



University System of Maryland Board of Regents  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
February 11, 2022 Public Minutes

**Call to Order.** Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday February 11, 2022 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder (virtual), Beams, Breslin, Fish, Gill (virtual), Gonella (virtual), Gourdine, Hur, Leggett (virtual), Neall, Oludayo, Peters, Pope, Rauch (virtual), Smarick, Wallace (virtual), and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Fowler, Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell, Jenkins, Nowaczyk, Provost Rice for Pines, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Wight; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, and Raley; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill (virtual).

Chair Gooden opened with a note about the “hybrid” format of the meeting, due to the omicron variant surge. Regents were able to participate remotely and vote in accordance with the bylaws.

She then welcomed Secretary of Commerce Mike Gill back to the Board of Regents. She made a note of the Regent Liaison Program and said that the liaison assignments will be updated at the June meeting for the fall.

Chair Gooden ended her remarks with an acknowledgement of Black History Month and highlighted some of the programs and activities at our campuses. She noted that these activities are “contemporizing” Black History.

**Welcome from University of Maryland, Baltimore.** President Jarrell welcomed everyone to the University of Maryland, Baltimore and provided some updates on the institution. He was joined by Dr. Claire Fraser, Director of the Institute for Genome Sciences and Past President of the AAAS.

President Jarrell’s remarks were interrupted by individuals identifying themselves as members of AFSCME Maryland Council 3. The individuals shared their concerns regarding collective bargaining matters between the Council and the USM.

**Educational Forum: College Rankings.** Ben Wildavsky, a Visiting Scholar at the University of Virginia and former journalist and editor at *US News and World Report*, spoke about college rankings, how they are used, and ways that the ranking system could be enhanced.

**Chancellor's Report.** Chancellor Perman presented his report. He started off by acknowledging Black History Month and condemning the bomb threats at two of our HBCUs and many more across the country. He reiterated his statement that these threats will fail and that the USM is better because of its HBCUs – Bowie, Coppin, and UMES.

The Chancellor thanked President Jarrell for hosting and highlighted how integral UMB has been to the System and the State throughout the pandemic. He also made note of several other recent accomplishments.

Chancellor Perman went on to highlight some recent rankings featuring USM institutions, as well as several students who have been recognized on the national stage. Several institutional leaders – including some of our presidents were also honored in various ways. He spoke about some of the partnerships formed by our universities. The Chancellor ended his report with commentary on the governor's budget proposal.

## I. Council Reports

- a. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Shishineh presented the report. She provided a recap of the January CUSS meeting, thanking President Fowler and Vice Chancellor Herbst for joining the meeting. She spoke about the upcoming Advocacy Day, hosted by the three councils in partnership with the USM Women's Forum. She also noted that CUSS is preparing to send out their annual Shared Governance Survey.
- b. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). President Breaux presented the report stating that CUSP continues to convene regularly and on the first Monday of every month to address systemwide matters. In December and into January, the presidents met weekly to discuss the Omicron Covid-19 variant and its effects on the system. The January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> CUSP meetings covered a wide variety of topics outside of Covid including legislative and budget updates, shared governance, support for Afghan Refugees, required reporting, and the BSU Climate Job Fair.
- c. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Ms. Harper presented the USMSC report. She started with an overview of the joint council meeting in November. She noted that the Executive Council would like to have town halls modeled after the three breakout rooms from the joint meeting: Hybrid Learning & Work Environments, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work, and Mental Health Resource & Support. USMSC would also like to have a systemwide mental health day in the spring. The Council held Student Regent interviews on December 5, 2021 and sent four names to Chancellor Perman. Ms. Harper closed by saying that she hopes to have more one-on-one meetings with representatives of the undergraduate and graduate councils in the new year.
- d. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Brunn presented the report. She discussed that the Academic Integrity Subcommittee has created a brief survey for

Faculty Senate Chairs to determine views around academic integrity as a working norm. She noted that Presidents Wight and Hrabowski will participate in a Faculty Town Hall in February centered around structural equality. She highlighted other topics such as additional surveys for distribution to all faculty around cybersecurity and Covid, budget discussions, the CUSF constitution and bylaws, and the shared governance report.

2. Public Comment. Chair Gooden noted that the Board received requests for comments regarding the vaccine protocols. As that topic was not on the agenda, she said that she would share to comments with the Board outside of the meeting.
3. 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. Chair Gooden moved and Regent Pope seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. The items included were:
  - a. Committee of the Whole
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 10, 2021, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
  - b. Committee on Audit
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 13, 2021 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
  - c. Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 22, 2021, Public Session (action)
  - d. Committee on Finance
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 2, 2021, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. Proposed Amendments to the Finance Committee Charge, Role, and Responsibilities and Article X. Section 5. of the Bylaws (action)
    - iii. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects and Brief Update on the Construction Cost Management Task Force (information)
    - iv. Policing Collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Baltimore (information)
  - e. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 11, 2022 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. Proposed Amendments to EPSL Committee Bylaws and Charge and Role and Responsibilities (action)
    - iii. Winter/Spring 2022 Update (information)

- iv. Results of Periodic (7-Year) Review of Academic Programs (information)
  - v. Report on Extramural Funding – FY 2021 (information)
  - vi. Notification of Awards: Regents Scholars – Academic Year 2021-2022 and Elkins Professorships – FY 2022 (information)
4. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
5. Committee Reports
- a. Committee on Finance
    - i. University System of Maryland: FY 2022 & FY 2023 Operating Budget Update. Regent Attman provided an update on the FY 2022 and FY 2023 operating budget.
    - ii. University System of Maryland: FY 2023 Capital Budget Update. Regent Attman provided an update on the FY 2023 capital budget.
    - iii. FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements and USM Financial Planning. Regent Attman provided an update regarding the FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements and USM financial planning. Included in this update was a note about the fund balance.
  - b. Committee of the Whole
    - iv. UMCP Strategic Plan Update. UMCP Provost, Dr. Rice, presented an update to the University of Maryland, College Park Strategic Plan.
    - v. Universities at Shady Grove Strategic Plan Update. USG Executive Director, Dr. Khademian, presented an update to the Universities at Shady Grove Strategic Plan.
6. Reconvene to Closed Session 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 Neall, seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.