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BOARD OF CURATORS

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**Board of Curators Special Meeting
Teleconference
June 19, 2009**

Curator Fraser, Chairman of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, convened a special meeting of the Board of Curators at 8:03 A.M., CDT, on Friday, June 19, 2009, originating in Conference Room 321 University Hall and at remote locations via conference telephone, pursuant to public notice given of said meeting.

Present

The Honorable John M. Carnahan III
The Honorable Don M. Downing
The Honorable Warren K. Erdman
The Honorable Bo Fraser
The Honorable Judith G. Haggard
The Honorable Doug Russell
The Honorable Cheryl D. S. Walker
The Honorable David G. Wasinger
Student Representative Laura A. Confer

Also Present:

Mr. Gary D. Forsee, President
Mr. Stephen J. Owens, General Counsel
Ms. Kathleen M. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Curators
Ms. Natalie "Nikki" Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Members of the University of Missouri General Officers
Media Representatives

Curator Don Walsworth was absent from the meeting. A waiver of notice of the special meeting signed by Curator Walsworth is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

The Sunshine Act requires that we set forth good cause for not complying with the 24-hour notice of a special meeting (RSMo Section 610.020.2). Notice of this meeting was issued on Thursday afternoon, June 18, 2009. This special meeting of the Board of Curators was held on less than 24 hours public notice for good cause because 24-hour notice was impractical. There was a need to provide the Board of Curators immediately with information received on June 17, 2009, concerning actions that the Governor might take within the next few days with respect to legislation affecting the University, and for the Board to have an opportunity to consider that information and determine an appropriate position and course of action as soon as possible prior to any action by the Governor.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order Board of Curators Special Meeting
2. Roll Call of Board of Curators
3. Introduction of Meeting Topic
4. Information: State Capital Appropriations for the University of Missouri
5. Discussion of State Capital Appropriations for the University of Missouri
6. Recommended Action - Adjourn Special Meeting of the Board of Curators
7. Adjourn Board of Curators Special Meeting, June 19, 2009

State Capital Appropriations for the University of Missouri and HB22 – presented by President Forsee

Discussion of statement to the governor – original draft statement on file

It was moved by Curator Erdman and seconded by Curator Walker, that the following statement be issued to Governor Nixon

Statement from the University of Missouri Board of Curators to Governor Jay Nixon regarding capital projects funding

"We, the board of curators at the University of Missouri, appreciate your public support of higher education and the university during your first term as governor. We realize the current national and state economic turmoil has resulted in a very challenging period of time for

all of us with difficult decisions being required—and more still likely to come.

As the governing board of the university, we find reports that higher education and the University of Missouri are once again being considered as a place to make budget cuts on previously committed capital projects very troubling. We are not yet back to 2001 funding levels on a dollar basis, and yet are continuing to balance student enrollment demands that have increased by 18.2 percent during this time. Unfortunately, this has resulted in tuition increases for students to regionally high levels.

The university's capital needs also have continued to grow. Capital projects in House Bill 22 were previously approved and planning resources were committed—but now for the second time in six months those projects are said to be at risk. During this time, however, the university has repeatedly taken on a variety of difficult measures to keep its required mission to the state strong and even more relevant in these times: we have forced contributions to pension plans; frozen salaries; eliminated programs, centers and institutes; held at various times more than 500 positions open; restructured the overall System administrative area; and hosted a summit relevant to economic development for the state with more to come.

Because of the uncertainty of the passage of a bond initiative, the board does not see such an approach as a viable alternative to funding the university capital projects through House Bill 22. Therefore, we urge you to spare from veto all University of Missouri System House Bill 22 projects, including Benton/Stadler Halls at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center in Columbia, Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center and eight agricultural research stations across the state. These projects are truly shovel-ready and will immediately create jobs for Missouri citizens. We ask that you continue to make higher education a top priority.”

Roll call vote:

Curator Carnahan voted yes.
Curator Downing voted yes.
Curator Erdman voted yes.
Curator Fraser voted yes.
Curator Haggard voted yes.
Curator Russell voted yes.

Curator Walker voted yes.
Curator Walsworth was absent.
Curator Wasinger voted yes.

The motion carried by a vote of eight and zero.

It was moved by Curator Carnahan and seconded by Curator Russell, that the special meeting of the Board of Curators, June 19, 2009, be adjourned.

Roll call vote:

Curator Carnahan voted yes.
Curator Downing voted yes.
Curator Erdman voted yes.
Curator Fraser voted yes.
Curator Haggard voted yes.
Curator Russell voted yes.
Curator Walker voted yes.
Curator Walsworth was absent.
Curator Wasinger voted yes.

The motion carried by a vote of eight and zero.

There being no further business to be considered by the Board of Curators, the special meeting was adjourned at 8:50 A.M., on Friday, June 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Miller
Secretary of the Board of Curators
University of Missouri

Approved by the Board of Curators on July 24, 2009.