Minutes of the Public Session

Call to Order. Chairman Brady called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:57 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016 at Towson University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Brady; Regents Attman, Augustine, Enriquez, Fish, Gooden, Gourdin, Holzapfel, Johnson, Neall, Pevenstein, Pope, Rauch, Reid and Slater; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Burnim, Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loh, Miyares, Nowaczyk, Perman, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Thompson; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Sadowski, and Vivona; Ms. Doyle, and AAG Bainbridge.

Chairman Brady gave remarks and then allowed student representatives from Towson University (TU) to speak in reference to issues of concern as it related to TU. They requested that no buildings be named after slave owners. They wanted the buildings to be named/changed to reflect others who have made contributions to the state of Maryland. Additionally, they requested that a public commitment be made to divest ourselves from utilizing the prison system for their services.

Welcome from TU. President Schatzel welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments of TU.

1. Committee of the Whole.

   a. Board of Regents’ Staff Awards. Chairman Brady acknowledged recipients of the USM Staff Awards and noted their significant achievements in support of their institutions.
   b. Resolution on Defense Security Service. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
   c. Report on Baltimore City Community College. Chancellor Caret presented the BCCC Report and discussed USM’s possible role in the recommendations. He noted that more deliberation will need to take place before being able to comment specifically on the recommendations.
   d. Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Caret congratulated Chairman Brady on his first meeting as chair of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. He welcomed new regents Ellen Fish, Louis Pope, James Holzapfel, and student-regent Brandon Enriquez. He also congratulated the winners of the Regents Staff Awards.

Chancellor Caret highlighted numerous accomplishments by USM institutions and USM presidents, faculty, staff, and students starting with the host institution, Towson
University. He made note of TU President Kim Schatzel’s inauguration happening on September 16th.

The Chancellor highlighted the USM’s partnership with EdX, a nonprofit online learning destination, making it one of only two state university systems to partner with the organization. This partnership will allow the system to leverage UMUC’s leadership in online education and EdX’s innovative platform to provide opportunities for students across the USM. Bowie, Coppin, and UMES will be the first historically black institutions to become EdX partner universities.

Chancellor Caret reported on the impact of the Maryland Open Source Textbook (MOST) initiative. Thirty-eight faculty members are involved in MOST, reaching over 2,000 students and resulting in $330,000 in textbook savings.

He noted that the USM has signed on to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ “Opportunities for All” initiative, which aims to highlight the impact that public higher education has on families, states, and regions.

Chancellor Caret provided an update on the USM’s diversity and inclusion initiatives. The work of the Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion led directly to the establishment of a new USM Diversity and Inclusion Council.

The Chancellor shared information about the USM’s Baltimore Power, or B-Power, initiative, in which the USM will work with Baltimore City-serving organizations to increase education and career opportunities for the city’s students. He highlighted the significant number of efforts already ongoing in the city and noted that B-Power can leverage USM resources to better serve the city. He also highlighted Coppin and UB as the leaders of this initiative, as well as the partnerships with the CollegeBound Foundation and Junior Achievement.

Chancellor Caret closed his remarks by emphasizing the importance of working together as a system to strengthen our ability to have a broad-based, positive impact.


a. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Larkins provided a report on the work of CUSS. She noted that there are 52 individuals from the USM represented this term. She also provided updates about the work of the committees including: staff eligibility for teleworking, the 2016-2017 BOR Staff Awards process, the CUSS quarterly newsletter, Advocacy Day in Annapolis, and committee goals.

b. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Kaufman provided a report of the Council. He discussed recent CUSF meeting topics including elections, an upcoming joint meeting of councils, Annapolis Day, a strategic plan, and a CUSF logo. He detailed the group’s strategic plan for the academic year which will cover communications with constituents, shared governance, working with USM on major policy initiatives, faculty welfare, and strengthening CUSF’s organizational structure.

c. Council of University System Presidents. President Perman provided a report of the Council. The Council met three times since the last BOR meeting. Topics discussed included FY 16 USM goals, USM headquarters office in Baltimore, non-USM
regional higher education centers, progress of the FY 18 budget, new venture funds, BPower, and the impact of new FLSA rules. A budget equity workshop was held on August 2, 2016.

3. Committee on Finance.

   b. University System of Maryland: Official Intent Resolution on Reimbursement of System Cash Balances Spent on Revenue Bond-Authorized Projects. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
   c. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Technical Change to Tuition Schedule for Master of Public Health Dual Degree Program. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
   d. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Creation of a Ground Lease with the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation for Demolition of Former Walter P. Carter Center Building and Creation of Surface Parking Lot. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Augustine; unanimously approved.)
   e. University of Maryland, Baltimore. University of Maryland Midtown Health, Inc. Lease of Space in School of Nursing Building for Urgent Care Center. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)


5. Committee on Organization and Compensation.

   a. Recommendations Regarding Compensation for Chancellor and Presidents. (Moved by Regent Gooden, seconded by Regent Gourdine; unanimously approved.)
      i. Change in Compensation Options for Chancellor and Presidents.
      ii. Process for BOR Announcement of Compensation Changes for Chancellor and Presidents.
   b. Proposed Schedule for BOR Policy Review. (Moved by Regent Gooden, seconded by Regent Fish; unanimously approved.)

6. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine presented the report.

7. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chairman Brady 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)(i). (Moved by Regent Pope, seconded by Regent Gourdine; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.