



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
Towson University
November 10, 2023, Public 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 November 10, 2023, at Towson University. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Breslin, Fish, Hasan, Helal, Hur, Leggett, McMillen, Neuberger, Parker, Peters (virtual), Pope, Rauch, Sibel, Smarick, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Interim President Dennison, Fowler, Ginsberg, Jarrell, Jenkins, Provost Couch for Lepre, Vice President Delia for Nowaczyk, Pines, Schmoke, and Sheares Ashby; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Herbst, Hogan, Masucci, McDonough, Raley, and Wrynn; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden welcomed everyone to the meeting. She started with a brief review of the Board Retreat which took place last month. She emphasized the role of student centeredness and the student experience at the center of the retreat. She went on to address the conflict in the Middle East and stressed that we must continue to embrace the values of civility and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Chair Gooden covered some of the recent accolades for members of our USM community. She closed by acknowledging Veteran's Day. She thanked and congratulated Regent Peters, who was a Captain in the US Army Reserve and earned a Bronze Star Medal during Operation Desert Storm. He recently had a state scholarship renamed in his honor – the "Douglas JJ Peters Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship program".

Welcome from Towson University. President Mark Ginsberg welcomed everyone to Towson University – a mere 10 days into his role as president. He spoke about how TU currently has its largest first-year class in the school's history and how it is ranked 5th in the country for veterans. He said that success will be at the center of his time at TU and he will see the institution through to becoming an Research 2 institution.

Campus Safety Vignette. Chief Herring provided a brief safety vignette, focusing on communication across campus and with the university's neighbors to ensure strong relationships and safety.

Educational Forum: Sports Betting. Keith Whyte, Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, presented the educational forum on sports betting. He discussed a broad overview of sports gambling, including the landscape in Maryland. He covered the effects on student athletes, particularly in Maryland.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Perman presented his report. He started by thanking President Ginsberg and noting that he has been at Towson University a few times in the last two weeks. He also thanked Dr. Perreault for her service as interim president. He noted the departure of Patrick Hogan, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, and the upcoming departure of Tim McDonough, Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications.

Chancellor Perman spoke about the strength of the USM by highlighting some recent joint accomplishments of our institutions. He then went on to cover some recent accomplishments at our individual universities.

Chancellor Perman closed his report with remarks on campus climate. He spoke of the conflict in the Middle East and acknowledged the strong feelings we all have about the events. He said that he and the System are committed to ensuring that our people feel safe no matter who they are. He noted that civility must be central to this dialogue. He said that his hope is that we emerge from this agony more committed than ever to using what we do for light and for peace.

I. Council Reports

- a. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Ms. Gambhir presented the USMSC report. She noted that she attended the first Chancellor's Chat of the semester which focused on the value of a liberal arts education. At the general body meeting in October, the council discussed issues recurring across many campuses including international student needs, expanding on campus assistantship and job opportunities, dining, and campus safety. A subgroup focusing on international student needs was formed. Ms. Gambhir also provided updates on the USM Civic Engagement Symposium and the planned USM student forum.
- b. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Haverback presented the report. A general body meeting was held on October 24th. Chancellor Perman and TU Interim President Perreault joined the meeting, which included topics on student-centeredness and proposed amendments to the religious accommodation policy. The USM Senate Chairs met on October 26th and focused on sharing information from their campuses, campus safety, and shared governance. Dr. Haverback also provided an update on the Executive Committee meeting held on October 4th and updates from each committee.
- c. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Patricio presented the report. CUSS met in person on October 10th at FSU. She shared the 2023-2024 action plan. The priorities for this year are ombuds access and duplicative fees for tuition remission at home institutions. Other items for review but not currently priorities are a leave donation program, pet insurance, telework, wage compression, mental health resources, and emergency loan programs. She ended by noting that everyone is eagerly anticipating the Joint Councils Session.
- d. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). President Breaux presented the report stating that CUSP met twice since the last meeting. The October 2nd meeting

included topics on FAFSA simplification, the possibility of a federal government shutdown, and the Gun Safety Act. The November 2nd meeting focused on consolidated collective bargaining and campus climate.

2. Public Comment. Chair Gooden opened the meeting for public comment. Jannah Nassar, UMCP student, spoke about the quasi endowment fund and urged transparency in the investment process. Asiya Silmi, UMBC student, also spoke about the quasi endowment fund and asked the Board to reconsider collective responsibilities in light of violence in the Middle East. She asked the Board to disengage from activities that harm Palestinian people.
3. 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 item. Chair Gooden moved and Regent Fish seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved. The items included were:
 - a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from September 22, 2023, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from Board Retreat (action)
 - b. Committee on Advancement
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from October 24, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - ii. Fundraising Updates (information)
 1. Year-end fundraising for FY23
 2. Year-to-date fundraising September FY24
 - iii. USM Quasi-Endowment Grant Requests for 2024 (action)
 - iv. BOR Committee on Advancement Charge (action)
 - c. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from September 14, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - d. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from September 26, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - ii. Annual Review: EPSL Committee Bylaws and Charge and Role and Responsibilities (action)
 - iii. Report on Academic Program Actions Delegated to the Chancellor, AY 2022-2023 (information)
 - iv. Notification of Awards: USM Regents Scholars Program, AY 2023-2024 and Wilson H. Elkins Professorships, FY 24 (information)
 - v. Libraries Across the USM (information)
 - vi. Health Equity in the USM (information)
 - vii. Education Policy and Student Life Tentative Annual Agenda, 2023-2024 (information)

- e. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from October 25, 2023, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Carver Hall Renovation Project (action)
 - iii. University of Maryland, College Park: 2023 Campus Facilities Plan (action)
 - iv. University of Maryland, College Park: Acquisition of 1.75 acres of Unimproved Land from University of Maryland Global Campus (action)
 - f. Committee on Governance and Compensation
 - i. Committee on Governance and Compensation Charter (action)
 - g. Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 3, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - ii. Review of the Committee Charge, Role, and Responsibilities (action)
 - iii. Mid-year Athletic Director Updates – Rotating – FSU, CSU, UMCP (information)
 - iv. Annual Report on Institution and BOR Policy Changes Impacting Student-athletes - Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act Report (information)
4. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
5. Committee Reports
- a. Committee on Finance
 - i. Fall 2023 Enrollment Update and FY 2024 Estimated FTE Report. Associate Vice Chancellor Chad Muntz provided an update on the Fall 2023 enrollment numbers and the FY 2024 estimated FTE report.
 - b. Committee of the Whole
 - ii. Summary of the Board of Regents Retreat. Senior Vice Chancellor Wrynn provided an update on the Board of Regents retreat that took place last month. She noted that the retreat focused on student-centeredness and highlighted some of the conversations from the retreat.
6. 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 Pope, seconded by Regent Hur; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.