Minutes of the Public Session

Call to Order. Chairman Shea called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Augustine, Brady, Comitz, Gossett, Gourdine, Johnson, Kelly, Kinkopf, Neall, Pevenstein, Rauch, and Slater; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Interim President Bowling, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loh, Miyares, Perman, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Thompson; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Vivona; Ms. Doyle, and AAG Bainbridge.

Welcome from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Dr. Hrabowski welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments of UMBC.

Educational Forum on “Diversity and Inclusion: Faculty and the Frontline.” The regents were briefed on issues related to diversity and inclusion from a faculty perspective by Dr. Philip Rous (UMBC), Dr. Diane Allen (SU), Dr. Mary Ann Rankin (UMCP), and Dr. Weldon Jackson (BSU).

1. Committee of the Whole.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 11, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Shea, seconded by Regent Augustine; unanimously approved.)
   b. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Caret thanked UMBC and President Hrabowski for hosting the meeting. He recognized the newest member of the USM Board of Regents, D’Ana E. Johnson, who is succeeding Regent Louise Michaux Gonzales, whose five-year term of service has expired, and he thanked Regent Gonzales for her exemplary service to the USM.

   Chancellor Caret highlighted the numerous achievements of the USM institutions and noted that several USM institutions have been highlighted for affordability, quality, meeting key workforce needs, and preparing student for success after graduation.

   Turning to the FY 2017 budget, Chancellor Caret briefed the regents on USM’s FY 2017 budget. He reported that the Governor’s budget proposal is a very positive budget for the USM. It allows USM to maintain our commitment to access, affordability, and quality and provides funds for some important completion
enhancement efforts. He stated that he testified on the budget in both the House and Senate, stressing that the USM is an efficient, well-run organization with more than half-a-billion dollars in E&E savings, strong fund balance and solid bond rating. The budget will improve completion efforts by providing stronger, more effective advising, enhanced use of analytics to maximize progress toward degree, and increases in articulation agreements with community colleges.

c. FY 2016 General Assembly – Key Legislation. Vice Chancellor Hogan briefed the regents on key legislation being considered by the General Assembly.

   a. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Bryant presented the report of the Council. Topics discussed in recent meetings included the annual report on the Instructional Workload of the USM Faculty. CUSF members had many questions, suggestions and comments on how the current reporting standards could be modified to better reflect the responsibilities of faculty. The Council also met with Chancellor Caret and discussed a wide range of questions about the state of USM and trends in Higher Education in America, including increased dependency on adjuncts, faculty workload reporting, E&E 2.0, strengthening HBCUs, diversity and inclusion, plans that address universities that service poor rural regions, faculty versus administration salary inequities, salary inequities across disciplines, and legislative issues. The Council also discussed the joint advocacy day in Annapolis and reviewed resources for best practices in shared governance.
   b. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Sampson presented the report of the Council. The topics discussed included the advocacy day for the Maryland General Assembly, which is being held in conjunction with the faculty council, staff council, and the USM foundation. The council also discussed the creation of the Chancellor’s Cup, which will bring all 12 institutions together for a large field day; the council is looking to add an academic component to the event as well. Finally, Mr. Sampson reported on the executive board visit to the Maryland Correctional Enterprise facilities in Jessup, MD.
   c. Council of University System Presidents. Dr. Dudley-Eshbach presented the report of the council. The topics discussed at the January and February CUSP meetings included: the Governor’s FY2017 budget, legislative session hearings and bills, allocation of the enhancement budget for college completion initiatives, collective bargaining negotiations, follow up to CUSP retreat, potential changes to state pension laws, crisis planning, changes to BOR policy, and institutional enrollment strategies and priorities.
   d. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Wimbish provided the council report. Activities of the council included a technical review of the bylaws and constitution, the CUSS Quarterly Newsletter, an extension of the deadline for the submission of nominations of the Board of Regents Awards, an examination of the usage and success of job sharing initiatives and the use of telework at USM institutions, monitoring the new FLSA exemption regulations and its impact on employees and their benefits, and planning for the February Advocacy Day in Annapolis.

3. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2016 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Chairman Shea; unanimously approved.)
b. December 2015 YTD Chart. Regent Gossett presented the report.

   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 28, 2016 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)

5. Committee on Finance. Regent Pevenstein presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 28, 2016 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
   b. Proposed Revisions to Board of Regents Section VIII-3.00—USM Procurement Policies and Procedures. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
   c. Proposed Revisions to Board of Regents Policy VIII-10.20—Policy on the Capital Budget of the University System of Maryland. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
   d. University of Maryland University College: Lease Renewal for Dorsey Station Location. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)

6. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 19, 2016 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Augustine; unanimously approved.)
   b. Review of BOR Policy on Associates of Presidents/Chancellors. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)

7. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 22, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Augustine, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

8. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life. Regent Brady presented the report of the committee.
   a. Approval of meeting minutes from January 12, 2016 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
   b. Results of Periodic (7-Year) Reviews of Academic Programs. Regent Brady presented the report.
   c. Extramural Funding Report. Regent Brady presented the report.

9. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chairman Shea 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 Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Kinkopf; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.