



**University System of Maryland
Board of Regents
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life**

**Minutes
Public Session**

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents met in public session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 via conference call. The meeting was convened at 9:34 a.m. Committee members present were: Regent Brady (chair) and Regents Comitz, Gonzales, Kinkopf, and Slater. Chancellor Caret was also present.

Also attending were: Ms. Bainbridge, Dr. Bishop, Dr. Boughman, Dr. Bryant, Dr. Christopher-Hicks, Ms. Doyle, Dr. Duncan, Ms. Hollander, Ms. Jamison, Dr. Jarrell, Dr. Lee, Dr. Moreira, Ms. Moultrie, Dr. Reitz, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Trainer, Dr. Verzinski, Dr. Wolfe, and other guests.

Information Items

Results of Periodic (7-Year) Reviews of Academic Programs

Existing academic programs are required to submit a report every seven years. Each USM institution follows a review process that was approved previously by the Regents. Staff in the USM Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs review drafts of each report, and comments are shared with the institutions for appropriate action prior to final submission to the Chancellor. Comments may include requests for additional information or the need for additional action following program accreditation reviews. The reports demonstrated the seriousness with which the reviews are taken. Institutional action plans are decided upon primarily by the provost or dean, both of whom are responsible to monitor academic quality and productive use of resources.

The report provides data on enrollment and degrees awarded from 2010 through 2014. Fifty-nine bachelors, 31 masters, 5 doctorate, and 10 certificate programs were reviewed. Congratulations were extended to Coppin's nursing bachelor's and Towson's teacher education programs, which have been granted continuing accreditation through 2025 and 2021, respectively. The regents asked for clarification on the status of programs identified as having low degree productivity and lower enrollment. Coppin anticipates that Global Studies will experience growth when the institution's general enrollment challenges are addressed and when the program is taken to a USM regional center. Towson will focus on transfer students and articulation agreements with community colleges to address low productivity in Earth-Space Science. The USM staff will follow up with other programs of concern.

Copies of the complete program reviews are available from the USM Office of Academic Affairs.

FY 2015 Extramural Awards Report

This annual report provides information on extramural awards received by USM institutions in support of specific initiatives in research, education, or service in FY 2015. In addition to detailed information by institution and funding source for FY 2014 and FY 2015, the report also provides five years of summary data by institution for comparison purposes. In FY 2015, the System received a total of \$1,279,498,848.78 in extramural funding, a 7.2% increase from the FY 2014 total of \$1,192,855,786.22. UMB and UMCP garnered the largest extramural funding totals among System institutions. BSU, FSU, SU, TU, UB, UMB, UMCES, UMCP, and UMES obtained higher levels of extramural funding than in FY 2014. Dr. Boughman and institutional representatives noted that increases are, at least somewhat, due to increases in funding from a variety of sources (federal, corporate, and foundation, etc.) as opposed to past years in which many institutions relied on fewer sources for extramural funding.

Action Item

Motion to Adjourn and Reconvene in Closed Session

Regent Brady stated, "The Open Meetings Act permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public under certain circumstances outlined in §3-305(b) of the Act. On this 12th day of January 2016, the Education Policy and Student Life Committee of the USM Board of Regents will vote to reconvene in closed session following the adjournment of the public session.

As required by the law, we have a written statement to become part of the record, that the reason for closing this meeting is to discuss items under numbers 1 and 2 of §3-305(b). In regards to the Regents' Faculty Awards and honorary degree nominations, we will vote to close the meeting:

- To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction,
- To discuss any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals, and
- To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

Although we do not anticipate it, it is possible that once we convene in closed session, an issue could arise that we believe should be discussed in open session or added to the closed session agenda for discussion; if that is the case, we would reconvene in open session to discuss the open session topic or to vote to reconvene in closed session to discuss the additional closed session topic.

The Chancellor recommends that the Board of Regents' Committee on Education Policy and Student Life vote to reconvene in closed session. The motion was moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Slater, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regent James Brady