



**BOARD OF REGENTS  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Minutes from Public Session  
October 17, 2013  
The Universities at Shady Grove

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Senator Kelly called the meeting of the Finance Committee of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 12:35 p.m. Regent Gooden moved and Regent Gossett seconded to convene in closed session. At 12:35 p.m., the Committee voted unanimously to go into closed session under State Government Article Section 10-508(a) to consider the acquisition of real property. The session adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The Committee reconvened in public session at 1:05 p.m. Those Regents participating in the session included: Senator Kelly, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Gooden, Mr. Manizade, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Rauch, and Mr. Slater. Also present were: Mr. Vivona, Dr. Boughman, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Moultrie, Mr. Faulk, Dr. Edelstein, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Pinder, Ms. Crockett, Mr. Oster, Mr. Colella, Mr. Maginnis, Ms. Redmiles, Mr. Beck, Mr. Page, Mr. Salt, Mr. Lurie, Ms. McMann, Ms. Oyenusi, and other members of the USM community and the public.

1. The Universities at Shady Grove (USG): Facilities Master Plan Update (presentation and information)

Dr. Edelstein gave an overview presentation on the update to the facilities master plan. He began by providing some background on the evolution of the campus which opened in the 1990's with teaching facilities that were primarily utilized by UMB's School of Nursing and UMUC for evening classes. Today the vibrant 52-acre campus, located on the southern edge of the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center, is the largest regional higher education center in the State with more than 4,000 students enrolled in 80 degree programs from nine of the USM institutions. USG provides shared support services to the students, regardless of institutional program enrollment. Importantly, 74% of students who transfer to USG complete their undergraduate degrees within four years; a figure that is consistent across all of the programs offered at the location. Graduate degrees at USG are targeted and tailored to meet the demands of the regional workforce.

He then turned the presentation over to Ms. Mitchell. The master plan update builds upon the 2003 plan and is based on the USG mission and strategic plan. Since 2003, a third academic building, the Camille Kendall Academic Center, was completed in 2007 and achieved a LEED Gold certification. In 2009, a new parking garage with sustainable features, including daylight sensors and LED lighting, opened adjacent to the Kendall Center. Together, the three academic buildings total approximately 315,000 GSF. IBBR, a research partnership between UMCP and UMB, accounts for another 200,000 SF.

The plan update calls for a phased implementation of planned projects. These projects include a new 220,000 GSF Biomedical Sciences & Engineering Education Building (BSE), a new county-funded parking

structure, and a new gateway to the campus. The new parking structure will be constructed along the perimeter of the campus, as part of an effort to create a more pedestrian-oriented core of the campus. Ms. Mitchell also stressed USG's continued commitment toward a more sustainable campus. She cited facilities renewal initiatives, recycling and compositing programs, and working toward the enhancement of public transportation services as examples.

In closing, Dr. Edelstein pointed to the importance of several powerful partnerships—regional community colleges, especially Montgomery College, USM institutions, IBBR—and the future of Montgomery County and the surrounding region as key to the growth and success of the USG.

Senator Kelly thanked Dr. Edelstein and Ms. Mitchell for the insightful presentation and noted that the Committee would consider the Plan for action at its next meeting scheduled in November.

**The item was received for information.**

2. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Contract Renewal for Scientific Supplies (action)

Mr. Vivona summarized the item. UMB is seeking to exercise the third of five one-year renewal options of a University System-wide scientific supplies contract that has been co-awarded to VWR International and Fisher Scientific. He indicated that this is a very cost efficient contract with discounts ranging from 5% to 73%.

**The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Regents approve for the University of Maryland, Baltimore, that it may execute the third renewal option of the aforementioned contract consistent with the University System of Maryland Procurement Policies and Procedures; Section VII.C.2.**

(Senator Kelly moved recommendation, Regent Gooden seconded, unanimously approved)

3. Towson University: Increase Authorization for Newell and Richmond Halls Renovations (action)

Mr. Vivona summarized the item. Towson is seeking a \$723,000 increase in project authorization. He indicated that this is a post-facto request resulting from a review undertaken by the new vice president at the University. While the project was underway, there were life safety matters, as well as site and utilities improvements, that were handled during the course of the renovation. He expressed Towson's desire to clear up their records and added that the USM was also looking at some system changes to avoid similar instances going forward.

4. Towson University: Increase Authorization for Ward and West Halls Renovations (action)

Along the same lines as the previous item, Mr. Vivona indicated that in this instance the University is seeking an increase in project authorization of approximately \$1.24 million to cover energy efficiency improvements undertaken during the renovations to the facilities.

[Note: items 3 and 4 were moved together with a single motion]

**The Committee on Finance recommended that the Board of Regents authorize for Towson an increase of \$723,000 in the total project cost for the Newell and Richmond Halls Renovations. Further, the Committee on Finance recommended that the Board of Regents authorize for Towson an increase of \$1,241,702 in the total project cost for the Ward and West Halls Renovations.**

(Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent McMillen; unanimously approved)

5. Towson University: Smith Hall Project Alternative Site Study (information)

Mr. Vivona indicated that the president and her team had looked again at this renovation/addition project, a Board-approved project that is funded in the Governor's CIP, and would like to take the opportunity to study another alternative. Before turning to Mr. Oster, Mr. Vivona said that at the end of the day, everyone wants the best building at the best location. Mr. Oster then explained that as the design team got in motion, it realized that the floor-to-ceiling heights might be an issue for a science building. This, along with other issues, prompted the team to discuss the possibility of an alternative site. Another parcel, located between Stephens Hall and 7800 York, adjacent to Bill Bateman's, has been identified by the campus as a suitable location. Mr. Vivona pointed out that one large benefit of this third alternative is that during the construction of a new facility, the existing building could continue to handle the STEM programs at the campus. Regent Slater inquired about the process for making this change in the CIP, and the project's status in the queue. Mr. Vivona responded that DBM would need to approve the project swap; however, the USM would aim to keep the funding coming in on time as scheduled and divert it to this construction project instead of the renovation/addition project. Looking long-range, the vacated Smith Hall could be a future home to the University's planned Visual and Communications Arts Building currently planned for 2019-2020.

**The item was received for information.**

6. University of Maryland, College Park: Sale of Property to Prince George's County to Provide a Right-of-Way for a Bridge Crossing of the CSX Tracks (information)

Mr. Vivona introduced the item. He stated that the sale of the property to a private developer was approved by the Board of Regents in June; however, since that time there have been some shifts that the campus wanted to share with the committee. Mr. Colella addressed the committee regarding two potential changes regarding the sale of the property. He explained that the County contacted the University and requested that the University instead sell the property to the County. Second, he described that the payment terms would be different as well. Instead of providing funds at closing, the County would owe the University an amount to be paid at a later time, complete with 2% interest. Mr. Colella also indicated that they would explore a Payment In Kind—a contribution that would be beneficial to the University. Mr. Colella added that the University continues to try and work very closely with the County.

**The item was received for information.**

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Vivona commented briefly on the state of State Revenues, which are lagging, and advised the committee that the State may need to write down revenues and therefore the USM will need to be prepared for belt-tightening.

The public session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Frank X. Kelly  
Chairman, Committee on Finance