

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, March 17, 2020, AT 5:00 PM
U S M S M, TELECONFERENCE

In Attendance By Phone: Joe Anderson, Rose Frederick, George Hurlburt, Ellen Herbst (*Ex Officio*), Chris Kaselemis, Gary Kessler, Becca Salisbury, Matt Scassero, Ben Latigo (*Ex Officio*) and Jean Combs.

Not in Attendance: Betsy Beise for Mary Ann Rankin, Denise Barnes, Alan Easterling, Rich Fleming, Anthony Foster, Jack Keane, Glen Ives, Tuajuanda Jordan, Maria Icaza, and Maureen Murphy.

Call to Order: The Board was called to order at 5:03 pm by Joe Anderson.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were distributed for approval. A motion was made by Rose Frederick to approve the minutes and seconded by Gary Kessler. The motion carried.

Executive Director Search Update: Committee has met and reviewed several applicants. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2020. There is a discussion of doing video interviews to continue the process during this sensitive time.

Strategic Plan Committee: The Committee has met. Maureen Murphy was organized ready and had insightful ideas. They are currently working on a baseline to guide them in the correct direction, to establish specific targets. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020.

New Building Construction Project: The Building III Construction Project continues to stay on track, some weather delays, but the project as a whole is progressing well. Next meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2020, by teleconference. Too early to tell if construction will be impacted by the current situation.

Executive Director Report: The Executive Director presented his report which was distributed earlier. The following items were highlighted:

- The Executive Director hosted a meeting with BSU. Met with the Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Dr. Brice, Nursing Department's Chair, Dr. Hill, and Monica Simpkins. All programs should resume in Fall 2020, except for MS in Nursing, which may take a year to bring back to the U S M S M. BSU is working on their undergrad Nursing accreditation. NCFLEX testing is playing a major role in its accreditation review process. BSU's Criminal Justice program has 12 students enrolled for Fall 2020.
- Executive Director has participated in several conference calls and has been occupied with the COVID-19 issue; discussing updates and plans to take immediate actions at U S M S M.

Groundbreaking Ceremony: The Spring 2020 Building III Groundbreaking Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, April 17th, has been postponed. USM is committed to doing this event and U S M S M will continue to work to make sure this event will still move forward on a later date.

USM COVID-19 Overview: Ellen stated she feels very fortunate under the circumstances. USM has direct pipelines from CDC and UMB. UMB has been incredibly supportive, running models of how this is likely to play out. What is being discussed this week could change and be a much longer event. USM is focused on safety, remote learning for students, and staff telecommuting, being consistent with and how we handle our students and our employees.

Ben stated as far as the U S M S M campus is concerned all instruction is online with our University Partners, one exception is the labs for UMDCP Engineering Programs. We have made arrangements for students to come and complete their labs individually. All other training programs have been canceled through April. U S M S M will continue to maintain the social distance requirement. We are on track for staff to begin to telecommute.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Advisors meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020, same time, venue or teleconference undetermined at this time.

Adjournment: *There being no other business, Rose moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by George. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.*