Minutes of the Public Session

Call to Order. Chairman Brady called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Universities at Shady Grove. Those in attendance were: Chairman Brady; Regents Attman, Augustine, Enriquez, Fish, Gooden, Gossett, Gourdine, Johnson, Neall, Pevenstein, Pope, Rauch, Reid, and Slater; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loh, Miyares, Nowaczyk, Perman, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Thompson; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Sadowski, and Vivona; Ms. Doyle, and AAG Bainbridge.

Welcome from the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). Executive Director Edelstein welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments of USG.

Educational Forum – Freedom of Speech. Dr. William Galston from Brookings Institution provided a presentation; and then entertained questions from the audience.

Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Caret thanked Executive Director Stew Edelstein and the Universities at Shady Grove for hosting. He made note of some of the exciting accomplishments of USG. Chancellor Caret also highlighted accomplishments of institutions and individuals across the USM.

He provided an update on Governor Hogan’s FY 18 budget proposal for the USM. The Governor has proposed state support for the USM of $1.35 billion, coming from the General Fund and the Higher Education Investment Fund. This represents an increase of $26.6 million over the final FY 2017, which includes the November Board of Public Works reduction of $14.2 million. More than half of this increase will allow for “tuition buy-down” enabling the USM to cap resident undergraduate tuition increases at 2 percent. The Chancellor noted that the budget is lean, but fair.

Chancellor Caret also addressed the recent executive order imposing a travel ban involving seven countries and the effects on our campuses and students. He reaffirmed the USM’s commitment to supporting and protecting our students.

   a. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Mr. Kirk presented the USMSC report. The USMSC met on December 18th for the annual round of preliminary interviews for next year’s student regent. The council nominated two
students, an undergraduate student at UB and a graduate student at UMCP. Mr. Kirk also highlighted the upcoming USM Advocacy Day and the USMSC presidential transition of him taking over after Sydney Comitz stepped down.

b. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Ms. Larkins presented the CUSS report. CUSS met in January. She highlighted the ongoing efforts of the BOR Staff Awards and Recognition Committee and noted that all 12 institutions submitted nominations. Ms. Larkins provided an update about USM Council Advocacy Day, as well as information from the Chancellor’s liaison.

c. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Kauffman presented the CUSF report. CUSF held two Council meetings and three ExCom meeting since the last BOR meeting. Topics discussed included the changing professorship, approval of the CUSF logo, a motion supporting open access dissemination of scholarship, social media, textbook lead time, and the STRIDE program at UMBC. Dr. Kauffman also thanked Virletta Bryant, Past Chair of CUSF, for her service as she has resigned from her position at CSU. He also noted that Chairman Brady will be attending the February CUSF meeting.

d. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). Dr. Perman presented the CUSP report. CUSP met on January 9th and topics discussed included the FY 18 budget, mid-year reviews for presidents and the Chancellor’s direct reports, USM sponsorship of LightCity, meetings with the rating agencies, the Kanagawa Prefecture’s interest in developing educational alliances with USM, and campus activism. Topics discussed at the February 6th meeting included the legislative session and the FY 18 budget, enrollment projections and profiles, the use of Hidden Waters for events, the LightCity Festival, the educational forum for the February BOR meeting, an update on the Coalition case, highlights from the Healthcare Workforce Working Group, recent presidential executive orders, and USM BOR Faculty and Staff Awards.

2. Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was presented to the regents by Chairman Brady. He asked if there were any items on the agenda that should be removed for further discussion. Regent Slater asked that item 2.g.iv. (Student Activism Update and Panel) be removed and have it placed under item 3 – Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda. Once that item was moved, Chairman Brady moved and Regent Gooden seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. The items included were:
   a. Committee of the Whole
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 9, 2016 Public and Closed Sessions
   b. Committee on Audit
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 21, 2016 Public and Closed Sessions
   c. Committee on Advancement
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 8, 2017 Public and Closed Sessions
      ii. Year-to-date Fundraising Report FY 17 - December
      iii. Review of Policies:
          1. IX-3.00 – Policy on Private Fundraising and Stewardship
2. IX-5.00 – Policy on Ethical Practices in Charitable Giving
d. Committee on Organization and Compensation
   i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2017 Public and Closed Session
e. Committee on Economic Development and Technology
   i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2017 Public Session
f. Committee on Finance
   i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 26, 2017 Public and Closed Sessions
   ii. Amendments to USM Policy VIII-2.70 – Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes
   iii. Coppin State University: Facilities Master Plan Update
   iv. Towson University: Funding Authorization for Millenium Hall Repairs and Potential Ground Lease Amendment
   v. University of Maryland, College Park: Transfer or Property to Prince George’s County, Maryland
   vi. Discussion of FY 2016 USM Audited Financial Statements
   vii. University of Maryland University College: Proposed Institutional Human Resources Policies
g. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
   i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 17, 2017 Public and Closed Sessions
   ii. New Academic Program Proposal
      1. University of Maryland, College Park: Master of Quantitative Finance
      2. University of Maryland, College Park: Ph.D. and M.S. in Environmental Health Sciences
      3. University of Maryland University College: Transformational Leadership
   iii. Salisbury University: Creation of a College of Health and Human Services
   iv. Update: Statewide Report on Campus Climate and Sexual Violence at Maryland Colleges and Universities
   v. 2016 Annual Report of the Governor’s P-20 Leadership Council

3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.
   a. Student Activism Update and Panel – two provosts and two vice presidents for student affairs joined EPSL and shared perspectives from their institutions. The panelists shared that student activism and the professionals’ ability to manage and help students learn from such activism is significantly affected by social media and the presence of various student groups, especially groups not associated with the student government. Campus officials are working to help the campus community be civically engaged and to build an inclusive environment that is respectful of differences while also giving all student groups opportunities to be heard. Campus professionals are building partnerships between academic and student affairs, listening to students, staff, and faculty, and constantly monitoring social media to stay on top of these issues. The panel encouraged the regents and chancellor to continue
providing leadership and support for increased system-ness and to continue having conversations like these at the committee and full board of regents' levels.

4. Committee Reports.
   a. Committee of the Whole.
      i. The New Administration and Potential Impacts on Science and Science Policy. Chairman Brady presented the report.
   b. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine presented the report.
   c. Committee on Organization and Compensation.
      i. Committee Report. Regent Gooden presented the report.
   d. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life.
      i. Policy on Awarding Honorary Degrees. (Moved by Regent Slater, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
   e. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman presented the report.

5. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chairman Brady 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 Brady, seconded by Regent Fish; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.