



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
September 18, 2015

Minutes of the Public Session

Call to Order. Chairman Shea called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015 at Coppin State University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Augustine, Bartenfelder, Brady, Comitz, Gooden, Gossett, Gourdine, Kelly, Kinkopf, Michaux Gonzales, Neall, Pevenstein, Rauch, Reid, and Slater; Presidents Bell, Boesch, Interim President Bowling, Burnim, Interim President Chandler, Dudley-Eshbach, Hrabowski, Loh, Miyares, Perman, Schmoke, and Thompson; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Vivona, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ryan, and OAG Bainbridge.

1. Committee of the Whole.

- a. Board of Regents' Staff Awards. Chairman Shea acknowledged the recipients of the USM Staff Awards and noted their significant achievements in support of their institutions.

Welcome from Coppin State University. Dr. Thompson welcomed the regents and highlighted accomplishments of CSU.

1. Committee of the Whole (continued).

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from July 23, 2015 Special BOR Meeting. (Moved by Regent Michaux Gonzales, seconded by Regent Gourdine; unanimously approved.)
- b. Proposed Board of Regents Policy on High-Impact Economic Development Activities. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)
- c. Request for Approval for University of Maryland University College to Form, Invest in, and Operate a Private Entity. (Moved by Regent Reid, seconded by Regent Michaux Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
- d. Resolution on Defense Security Service. (Moved by Regent Brady, seconded by Regent Reid; unanimously approved.)
- e. Report on Towson University Search. Regent Kinkopf provided the report.
- f. Report on Frostburg State University Search. Regent Slater provided the report.
- g. Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Caret thanked Dr. Thompson and Coppin State University for hosting the BOR meeting. He noted that the meeting was his first meeting with the BOR as Chancellor, the first official Board meeting for Regents

Sydney Comitz, Bobby Neall, and Bob Pevenstein and the first BOR meeting for Coppin State University's new President, Dr. Maria Thompson.

The Chancellor highlighted some of the progress at Coppin State University in the past few months and mentioned a number of the numerous achievements at USM institutions and by USM presidents, faculty and staff.

Chancellor Caret reported that work on USM's FY 2017 budget is still in the preliminary stages with meetings with Governor Hogan and his staff, members of the legislature, and professionals from the Department of Budget and Management to discuss USM's budget for FY 2017. He stressed that USM is committed to keeping USM priorities aligned with state priorities, supporting the USM strategic plan, and maintaining the USM as a funding priority.

The Chancellor announced that PJ Hogan, vice chancellor for government relations, is leaving USM at the end of September 29, 2015 after serving for eight years as one of USM's strongest and most effective advocates. PJ will be joining Cornerstone Government Affairs, a public affairs firm specializing in government relations and lobbying.

Finally, Chancellor Caret reported on his two-tiered agenda in the coming months which includes a statewide "listening tour to meet with several of USM's external stakeholders, including business leaders, educators, government officials, advocacy organizations, and others to elicit opinions and perspectives as to USM's strengths, challenges, and opportunities. The tour will also give the Chancellor the chance to "tell and sell" the USM story, generating a stronger broad-based understanding of—and support for—the USM and its mission. In addition to the bus tour, the Chancellor will be meeting with key internal constituencies with daylong visits to each campus in the months ahead. These meetings will focus on making progress on the USM agenda and provide the opportunity to learn more about each institution's initiatives, activities, partnerships, and areas of emphasis going forward.

The Chancellor also reported that he held a daylong retreat with his Direct Reports and has similar retreats scheduled with the Council of University System Presidents and the members of the BOR. The BOR retreat will focus on a wide range of issues: the USM budget, affordability, analytics, Effectiveness & Efficiency (E&E), collaboration, etc. These external and internal meetings are part of a comprehensive process, providing information needed for a coherent assessment of where the USM stands, establishing a "baseline" to determine where to best add focus to advance USM priorities, especially the completion agenda, USM's economic impact, and leveraging "system-ness" as a major source of strength.

