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Regents Report | November 2019

Greetings from the Board of Regents

November has been a busy month for the University System of Maryland. Earlier this month, the Board of Regents announced the wonderful news that University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Jay A. Perman, M.D., has been named the next chancellor of the University System of Maryland. We are very grateful to Dr. Perman for answering the call to lead the USM. We also thank the individuals who served on the search committee for their commitment to running a thoughtful, inclusive, and comprehensive search process.

At our Board of Regents meeting last Friday, we moved forward on many other important developments within our system. This newsletter summarizes some of the significant news from this meeting. You may also view the [video of the meeting online](#).

As we enter the Thanksgiving weekend and the holiday season, we send our good wishes and thanks to you and all those who have supported the work and mission of the USM this year!

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden, Chair
USM Board of Regents

Robert Caret, Chancellor
University System of Maryland



Board Actions & Decisions | November 22, 2019

The USM Board of Regents met at the Universities at Shady Grove on Friday, November 22, 2019. At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Board of Regents Chair Linda Gooden Congratulates Incoming Chancellor Jay Perman, MD, and Thanks Chancellor Robert Caret for His Service. At the meeting opening, Chair Linda Gooden commended the selection of UMB President Jay Perman, MD, as the next USM chancellor. "Jay has been an exceptional and innovative leader at UMB for over ten years—creating ties to both the city and state of Maryland—and we look forward to even greater achievements during his tenure as our new chancellor," said Gooden. Next, she thanked current Chancellor Bob Caret for his leadership and many accomplishments over the last five years. "He has greatly increased system enrollment and maintained affordability, and the USM has become more diverse and inclusive than ever before," said Gooden. "Under his leadership, the USM's role as an economic engine for the State of Maryland has grown. Bob has championed the "B-Power" initiative. He has also made civic engagement a strategic focus for USM as part of his strategic plan for the system."

Approval of New Programs at the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park: After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the Board voted to approve a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies at the University of Baltimore and the following new programs at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP): Bachelor of Arts in Immersive Media Design, Bachelor of Science in Immersive Media Design, Bachelor of Arts in Religions of the Ancient Middle East, and Doctor of Public Health. [Read More.](#)

Approval of Proposal for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to Use Standardized Tests as an Optional Criterion for Admission: The University of Maryland Eastern Shore requested exception to the [BOR Policy III-4.00](#) – Policy on Undergraduate Admissions to conduct a one-year pilot study using standardized tests as an optional criterion for admission for first-year students with an overall high school minimum grade point average of 3.4, to begin effective Fall 2020. The policy change would still require all students to submit their test scores, even if they are not used as admissions criteria. The board voted to approve this pilot study. [Read More.](#)

Approval of New Policies on Enterprise Risk Management and Crisis Management. The Board approved two new policies proposed by the Audit Committee. The Enterprise Risk Management policy formalizes the expectation that each institution, regional higher education center, and the System Office develop processes to periodically identify, review and assess significant strategic, financial, operational and reputational risks. The Policy on Crisis

Management formalizes the expectation that each institution, regional higher education center, and the System Office develop processes and protocols for responding to negative unanticipated events and that there be an organization-wide understanding of the response process or protocol. [Read More.](#)

Amendment of USM Policy on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity: The board voted to update the current Policy on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity ([VI-1.00](#)) and rescind two related policies to establish a comprehensive, streamlined policy on nondiscrimination. The new [Policy on Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity](#) is consistent with current law and prohibits discrimination against members of all legally protected classes of individuals. [Read more.](#)

Authorization of Several New and Increased Capital Expenditures: The Board authorized funding for the acquisition of property by Salisbury University and the construction of student housing on this property. In addition, the Board approved funding increases for several previously approved construction projects, including two new student housing buildings and a North Dining Hall replacement at UMCP. [Read More.](#)

For more information about the latest Board of Regents meeting, you may view the [meeting agenda](#) or [video archive](#). The [meeting minutes](#) will be posted once approved.

