



University System of Maryland Board of Regents  
Via Zoom  
November 13, 2020

## Public Session Minutes

Call to Order. Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:34 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020 virtually via Zoom. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Edwards, Fish, Gonella, Gossett, Gourdine, Holzapfel, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Neall, Pope, Rauch, Sansom, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Larry Sandford (for Goodwin), Hrabowski, Interim Provost & EVP Roger Ward (for Jarrell), Jenkins, Leak, Nowaczyk, Pines, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Wight; Chancellor Perman, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Educational Forum: *USM Civic Engagement* presented by Dr. Nancy Shapiro, Delanie Blubaugh from Frostburg State University, and Lauren Wyatt from the University of Baltimore. They discussed actions taken to ensure student engagement in civic activities taking place on their campuses, as well as providing civic educational resources to ensure individuals are making informed decisions about concerning the upcoming election.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Perman presented the report, acknowledging and commending the regents for their hard work under these difficult circumstances and how they remained deeply engaged to meet those challenges. He also thanked Dr. Nancy Shapiro and the student leaders for their presentations and impressive work on civic engagement. Additionally, he echoed Chair Gooden's reference to the historic voter turnout—especially among our young people. And he mentioned his delight in Regent Bobby Neall remaining on the board, in the midst of the announcement of his retirement as Maryland Secretary of Health. He also welcomed Dr. Larry Leak as interim president of the University of Maryland Global Campus.

Chancellor Perman then acknowledged the numerous accomplishments and outstanding rankings at the various universities, commending all of the institutions for their tremendous commitment to community outreach and engagement.

He made mention of the spike in COVID cases in Maryland and across the nation; and, stressed that everyone must be fully ready for a possible pivot to earlier online-only instruction and student move-outs. He talked about the System's commitment to reflecting on lessons learned and apply them to our immediate and long-term efforts. In that vein, those lessons from the universities in reference to teaching and learning, in campus life and student services, facilities management, communication, IT, and athletics are being compiled.

Chancellor Perman shared that he has begun monthly virtual get-togethers with students across the System. This is his opportunity to better understand their experiences, their challenges, what they want from their education and whether they are getting it. He also continues to meet regularly with the presidents, center directors, and their cabinets which contributes to their collaboration and solidarity as a System. Additionally, Chancellor Perman is working to remain engaged with all the institutions by visiting every campus and regional center and to make regular visits a priority in his schedule.

He closed out his report by saying he is glad that we tried to fulfill our mission in education, research, and service; we tried to support the students who need what our campuses provide, and to keep them safe when the very concept of safety is threatened. He also stated that he is glad he put his faith in the System's faculty and staff, who have worked so hard to provide an education worthy of the USM's name. And he is glad for the trust of our students who remind us every day why we took on this work in the first place.

#### I. Report of Councils

- a. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Ms. Rappeport presented the report, indicating that the focus of their meeting has been to strengthen the organization internally as well as through continued engagement of students with the Chancellor and USM Votes efforts. They had unanimously favorable support for their statement of opposition to the proposed Department of Homeland Security D/S rule which USMSC viewed as having detrimental impacts for the entire system if passed. Their next steps in this continued effort include bridges between USMSC and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Student Advisory Council. Lastly, of note, the USMSC as a whole continues to express appreciation for the tremendous work being done day in and day out by leaders at the institutional and system level as well as by faculty, staff, and fellow students during this time.
- b. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Brunn presented the report and stated that CUSF has been focused on several action plan items; namely, formulating committees to address the following areas:
  - i. Board of Regents Faculty and Recognition Committee
  - ii. Ed Policy Committee
  - iii. Faculty Concerns Committee
  - iv. Rule and Membership Committee
  - v. Legislative Affairs and Policy Committee

There was also discussion of the potential to consult with the CIO of the Maryland Judiciary as they have faced many IT issues that correlate to USM security, academic integrity and other issues.

Lastly, she mentioned that a resolution encouraging faculty to give students time to participate in voting and election process activities on and surrounding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election was unanimously approved.

- d. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Shishineh presented the report, indicating that last year the Council focused on best practices in shared governance; however, this year they will take it one step further with a focus on collaboration across shared governance.

Additionally, the Joint Councils met regularly and discussed shared challenges across constituency groups while looking for areas to collaborate. They also are hosting Advocacy Day, which will probably be held virtually, and are exploring some other potential Joint Council committee work and/or meeting opportunities.