Chancellor Caret closed his remarks by noting that later that afternoon Towson University will celebrate the life and legacy of President Emerita Dr. Maravene Loeschke at SECU Arena. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Towson and spent more than three decades at TU as an educator and dean, and spent her last three years as president of her beloved institution.

2. Report of Councils.

- a. University System of Maryland Student Council. Mr. Wallace reported on the activities of the USM Student Council discussion items and initiatives included ways to streamline council news and information, collaborative efforts between other executive departments, explaining the meaning of diversity to campuses and learning the unique challenges each campus may face, working with officials within the USM and its institutions to re-examine how financial literacy and wellness are infused into higher education curricula, remaining abreast of policy developments underway that may affect FAFSA's process for applying for federal aid and the proposed legislation on anti-hazing which could place additional regulations on USM institutions. In addition, the USMSC is examining current practices in grading throughout the system and they discussed collaborative efforts between the student council and the staff/faculty council.
- b. Council of University System Staff. Ms. Wimbish provided the report of the Council. The current work of the council includes completion of the latest edition of the CUSS Quarterly, earlier nomination process for the Board of Regents awards to allow additional time for institutions to identify nominees, creation of an Archive Workgroup and a Succession Planning Workgroup, and election of officers. The council also distributed a survey on the state of shared governance (for staff) on September 4, 2015.
- c. Council of University System Faculty. Dr. Bryant provided the report of the Council. Recent activities of the Council included a meeting of the Executive Committee with Chancellor Caret. The Council looks forward to further collaboration with USM on the E&E 2.0 initiative; special areas of interest include exploring new faculty retirement programs, redesigned courses and differential tuition. For the coming year, the Council will continue to focus on ways to improve shared governance, strategies to increase faculty participation in the BOR faculty awards, monitoring DBM's wellness program and implementing a legislative agenda.
- d. Council of University System Presidents. President Dudley-Eshbach provided the report of the Council. The Council met three times since the last BOR meeting. Many issues were discussed at these meetings, including updates on the state operating and capital budgets, status report on the Coalition Case, the BOR policy on student debt, increasing need based aid and the issue of award displacement, planning for Fall CUSP retreat, the goals, objectives and strategies of the new Chancellor and the presidents, proposed policy on High Impact Economic Development Activities, the Chancellor's institutional visits and institutional and system emergency response and communication strategies.

3. Committee on Finance. Regent Pevenstein provided the report of the committee.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 10, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)
- b. Resolution on Reimbursement of System Cash Balances Spent on Revenue Bond-authorized Projects. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)

- c. University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Leasing Off-Campus Housing – Amendment to Prior Board of Regents Approval to Lease Off-Campus Housing at Talons Square. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Comitz; unanimously approved.)
 - d. Salisbury University: Property Transfer from Salisbury University Foundation (Gift to Salisbury University Foundation from Plaza Gallery, LLC) to Salisbury University. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Gossett; unanimously approved.)
 - e. Frostburg State University: Second Amendment to Ground Lease with Allegany County to Adjust Property Boundaries for the Allegany Business Park. (Moved by Regent Pevenstein, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
 - f. Towson University: Facilities Master Plan Update. Regent Pevenstein presented the information item.
 - g. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects. Regent Pevenstein reviewed the item.
4. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman presented the report of the committee.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 10, 2015 Public Session. (Moved by Regent Attman, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved.)
5. Committee on Advancement. Regent Gossett presented the report of the committee.
- a. Year-to-date Fundraising Report for FY15. Regent Gossett presented the report.
6. Committee on Organization and Compensation. Regent Kinkopf presented the report.
- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September 8, 2015 Public and Closed Sessions. (Moved by Regent Kinkopf, seconded by Regent Gonzales; unanimously approved.)
7. Committee on Audit. Regent Augustine presented the report.
8. Reconvene to Closed Session. Chairman Shea 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 Chairman Shea, seconded by Regent Brady; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.