



BOARD OF REGENTS
University of Maryland Global Campus
December 20, 2024

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION

8:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Chair Gooden

Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday December 20, 2024, at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Atticks, Breslin, Fish, Gonella, Hasan, Leggett, Lewis, McMillen, Mirani, Neuberger, Parker, Pope, Sibel, Smarick, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Fowler, Ginsberg, Jarrell, Lepre, Miralles-Wilhelm, Pines, Schmoke, Sheares-Ashby, Provost Delia, and Vice President Humbert; Chancellor Perman; Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; Vice Chancellors Lawrence, Masucci, Mosca, Sandler, Raley; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden welcomed everyone to the final board meeting of the calendar year. She shared Chancellor Perman's holiday message, echoing its sentiments. She highlighted the six universities with winter commencement ceremonies, noting that many of the Regents were pleased to bring greetings to the over 12,500 graduates this season.

Public Comment: Chair Gooden opened the period for public comment. There was one speaker, Dr. Justin Dunmeyer, chair of the faculty senate at Frostburg State University. The comment addressed a vote of no confidence for the president, the university's current retrenchment process, and CUSF resolution. He mentioned a meeting with Chancellor Perman that bolstered his confidence.

Welcome from the University of Maryland Global Campus: President Greg Fowler everyone to the UMGC. He highlighted recent student success and new locations domestically and internationally. He also spoke on UMGC partnerships across many industries to expand access and affordability. President Fowler shared their progress is increasing access and equity through UMGC scholarships and grants to support learners, many from underserved populations and military veterans. President Fowler shared a video which overviewed some of UMGC's key commitments and activities.

Educational Forum: Update on and Discussion of Intercollegiate Landscape: Jennifer Fraser, NCAA Vice President of Division I, conducted the Education Forum. She acknowledged the support many people in the room have offered over the years to the NCAA member institutions. She began her presentation by addressing the importance and positive outcomes that can come from change and evolution. Ms. Fraser noted some challenges higher education may face and these challenges include student athlete completion, years of eligibility, student athlete employee designation, and the impacts of sports betting on student athletes. Ms. Fraser talked about progress made to address these concerns and others over the past few years, and then took questions from the board.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Perman presented his report. He thanked UMGC for hosting today's meeting and talked about UMGC's impact on the state of Maryland and beyond.

Chancellor Perman highlighted examples of excellence across the system as demonstrated through many recent and diverse successes at each institution.

Chancellor acknowledged Dr. Justin Dunmyer, interim chair of the Frostburg faculty, who participated in the public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Chancellor Perman commended Dr. Dunmyer and his faculty colleagues for working with the administration to do the difficult, but necessary, work entailed in eliminating the \$7.7M structural deficit. The system has offered financial relief to Frostburg to minimize impact on the community and continues to monitor the plan's implementation.

He ended his report by briefly thanking the Regents for their uncompromising dedication to the students and the state. A written copy of the Chancellor's Report to the Board is available at [\[LINK\]](#).

I. Report of Councils

Council of University System Faculty: Dr. Haverback presented the report. A Council Meeting was held on December 10, 2024. At this meeting, USM Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Alison Wrynn discussed Frostburg University and answered questions. CUSF Chair shared updates and answered questions. A discussion was held about the importance of working on a USM Faculty Bullying Policy. Kelsey Beckett, USM Chief of Staff and Director of Operations, USM Academic and Student Affairs, shared the history of the work that has been done on this previously. During this meeting, CUSF passed three resolutions regarding collective bargaining rights for graduate students, collective bargaining rights for faculty, and Frostburg State University (brought forth by the Legislative Affairs Committee.)

Council of University System Staff: Dr. Patricio presented the report. CUSS is grateful that the Board of Regents approved many new leave policies. She also acknowledged that it was a challenging semester, impacting virtually every facet of our daily work. She noted that the members of CUSS are diligently moving forward with our Action Plan and planning Advocacy Day 2025.

