

Feb. 28, 2020

Good afternoon,

Here are a couple of updates:

COVID-19 Virus & Campus Preparedness. The world continues to monitor the coronavirus known as COVID-19. The University System of Maryland held a briefing for presidents and other staff last Thursday. I attended it along with several other individuals from Frostburg State. Next week, the system is bringing together teams from each campus to look at campus preparedness. I assure you we are taking this virus seriously and have had meetings on campus reviewing our pandemic illness policy and procedures. I will be meeting with the Faculty and Staff senates next week to discuss the policy and answer questions, and I will be glad to do so with SGA as well. To learn more about what you should do, visit www.cdc.gov. The best suggestions I have heard to date is to take preventive actions of washing your hands multiple times each day and avoid individuals who are sneezing and coughing. We'll encourage both faculty and staff to stay home if they have flu-like symptoms and explore opportunities to use Canvas for online teaching if we get to that stage with this illness. I encourage students to be especially vigilant and be proactive in terms of hygiene during the spring break. Please watch for a message from Brady Health, also being sent today.

NCAA Visit. We just completed an NCAA onsite visit to FSU as part of our process in moving to Division II. The team of three NCAA visitors were very complimentary regarding the progress we are making in this transition. Thanks to the Department of Athletics staff, our student-athletes, and other faculty and staff who met with the visiting team.

The Arts. We have several events on campus over the next couple of weeks. The Theatre department is presenting [*The Whipping Man*](#) this weekend and next. There is also an opening reception in the Roper Gallery next Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. And, [CES](#) has two upcoming events, Cirque FLIP Fabrique presenting *Blizzard* next Tuesday evening (March 3) and the Russian National Ballet the following Wednesday (March 11).

Also, attached please find the February Regents Report from USM (look for the familiar faces of Ben Forrest and Dr. Robert Kauffman in page 2).

Have a safe and relaxing weekend!

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Regents Report | February 2020

Greetings from the Board of Regents

A new year always brings excitement, and that's especially true this year at the University System of Maryland (USM). In our last [Regents Report](#), we announced the change of leadership in the Chancellor's Office, a smooth transition completed on Jan. 6. We began the year with Bruce Jarrell, MD, as the new interim president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and with three new members of the Board of Regents: Geoff Gonella, Sam Malhotra, and Meredith Mears.

Last week, we announced that Dr. Darryll Pines, dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering, has been named the next president of the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD). Dr. Pines will assume the presidency on July 1, and we're confident he will build on USM's tradition of excellence and grow UMD's power, prominence, and impact. We're also deeply grateful to UMD President Wallace Loh, for his decade of visionary leadership and dedicated service to the university.

Our busy winter continues into the spring as we work with our USM presidents and the Maryland General Assembly to ensure that every USM university has the support and resources it needs to provide its students an exceptional—and affordable—education. In the coming weeks, we'll spend considerable time in Annapolis exchanging ideas and information with legislators, so that together we can strengthen Maryland's public university system.

Enjoy this issue of the Regents Report, which includes developments from last week's meeting of the Board of Regents, as well as important announcements from our USM universities.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman, MD
Chancellor
University System of Maryland



Board Actions & Decisions | February 21, 2020

The USM Board of Regents met at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on Friday, February 21, 2020. At this meeting, key actions by the board included:

Affirmed the Appointment of Darryll J. Pines, PhD, as the Next President of University of Maryland, College Park. On Feb. 12, the USM Board of Regents announced the selection of Dr. Pines as the 34th president of UMD. This appointment was affirmed by the Board of Regents at their meeting on Feb. 21, 2020. Pines has served as both dean and the Nariman

Farvardin Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the A. James Clark School of Engineering since January 2009. His appointment is effective July 1. [Read more about Dr. Darryl Pines.](#)



Approved a New Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate and the Built Environment at the University of Maryland, College Park. After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the board voted to approve this new undergraduate program at UMD that will provide students with a broad perspective on the modern practice of real estate, including construction methods and materials, politics and public policy, urban planning and design, transportation, and architecture. [Read more.](#)

Approved the Acquisition of Real Property by University of Maryland, College Park for the City Hall Block Project. At this meeting, the Regents approved UMD's acquisition of approximately 0.25 acres owned by Terrapin Development Company, LLC, which will be consolidated with other property to be developed as part of the City Hall Block Project. This project is a joint development agreement between UMD and the City of College Park, which will result in the construction of a new, vibrant downtown area that will include retail space and office space for both UMD and the new City Hall. [Read more.](#)

Approved the Lease of Space in a New Building to Be Constructed at the BioPark. The Board of Regents approved UMB's request to enter a lease agreement with BioPark Fremont LLC, a developer, for space in a new building to be constructed in the University of Maryland BioPark. UMB plans to move several entrepreneurial activities into this space, including UM Ventures, the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures, the Small Business Development Center, and the Maryland Momentum Fund. The space will also house translational research initiatives, such as the Fischell Institute for Biomedical Devices. These USM initiatives will greatly benefit from their proximity to technology companies located within the BioPark and help these companies accelerate their growth. [Read more.](#)

Approved the Update to the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Facilities Master Plan. The Board of Regents approved USG's 2019 update to its 2013 Facilities Master Plan. The USG 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update supports USG's continued growth towards a more sustainable campus and outlines the need for dependable and accessible system of transportation to support USG future growth and expansion. [Read more.](#)

