Public Session Minutes

Call to Order. Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Gossett, Gourdine, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Needham, Pope, Schulz, Wallace, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Burnim (Interim), Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell (Interim), Loh, Miyares, Nowaczyk, Schatzel, Vice Provost Catherine Anderson (for Schmoke), and Provost and Senior VP Karen Olmsted (for Wight); Chancellor Perman, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Welcome from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). President Hrabowski welcomed the regents and presidents and highlighted accomplishments of UMBC, along with allowing some of the students to introduce themselves and relay some of their accomplishments.

Educational Forum – Maryland Collaborative to Reduce College Drinking and Related Problems. Malinda Kennedy and David Jernigan from the Maryland Collaborative and Boston University School of Public Health (respectively) presented information on the challenges and opportunities in addressing excessive drinking among college students.

Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Perman presented the report. He made mention of the various firsts that were taking place were taking place in the new year: the first board meeting in the new year; his first meeting as Chancellor; and, first board meeting since announcing Darryll Pines as the next president at the University of Maryland, College Park. He also acknowledged the service of President Wallace Loh, commending him on the major accomplishments that took place during his 10-year tenure. He welcomed Regent Meredith Mears to her first official board meeting. Chancellor Perman then thanked the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and Dr. Hrabowski for hosting the meeting and shared some of the accomplishments at UMBC, as well as shared information about accomplishments at all of the institutions.

Chancellor gave several brief highlights concerning ARMR Systems; the Coronavirus; and, the Budget/Legislative Session.

I. Report of Councils
a. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Mr. Forrest presented the report, indicating that they had a session with Dr. MJ Bishop in reference to the Maryland Open Source Textbook initiative; discussed best practices concerning student voter registration and participation; and, began the process to create and distribute the State of Shared Governance Surveys for the State of Shared Governance Report.

b. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Kauffman presented the report, to include meetings and activities relating to the last Council meeting; academic integrity initiative; civility issue; emeritus faculty BOR member resolution; advocacy day; and state of Shared Governance Report.

c. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Shishineh presented the report, sharing that they discussed the Board of Regents Staff Awards; legislative affairs and policy—advocacy day; and, shared governance survey.

d. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). Dr. Breaux presented the report for January and February, sharing information about Delegate Moon’s inquiry about how institutions handle personal data of members of the public; the formation of an Enrollment Workgroup; the CUSP annual retreat with a focus on strategic planning; and, the potential for lawsuits related to implementation of DOE Title IX regulations. President Breaux shared the results of a CUSP survey; Dr. Boughman discussed telephonic mental health services; there was an update on the coronavirus and mentioned that there is a new webpage on the USM website. Recommendations were also shared from the mold and adenovirus report, with a request that presidents share them with their campuses and evaluate how they can be applied. Dr. Bishop provided information about the Greater Washington Partnership CoLAB and how USM institutions can become more involved.

2. Consent Agenda. 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 items; therefore, Chair Gooden moved, and Regent Pope seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda; it was unanimously approved. The items included were:

1. Consent Agenda

   a. Committee of the Whole
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 20, 2019 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
      ii. Resolution on Defense Security Service (action)

   b. Committee on Audit
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 18, 2019 Public and Closed Sessions (action)

   c. Committee on Governance and Compensation
      i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
ii. Coppin State University Faculty Salary Equity Plan (information)

d. Committee on Finance

i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 12, 2019 Public and Closed Sessions (action)

ii. University System of Maryland: FY 2021 Operating Budget Update (information)

iii. Discussion of FY 2019 USM Audited Financial Statements (information)

iv. The Universities at Shady Grove: 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update (action)

v. Towson University: Increase Authorization for Glen Towers Renovation Project (action)

vi. University of Maryland, College Park: Real Property Exchange Supporting City Hall Block Project (action)

vii. University of Maryland, College Park: Sale of Land to Core Campus Manager, LLC (action)

viii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: School of Nursing Student Services Renovation and Window Replacement (action)

ix. Proposed Amendment to University of Maryland Global Campus HR Policy VII-1.22-GC—UMGC Policy on Separation for Regular Exempt and Overseas Staff Employees (action)

x. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects (information)

xi. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Amendments to the Ground Lease between UMB and UMB Health Sciences Research Park Corporation at the University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore (action)

e. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 7, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)

ii. New Academic Program Proposal (action)