Council of University System Presidents: President Breau presented the report. CUSP met in person on December 9, 2024 for the last meeting of the calendar year. Associate Vice Chancellors Candace Caraco and Chad Muntz gave an overview of the JCR Student Cohort Report. This discussion presented a dynamic data tool that provides institutional level data on first-time, in-state students enrolled within the USM. Senior Vice Chancellor Wrynn led a discussion related to international students, faculty, and staff, noting that some universities around the country are advising those on visas to return to the US ahead of January 20. Finally, the Council met with a panel of government affairs professionals to discuss priorities of the new administration and implications for higher education.

University System of Maryland Student Council: Ms. Gambhir presented the USMSC report. USMSC held their December general meeting earlier this month. They interviewed six Student Regent candidates and have forwarded three finalists to Chancellor Perman for his consideration. The Directors for Government Relations also presented their report relating to the upcoming legislative session and Advocacy Day in February. Finally, they have been working on creating a monthly newsletter system that compiles information, updates, and key events from across different campuses into one place to facilitate greater communication. At the previous meeting, we also briefly discussed including resources or guidance to support international students as they travel for the holidays in light of possible immigration changes in 2025.

2. Consent Agenda

Chair Gooden

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 item. Chair Gooden took an action for Senior Vice Chancellor Herbst to meet with Regent Hasan regarding an item from the Committee on Finance. Chair Gooden moved and Regent Fish seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved (moved by Regent Gooden; seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved). The items included were:

- a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 22, 2024, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
- b. Committee on Advancement
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2024, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
- c. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life and Safety
 - i. Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Public Session (action)
 - ii. Academic Program Proposals (action)
 - 1. UMB: Doctor of Social Work (DSW)
 - 2. UMB: Master of Science (MS) in Medical and Health Studies
 - 3. UMB: Master of Science (MS) in AI Drug Development
 - 4. BSU: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Immersive Media, Entertainment, and Gaming
 - 5. SU: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Coastal Engineering
 - 6. UBalt: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Information Technology (IT) Operations
 - 7. UBalt: Master of Science (MS) degree in User-Centered Cybersecurity
 - iii. Humanities across the USM (information)
 - iv. USM Report on Academic Program Actions Delegated to the Chancellor, AY 2024-2025 (Information)
 - v. Notification of Awards: Wilson H. Elkins Professorships, FY25 and USM Scholarships, AY 2024-2025 (Information)
 - vi. Universities at Shady Grove Update: Partnership Council and Super Studio (Information)
- d. Committee on Finance

- i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2024, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Lease of 635 W. Lexington Street to the American Cancer Society and Termination of 1983 Lease and Agreement for 636 W. Lexington Street (action)
 - iii. University of Maryland, College Park: Early Renewal and Modification of the Workday Contract (action)
 - iv. University of Maryland, College Park: Sole Source Contract for Food Products, Chemical Products and Non-Food Products for Dining Services (action)
 - v. USM Sponsored Supplemental Retirement Plans – 403(b) Plan and 457(b) Plan Restatement (action)
 - vi. University of Baltimore: Regional Tuition for MBA program at USM Hagerstown (action)
 - vii. University System of Maryland: Report on FY 2024 Procurement Contracts (information)
- e. Committee on Governance & Compensation
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 30, 2024 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Approval of ICA Committee Charge (action)

3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

4. Committee Reports

- a. Committee of Research and Economic Development
 - i. Research and Economic Development Update on Research (presentation and information): Regent Wood introduced the item. Vice Chancellor Masucci presented the committee report, which spoke to research across the USM, highlighting milestones and plans ahead.
- b. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Initial Report of the HIEDA Task Force (information): Regent Smarick introduced the item as chair of the task force. Senior Vice Chancellor Herbst provided the report. The task force reviewed its goals, discussed the current HIEDA landscape within the system, and made plans for continued work.

5. Reconvene to Closed Session (action)

Chair Gooden

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 Pope, seconded by Regent Wood; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.