- e. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). Dr. Breaux presented the report stating the screening, monitoring, and testing for COVID-19 was key to understanding any spread on USM campuses. CUSP worked with the Maryland Department of Health on making more efficient the notification of students with positive tests results. It was found that by participating in the health information exchange with the *Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP)*, data sharing between participating institutions and the department of health expedited the time in which campuses were notified of students with positive test results. Managing the costs of the pandemic has been a key priority. As has been reported, every source of revenue—tuition and fees, auxiliary services, state appropriations, and grants and contracts—has retracted. CUSP addressed voter engagement ahead of the election with the goal of getting students more active in the electoral process. The campuses supported a variety of activities and resource sharing across the USM. Campuses provided web pages and portals, organized student fora, made videos, and more.

- 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. The motion was unanimously approved. The items included were:

Consent Agenda

Chair Gooden

- a. Committee of the Whole
  - i. Approval of meeting minutes' revision from June 19, 2020 Closed Session (action)
  - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from September 18, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
  - iii. Approval of meeting minutes from Special Board Meetings Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - 1. September 27, 2020
    - 2. October 19, 2020
- b. Committee on Governance and Compensation

- i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 2, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. Review of Committee Charters – Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (action)
  - c. Committee on Finance
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from September 10, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Renovation of Building I for School of Nursing Expansion at The Universities at Shady Grove (action)
    - iii. Towson University: Increase Authorization for New Science Complex (action)
    - iv. University of Maryland, Baltimore County: Real Property Transfer (information)
  - d. Committee on Advancement
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from October 28, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. Approval to the Revised USM BOR VI-4.00 – Policy on the Naming of Facilities and Programs (action)
    - iii. Quasi-Endowment Grant Approval (action)
    - iv. Approval of Committee Charter (action)
  - e. Committee on Audit
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from October 30, 2020 Public and Closed Sessions (action)
    - ii. Proposed Revisions to the Audit Committee Charter (action)
  - f. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization
    - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 5, 2020 Public Session (action)

### 3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Audit Update. Regent Fish presented the report on the Review of Financial Disclosures of the Regents, Chancellor, and Presidents.
- b. Committee on Finance Regent Attman
  - i. University System of Maryland: Amendment to the Forty-Second Bond Resolution—Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds and Associated Conversion of Cash-Funded Projects to Revenue Bond Funding. Regent Attman moved that the Forty-Second Bond Resolution and the associated conversion of cash-funding of selected capital projects to revenue bond funding, and the authority to spend cash immediately if needed to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the next bond issue, anticipated for

February 2021. Regent Pope seconded the motion; and it was unanimously approved.

- ii. Fall 2020 Enrollment Update and FY 2021 FTE Estimate. Regent Attman, along with Assistant Vice Chancellor of Institutional Research, Data & Analytics, Chad Muntz presented an Enrollment Update that found USM enrollment improved since the enrollment projections were originally approved. Also, estimated full-time equivalent from Fall credit hours improved since enrollment projections were approved. There were enrollment changes that included retention improvements, fewer transfers from community colleges, fewer first-time students, pandemic shift to remote learning and primary online universities, fewer graduate students (non-US citizens), and more part-time students. USM is tracking with most national public 4-year trends.

c. Committee of the Whole

Chair Gooden

- i. Establish a new Standing Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare. Regent Gossett moved that the Workgroup on Intercollegiate Athletics be dissolved effective June 30, 2021; amend Article X of the Bylaws; and approve the creation of a new standing Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare, effective July 1, 2021. He also indicated that the Chancellor would develop and present a proposed charter for the new standing committee to the Board when it meets in April 2021. Regent Gourdine seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- ii. UMGC President Search Update. Regent Malhotra presented an update on the search for a new president at UMGC. He indicated that we are in a strategically important time in UMGC history, especially with the shift to online learning, which is of value during pandemic. Whoever fills this position will have to navigate through a tortuous terrain for online learning since there are so many other for-profit schools competing for the same group of people. The new leader needs to be able to take on this challenge. Great progress has been made and the search committee is on schedule to deliver final candidates for consideration by Thanksgiving. They have met with various stakeholders, agreed on a profile to solicit candidates, and identify candidates to be most successful. Ninety candidates were received, and interviews will be conducted in order to propose a handful of candidates.

- 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 Regent Fish, seconded by Regent Bartenfelder; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.