



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
Via Zoom
May 1, 2020

Public Session Minutes

Call to Order. Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 9:08 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020 virtually via Zoom. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Bartenfelder, Fish, Gossett, Gourdine, Holzapfel, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Needham, Pope, Rauch, Schulz, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Burnim (Interim), Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell (Interim), Loh, Miyares, Nowaczyk, Schatzel, Schmoke), and Wight; Chancellor Perman, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden began the meeting by recognizing the Board of Regents Faculty Award Recipients.

Educational Forum – Ms. Susan Fitzgerald, Associate Managing Director – Public Finance and Ms. Mary Kathrine Cooney, Vice President and Senior Analyst - Public Finance Group, Higher Education and Not-for-Profit Team from Moody's Investors Services, engaged in a transparent discussion concerning information on the *Financial Health of Higher Education Institutions*, reviewing higher education trends and ratings.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Perman presented the report. He extended his thanks and appreciation to the members of the board, institutional leaders, and professionals throughout the USM who stepped up and demonstrated tremendous leadership under the most difficult of circumstances. Chancellor Perman also provided a brief update on where the USM stands on issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic; highlighted some impressive news items and accomplishment at all of the institutions; provided a brief review of the shortened legislative session; and, outlined recent developments related to the USM's budget.

I. Report of Councils

- a. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Kauffman presented the report, stating there the council held two meetings—March and April, at which time they received valuable information concerning the coronavirus, as well as discussed how everyone is handling the switch to online; an online survey of institutional support for Council members, and the future of online meetings next year. Dr. Kauffman also indicated that elections were held for the ensuing year.

- b. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Shishineh presented the report, indicating that they prepared the Board of Regents Staff Awards recommendations for the June board meeting; prepared their Winter CUSS Newsletter; participated in the Shared Governance Survey; and, are currently receiving nominations for the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.
 - c. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). Dr. Breaux presented the report, stating that weekly COVID-19 meetings had been scheduled in response to the coronavirus. These meetings focused on key information sharing and deliberation across institutions and the development of a unified USM response to key decisions related to COVID-19. Topics included implications and implementation of State and Federal guidance and executive orders, transition of in-person teaching and learning to distance education formats, telework of USM employees, refund of students' fees, CARES Act legislation, emergency funds for students, State use of campus facilities for COVID-19 response, etc.
 - d. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Mr. Forrest presented the report, indicating that student leaders across the System are encouraged by the significant inclusion of student shared governance in conversations and decision-making processes around emergency changes due to COVID-19.
2. Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was presented to the regents by Chair Gooden. She asked if there were any items on the agenda that should be removed for further discussion. There were no requests to remove any items; therefore, Chair Gooden moved, and Regent Pope seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda; it was unanimously approved. The items included were:
- a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 21, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from Special Board Meetings – Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - 1. March 10, 2020
 - 2. March 16, 2020
 - 3. March 19, 2020
 - 4. March 23, 2020
 - 5. March 26, 2020
 - 6. March 30, 2020
 - 7. April 6, 2020
 - 8. April 13, 2020
 - 9. April 27, 2020
 - b. Committee on Audit
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from March 6, 2020 Special Committee Meeting Public Session (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from March 24, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)

- c. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2020 Public Session (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from March 26, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - iii. Proposed Amendment to USM VIII-2.01—Policy on Tuition (action)
 - iv. Proposed Board of Regents Policy VIII-22.00—Policy on Service Contracts (action)
 - v. Salisbury University: Devilbiss Hall Mechanical System Replacement (action)
 - vi. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Establishment of UM New Ventures Initiative, an Affiliated Business Entity for Development of Promising Early Stage Technologies (action)
 - vii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Institute of Human Virology (IHV) Building Exterior Upgrades (action)
 - viii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Delegation of Certain Real Property Acquisition Authority to the Chancellor (action)
 - ix. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Dental Student Clinics Management Contract (action)
 - x. University of Maryland, College Park: Lease for Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (action)
 - xi. University System of Maryland: Review of Construction Costs (information)

 - d. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from March 6, 2020 Public Session (action)
 - ii. New Academic Program Proposals (action)
 - I. University of Maryland, College Park
 - a. Bachelor of Science in Biocomputational Engineering
 - b. Master of Arts in International Relations
 - c. Master of Science in Applied Political Analytics
 - iii. Update: P-20 Initiatives (information)
 - iv. Update on the USM New Student Enrollment Pipeline and Aggregate Student Success; USM-Wide Student Success Initiatives (information)
 - v. Crisis Management and Enterprise Risk Management in the USM (information)

 - e. Committee on Advancement
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 26, 2020 Public Session (action)
 - ii. Policy on the Naming of Buildings and Academic Programs VI-4.00 (action)
3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
4. Committee Reports
- a. Committee of the Whole Chair Gooden
 - i. Financial Implications of COVID-19 for Spring 2020 (information). Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst presented a brief update on the fiscal impact of the pandemic on the spring semester. She provided an overview of the FY 2020

Operating Budget; estimated revenue and cost impacts; and discussed the Federal CARES Act Funding.

- b. Committee on Finance Regent Attman
 - i. USM Enrollment Projections: FY 2021-2030 (information). Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst presented information on enrollment projections, indicating that the overall headcount is projected to decrease in Fall 2020; overall headcount for a 10-year period projected to grow by 4.4%; undergraduate enrollment is projected to expand to 4.6% over ten years and graduate enrollment is projected to grow by 5.3%.
- 5. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chair Gooden 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 Pope, seconded by Regent Fish; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.