For more information about the most recent 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

Chancellor Jay A. Perman and University Leaders Presented Legislative Testimony Before the Maryland General Assembly. Chancellor Perman presented testimony on behalf of the USM as a whole, as well as the USM office, before the Maryland Senate Subcommittee on Senate Education, Business and Administration (Jan. 30) and the Maryland House of Delegates Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development (Feb. 5). Chancellor Perman highlighted the progress of the USM toward its strategic goals in areas including access and affordability, economic growth and workforce development, civic engagement and community service, and diversity and inclusion. On both occasions, supporting testimony was provided by Board of Regents Chair Linda Gooden and presidents from several USM institutions. [View the full text of the Chancellor's testimony.](#)

Representatives of USM Advisory Councils Visited Maryland Legislators on USM Advocacy Day. More than 40 members of three USM advisory councils - the [Council of University System Faculty](#), the [Council of University System Staff](#), and the [University System of Maryland Student Council](#) - visited Annapolis on Feb. 19 to advocate for the needs of the USM and its 12 institutions. The Advisory Councils' representatives gathered for welcoming remarks from Chancellor Perman and Vice Chancellor for Government Relations Patrick Hogan, and then spent the rest of the day meeting with members of the Maryland General Assembly.



USM Office and Institutions Collaborate to Monitor and Share Information Regarding the Coronavirus Outbreak. Since the start of 2020, the Chancellor and USM staff have been in regular communication with the presidents, provosts, and other key staff at our 12 universities to monitor risks related to the coronavirus outbreak in China and to ensure the continued health and safety of students, faculty, and staff on all USM campuses. The USM office and all 12 USM institutions have shared [online resources related to coronavirus](#) on their websites. On Feb. 20, each university sent representatives to a special presentation about the public health implications of the coronavirus. The presentation featured three experts from UMB and the medical system: Dr. Wilbur Chen, virologist; Dr. Gregory Schrank, public health specialist; and Mr. Jonathan Bratt, Executive Director of the UMB Office of Emergency Management.

The USM Maryland Momentum Fund and the University of Maryland, Baltimore Invest in Medical Technology Company ARMR Systems, Inc. On Feb. 10, the USM Maryland Momentum Fund and UMB announced a \$350,000 joint investment in ARMR Systems, Inc, which is engineering a wearable hemorrhage control system to address hemorrhage wounds that cannot be treated with a traditional tourniquet. [Read more.](#)

News from USM Institutions

Bowie State University. BSU has launched a new Bachelor of Science in chemistry to prepare students for advanced degrees and careers in chemistry-related fields. [Read more.](#)

Coppin State University. The CSU Parlett L. Moore Library has received a Library Census Equity Fund grant from the American Library Association to bolster library services to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census. [Read more.](#)

Frostburg University. The university's online Master of Business Administration, Business Analytics concentration, has been ranked 10th on GetEducated.com's newest "Best Buy" list. [Read more.](#)

Salisbury University. SU has earned the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification, recognizing the campus-wide commitment to engaging with the greater community. [Read more.](#)

Towson University. TU is the new home to ATHENA PowerLink® Baltimore program, a national mentoring program that connects selected women business owners with a skilled advisory panel. [Read more.](#)

University of Baltimore. UB is welcoming the arrival of the Baltimore City Police Education and Training Center, underscoring its commitment to the City of Baltimore. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore. The School of Medicine has been recognized by *WIRED* magazine for groundbreaking biomedical research that "is making the world a better place." [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County. UMBC is named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. The National Science Foundation has provided UMCES with a \$500,000 grant to lead a coalition of scientists to study the impact of storms, sea-level rise, and climate change on estuaries and bays. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland, College Park. The university launched the Maryland Quantum Alliance, a regional consortium of quantum scientists and engineers from across academia, government, and industry to drive quantum science discovery, innovation, and workforce development. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore. UMES is launching a new health care certificate program for professionals who develop, implement, or evaluate services that address rural health disparities and social inequities. [Read more.](#)

University of Maryland Global Campus. Phi Kappa Phi—one of the nation's leading academic honor societies—has recognized UMGC as a "Circle of Excellence Silver Chapter" for its community service work. [Read more.](#)

News from USM Regional Centers

Universities at Shady Grove. USG held an International Night celebrating the diversity on campus and next month is holding an Undergraduate Expo. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Work is moving forward on the downtown campus expansion. [Read more.](#)

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland. On April 17, Governor Larry Hogan, UMD President Loh, Dr. Darryll Pines, invited guests, and the public will celebrate the progress of the construction of USMSM's third academic building. [Read more.](#)

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Committee on Advancement

USM Office, Elkins Building
11:00 a.m.

MARCH 6, 2020

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

University of Maryland Global Campus
9:30 a.m.

MARCH 24, 2020

Committee on Audit

USM Office, Elkins Building
10:00 a.m.

MARCH 26, 2020

Committee on Governance and Compensation

Towson University
8:30 a.m.

MARCH 26, 2020

Committee on Finance

Towson University
10:30 a.m.

MARCH 26, 2020

Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

Towson University
12:30 p.m.

MAY 1, 2020

Board of Regents Meeting

Bowie State University
9:00 a.m.

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



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