

REGENTS REPORT



Greetings from the Board of Regents

As we close out the calendar year and celebrate the holiday season, it's important we share our gratitude for your work and your partnership—for what it means and what it does.

In each of the University System's missions is the power to shape the future. Through our discovery, we solve the world's most urgent problems of health and well-being, of safety and sustainability. Through our service, we pursue opportunity for those who lack it, justice for those denied it, equity for those still waiting.

But it's in our teaching that we see our power multiplied. Because every year, we graduate more than 40,000 students who live the mission, the vision, and the values of our University System.

And in that way, we don't merely inherit this world of ours. We build it. We forge it—together with the 40,000 faculty and staff we employ, the 160,000-plus learners we enroll, the 1 million-plus USM alumni living and working around the globe.

Together, we are the architects of our future. And so we thank you for the brilliant, beautiful world you help create every day.

We wish you a joyful holiday season, restorative time with family and friends, and a new year filled with hope, happiness, peace, and love.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Board Actions & Decisions | December 16, 2022

The USM Board of Regents met at the [University of Maryland, Baltimore County \(UMBC\)](#) on December 16, 2022, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Approval of New Degree Programs. After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the board approved six new academic programs, including a **Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).** The proposed biomedical engineering (BME) program will significantly expand the capability of UMES, one of the USM's three historically Black institutions, to provide higher education opportunities that support the rural healthcare system. With expertise spanning physiology, biology, healthcare and health informatics, mechanics, and engineering, the graduates of this BME program will develop solutions that help improve patient treatment and lower the cost of care.

In addition to the BME program, the following new programs will be offered (pending approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission):

- Doctor of Medical Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
- Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising and Design, UMES
- Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics Engineering, UMES
- Master of Science in Electrical and Mechatronics Engineering, UMES
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Applied Computing and Engineering, UMES

Approval of a UMB Incubator for Small or Early-Stage Nonprofit Projects. The Board approved the creation of an affiliated business entity at UMB, which will provide small or early-stage nonprofit projects with financial, legal, and administrative services. This new incubator at UMB will seek to give nonprofits the resources they need to access funds from established foundations before the nonprofit has grown to handle such needs on its own.

Presentation of Updated USM Dashboard Indicators. Chad Muntz, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, Data and Analytics, provided a demonstration of the updated USM Dashboard, which includes more than 200 indicators of USM progress and success. A comprehensive source of current and historical data dating back to 2001, this interactive dashboard allows users to examine changes at both the System and institutional level. A drill-down capability is included for each indicator to explain the data sources, trend data, a summary of recent performance, and any available benchmarks based on peer performance, board policy, or institutional policy.

For more information about the November Board of Regents meeting, you may view the meeting agenda, video archive, and full report by Chancellor Jay Perman.

Other News from the System