Other News from the System

USM Independent Review of UMCP Adenovirus Response Finds Campus Followed Recognized Federal, State and Campus Health Protocols. The independent experts tasked by the Board of Regents with reviewing the University of Maryland, College Park's response to the presence of adenovirus on campus during the Fall 2018 semester have concluded that campus officials followed recognized federal, state and campus protocols in their efforts to inform the campus and maintain a healthy campus environment. As part of this determination, the experts did make several recommendations for handling similar campus situations in the future. [Read more.](#)

USM Institutions are Among the Nation's Most Affordable Colleges and Universities. Tuition prices and student-debt levels for USM institutions remain below national averages. The [2018 Trends in College Pricing](#) showed public in-state tuition and fees in Maryland to be below the national average for the 2018-19 academic year--\$9,474 versus \$10,230. USM data show nearly half of in-state baccalaureate recipients in 2018 completed their college experience with zero debt—with another 12 percent graduating with debt levels of less than \$10,000. This is substantially below the \$29,200 national average for 2018. [Read more.](#)

Maryland Momentum Fund Invests in Minnowtech Seed Funding Round. Minnowtech, LLC, an aquaculture technology company enabling shrimp farmers to image shrimp abundance with precision, received a \$150,000 joint investment from the USM Maryland Momentum Fund and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) to complete the company's \$600,000 seed funding round. [Read More.](#)

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Celebrate the Grand Opening of the New Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building. On November 7, the USM welcomed Governor Larry Hogan, state and local elected officials, university presidents, students, faculty and the community to the new the Biomedical Sciences & Engineering Building at the USG. The new BSE building will expand USG's educational offerings and degrees in STEM fields, including new programs from UMBC in life sciences, cybersecurity and engineering; from UMCP, including the Clark School of Engineering; and from the School of Dentistry at UMB. [Read More.](#)

News from USM Institutions

Bowie State University. BSU celebrates groundbreaking for Entrepreneurship Living-Learning Community. [Read More.](#)

Coppin State University. The 91st National Technical Association conference was held on Coppin State University campus, with over 125 researchers and scholars in attendance. [Read more.](#)

Frostburg University. Frostburg State University awarded \$4 million for the Maryland Accelerates teacher education program. [Read more.](#)

Salisbury University. SU's Dr. Dean Kotlowski makes history as the inaugural holder of the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in American-Australian Alliance Studies. [Read more.](#)

Towson University. President Kim Schatzel announced new "StarTU" project connecting campus entrepreneurs and the Greater Baltimore business community. [Read more.](#)

University of Baltimore. UB has been named a winner in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, a national campaign to encourage student participation in the election process. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore. UMB holds ceremony for multimillion-dollar community engagement project. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County. UMBC receives \$2.8 million from NSF for master's program to prepare a diverse environmental science workforce. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, College Park. UMCP celebrated the groundbreaking of the School of Public Policy's new home. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Two charter members of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen celebrated Veterans' Day at UMES. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Global Campus. UMGC is teaming up with Amazon to advance information technology skills for the retailer's hourly employees with an initiative that will launch in January. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. UMCES and Maryland Sea Grant College awarded a \$2.5 million NSF grant to support diversity in the STEM fields. [Read more.](#)

News from USM Regional Centers

Universities at Shady Grove. USG celebrates Grand Opening for state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Hospitality and tourism students chosen to pitch ideas in "Crab Tank" competition. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland. A new innovation district is forming in Southern Maryland, with help from the university system. [Read more.](#)

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER 12
Committee on Governance and Compensation
 University of Maryland, Baltimore
 8:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 12
Committee on Finance
 University of Maryland, Baltimore
 10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 18
Committee on Audit
 USMO, Elkins Building
 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 20
Board of Regents Meeting
 University of Maryland, College Park
 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY 7, 2020
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
 Towson University
 9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 30, 2020
Committee on Governance and Compensation
 University of Maryland, Baltimore
 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY 30, 2020
Committee on Finance
 University of Maryland, Baltimore
 10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 30, 2020
Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization
 University of Maryland, Baltimore
 12:30 p.m.

For the complete schedule of meetings, please visit the USM website at:
www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/

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