Policy on Student Social Media Privacy Policy (V-1.20). (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
 - d. Board of Regents Policy on Credit for Competency-Based Education and Prior Learning (III-1.41) to replace Board of Regents Policy on Credit by Examination and Portfolio Assessment (III-1.40). (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
 - e. 2013-2014 Summary of Institutional Achievement Gap Reports. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - f. Report on Academic Program Actions Delegated to the Chancellor, 2013-2014. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
 - g. Tentative Annual Agenda, 2014-2015. Regent Michaux Gonzales presented the report.
5. Committee on Economic Development & Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman provided the report of the committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2014 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
6. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett provided the report of the committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 8, 2014 Special Closed Committee Meeting. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)

7. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf provided the report of the committee
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 23, 2014, August 7, 2014, and August 15, 2014. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, 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 (10-508(a)(8)). (Moved by Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Ahmed; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.