   1. University of Maryland, College Park: Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate and the Built Environment

iii. Proposal of New Academic Title and Rank (action)

   1. University of Maryland, Baltimore

iv. Civic Engagement and Civic Education: Update and Student Panel (information)

v. New Program 5-Year Enrollment Review (information)

vi. Results of Periodic (7-Year) Reviews of Academic Programs (information)

vii. Report on Extramural Funding – FY 2019 (information)

f. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2019 Public Session (action)

ii. Approval of meeting minutes from February 10, 2020 Public Session (action)

3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
4. Committee Reports

a. Committee on Governance and Compensation
   i. Revision of Bylaws of the Board of Regents (action). Regent Gossett moved that the Regents review and discuss the revisions to the Board of Regents Bylaws. Chair Gooden seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

b. Committee of the Whole
   i. University of Maryland, College Park President Search (action). Regent Attman presented the report, stating that the search was now concluded, and he thanked the search committee for all of their hard work. He then enumerated steps taken to ensure all constituents were kept apprised of the progress by holding town hall meetings, listening sessions, and conducting tours. Regent Attman then moved that the Board affirm the selection of Dr. Darryll Pines as the University of Maryland, College Park’s next president effective July 1, 2020. Regent Pope seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

   ii. Universities at Shady Grove (USG): Commission Report—Update on Recommendations (information). Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst provided information concerning the request from the General Assembly to evaluate leadership and a new funding model that better ensures the long-term fiscal viability of USG; additional missions for USG based on economic development needs of the region and State; and, current and planned transportation enhancements to USG and a cost/benefit analysis.

   iii. University System of Maryland Coronavirus Update (information). Chancellor Perman provided an update on what steps are being taken to ensure the safety of USM students, faculty, and staff. He assured everyone that everything is being carefully monitored and that we are following the guidance from the CDC and State department. Communique has been shared with senior level officials on all USM campuses, as well as the establishment of a special website dedicated to sharing information about the coronavirus. Additionally, a session was held for all USM presidents and senior officials to hear from medical experts from UMB’s medical department. Chancellor Perman also encouraged everyone to be sensitive and vigilant to people on our campuses who are feeling vulnerable to bigotry. He does not want anyone to be stigmatized because of this virus.

   iv. HelioCampus Update (information). President Miyares provided an update, stating that due to the success and to leverage its growth potential, HelioCampus has added a new majority investor, Pamlico Capital, a respected growth equity firm with previous investments in educational measurement and research. He stated that the additional capital will position HelioCampus to further develop its proprietary analytics suite and expand its sales and marketing efforts, helping more institutions improve their operational performance, drive better student outcomes, and increase alumni network engagement.
v. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Lease between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and BioPark Fremont LLC (Developer) for approximately 34,500 rentable square feet of space in a new building to be constructed at 4 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland (action). Regent Attman presented the report, indicating that the leased space would be used for offices and laboratories for use by UMB. The University plans to locate its entrepreneurial activities in the space. The space would also house translational research initiatives. Regent Attman then moved that the Board approve for the University of Maryland, Baltimore to lease 34,500 square feet of space in accordance with the University System of Maryland Policy on Acquisition, Disposition, and Leasing of Real Property. Regent Pope seconded the motion. After addressing concerns posed by several regents concerning 1) whether other tenants had committed to leasing space in the building; 2) whether there would be natural walkways when crossing the street; 3) whether anyone had quantified the benefit to the surrounding community; and, 4) whether there were any metrics that could be shared, the motion was unanimously approved.

vi. University of Maryland, College Park: Project Authorization to Replace Videoboards and Audio System at Maryland Stadium (action). Regent Attman presented information concerning the equipment, indicating that with the failing equipment and scarcity to find parts, there is increasing risk that the equipment will not be functional during a game. He stated that the project would be funded entirely by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletic revenue. Regent Attman moved that the Board approve the authorization request to replace the videoboards and audio system at Maryland Stadium and the associated equipment in the amount of $15,000,000 for the University of Maryland, College Park. Regent Needham seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

5. 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 Chair Gooden, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.