



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
University of Maryland Global Campus
September 10, 2021 Public Minutes

Call to Order. Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday September 10, 2021, at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Beams, Breslin, Fish, Gill, Gonella, Gourdine, Hur, Leggett, Neall, Oludayo, Peters, Pope, Rauch (virtual), Smarick, Wallace, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Fowler, Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell, Jenkins, Nowaczyk, Pines, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Wight; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, and Raley; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden began by acknowledging that this is the first in-person meeting since February 2020. She asked for a moment of silence for former USM Board of Regents Chair Jim Brady who served on the Board from 2015-2018. During his time on the Board, he welcomed four presidents, led the launch of the Maryland Momentum Fund, and championed accountability and fiscal responsibility. Chair Gooden offered her heartfelt condolences to Jim Brady's family, friends, and colleagues.

Chair Gooden and Senior Vice Chancellor Boughman then presented the Board of Regents Staff Awards in person for the first time since Fall 2019. The Staff Award winners are:

1. Exceptional Contribution: Julianna Brush, UMCES
2. Exceptional Contribution: Victor Fulda, UMBC
3. Outstanding Service: Donna Hammer, UMCP
4. Extraordinary Public Service: Patricia Watson, TU
5. Effectiveness and Efficiency: Julie Leary, TU
6. Effectiveness and Efficiency: Crystal Kelly, SU
7. Inclusion, Multiculturalism and Social Justice: Amanda Preperato, UMCP

Welcome from the University of Maryland Global Campus. President Fowler welcomed the Regents and Presidents to UMGC. Lauren Warner, a Pillars of Strength award recipient, spoke about her experiences at UMGC.

Educational Forum: HBCUs: Now and on the Horizon. Dr. Leonard Haynes, Senior VP and Special Advisor for HBCU Initiatives, Strategic Education, Inc., spoke about HBCUs. He discussed their role in higher education today and what the future holds for them. He noted that HBCUs need a compelling strategy as they move forward.

Chancellor's Report. Senior Vice Chancellor Boughman presented the Chancellor's Report. She again made note of the first in-person Board meeting and thanked President Fowler for hosting. She congratulated the Staff Award winners. Dr. Boughman also congratulated this year's Elkins Professors: Dr. Paz Galupo from TU, Dr. Radi Masri from UMB, Dr. Heather Congden from UMB, Dr. Lora Harris from UMCES, and Dr. Don DeVoe from UMCP.

She helped Chair Gooden welcome the new Regents and noted the departure of Vice Chancellor for Economic Development Tom Sadowski. She also spoke about UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski's retirement announcement and highlighted some of UMBC's accomplishments during his tenure.

Dr. Boughman highlighted the growth in academic programs and campus facilities over the summer months. She also provided an update on our institutions' grants, partnerships, and strong economic impact. She highlighted several individuals for awards and recognition they have recently received and provided an update on community service and outreach across the system.

Dr. Boughman closed the report by expressing how happy we are to welcome students back to campus this fall. She highlighted the high vaccination rate across the system but noted that with the Delta variant, we still need to be cautious. We must continue to work together.

I. Council Reports

- a. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Brunn presented the report. The first meeting of CUSF is scheduled for September 21, 2021. She provided an update on several subcommittees noting that the Council plans to talk about topics this year including academic integrity, IPE and civic engagement, structural inequities, technology, and COVID-19. The Executive Committee plans to prepare short topics for each meeting about the future of higher education.
- b. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Shishineh presented the report. An orientation was held and the Executive Committee roster was finalized at the first CUSS meeting of the year. The Council is piloting a new format for standing committees this year – one member of the Executive Committee and one standing member of each committee will serve as Co-Chairs. She noted that they have robust representation and hope to have their roster finalized by the September meeting.
- c. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). President Breaux presented the report stating that CUSP continues to convene bi-weekly to address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to other systemwide matters. Meetings continued to focus heavily on COVID-19 and the fall return-to-campus. CUSP also discussed several other topics including revisions to the Board of Regents bylaws, a discussion of student debt, and the USM's FY 23 budget request.

- d. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Ms. Harper presented the USMSC report. She introduced herself and highlighted her previous experience with USMSC. Though their first meeting is not until September 12th, she said that important topics for the Council this year are civic engagement, COVID-19, student fees, and mental health. She invited Regents and Presidents to attend a USMSC meeting.
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. Chair Gooden moved and Regent Pope seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. The items included were:
 - a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from June 17, 2021, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Resolution on Defense Security Service (action)
 - b. Committee on Finance
 - i. Bowie State University: Three Voluntary Separation Incentive Plans for Certain Employees (action)
 - ii. University System of Maryland: Legislative Debt Cap (information)
 - c. Committee on Advancement
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from August 24, 2021, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Finance
 - i. Towson University: Project Authorization for Institute for Well-Being. Regent Attman moved and Regent Pope seconded approval of project authorization for the Institute for Well-Being at Towson University. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. Committee on Governance and Compensation
 - ii. Revisions to the Board of Regents Bylaws. Regent Gill moved and Regent Gourdine seconded approval of revisions to the Board of Regents bylaws to clarify both tuition waivers for student regents and virtual meeting options. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - c. Committee of the Whole
 - iii. Update on UMBC President Search. Regent Gourdine provided an update on the search for a new president at UMBC following President Hrabowski's

announcement of his retirement at the end of the academic year. She noted that they hope to have a list of finalists by late Winter or early Spring.

- iv. University of Baltimore Task Force Report. President Schmoke presented the findings from the University of Baltimore Task Force Report highlighting several things including going by The University of Baltimore (UBalt) moving forward, consolidating marketing for the institution, re-organizing the enrollment team, and emphasizing financial stability.
5. Reconvene to Closed Session 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 Attman, seconded by Regent Fish; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.