

## JULY MEETING, 2020

*The University of Michigan  
Virtual  
July 16, 2020*

The regents met at 4:30 p.m. via a livestream link on the University gateway. Participating were Regents Acker, Bernstein, Brown, Ilitch, Ryder Diggs and Weiser. Regents Behm and White were absent. Also, on the call were Vice President Baird, Vice President Churchill, Interim Provost Collins, Vice President Cunningham, Chancellor Dutta, Chancellor Grasso, Vice President Harmon, Executive Vice President Hegarty, Vice President Lynch, Vice President Michels, Vice President Pendse, Executive Vice President Runge, and Vice President Wilbanks.

### **Call to Order and President's Opening Remarks**

President Schlissel called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the virtual July Board of Regents meeting. He called roll of all the regents for the record and for those not able to see the screen. He welcomed Vice President for Student Life Martino Harmon to his first board meeting.

President Schlissel announced his recommendation of the appointment of Susan M. Collins as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs through June 30, 2022. He said, "She has provided inspired and steadfast leadership as the chief academic and budgetary officer for the university. I very much appreciate the leadership, insights and stability she has provided to our institution during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic."

President Schlissel said, "Vice President for Government Relations Cynthia Wilbanks has announced her plans to retire at the end of this calendar year. She has

worked at the university for more than 25 years, including 22 in her current position. Cynthia has left an enduring imprint on UM, our state and all of higher education. Her tireless work is grounded in a belief in higher education's ability to effect great positive change in our society, and her legacy ensures that UM will continue to achieve ever greater relevance and impact.

“She’s also helped to shape the future of Michigan itself, helping promote university efforts to restore leadership in manufacturing and technology, close the talent gap and inspire civic engagement amongst new generations of our citizens. In my view, her vast knowledge of our state, its issues, history, people and of course, those elected to serve is unparalleled. Cynthia has always applied her keen understanding when advocating for our students, faculty and staff in City Hall, Lansing, Congress and the White House. Most recently, she has coordinated the group of senior campus leaders working to preserve the university’s ability to fulfill its mission in the setting of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I join many members of our community in commending Cynthia’s dedication to our university and its public mission. We will have opportunities in the coming months to thank her, say farewell and celebrate her service. She and I will collaborate to ensure a smooth transition and we will have more to share in the coming months about a process to identify new leadership. Thank you, Cynthia.”

President Schlissel reported that UM was ranked as the top U.S. public university in the 2021 QS World University Rankings - the highest ranked U.S. public university since 2016. The rankings are based on six factors: academic reputation, employer reputation, student-faculty ratio, citations per faculty, proportion of international faculty

and proportion of international students and recognizes the talent and hard work of all members of the UM community.”

President Schlissel addressed the new face covering policy for everyone at UM. He said, “The research is clear that wearing a face covering is one of the most effective tools we have for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and saving lives. The University of Michigan requires all students, staff, faculty and visitors to wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose while anywhere on campus grounds. This includes when inside buildings, outdoors and on UM transportation on all of our campuses. It is difficult to maintain distance from groups even while outdoors on a busy university campus and so face coverings outdoors will help slow the spread of the virus.” The full policy is available on the Environment, Health and Safety website, and includes a description of the limited exceptions to this rule.

He continued, “We know that COVID-19 is going to be with us for at least the next full academic year and quite possibly even longer. To support the health of the university community during this pandemic, I am establishing a COVID-19 Campus Health Response Committee. This committee will be responsible for the timely triage of information, coordinating key offices and providing expert advice and recommendations to university leaders. Its members will design and implement public health and safety measures and policies, analyze data and serve as a resource to our schools, colleges and units.

“Our size and scope often make one-size-fits-all solutions impractical and this committee will help resolve questions from different campus areas. Leading the committee will be Dr. Rob Ernst, whom I have appointed as director of COVID-19

campus health response. As the associate vice president for student life and executive director of the University Health Service on our Ann Arbor campus, Dr. Ernst has been at the forefront of our response to COVID-19.”

President Schlissel said, “We were pleased that the federal government has rescinded the policy shared earlier this month that would have further restricted educational opportunities for international students. UM filed an amicus brief in support of Harvard and MIT’s lawsuit against DHS, along with 58 other leading colleges and universities. This means that pending further information, we will return to the March 2020 guidance that facilitated remote learning for our international students whether they remained in the U.S. or left the country due to COVID-19. International students are core members of our institutions. They make valuable contributions in our classrooms, campuses and communities—contributions that have helped make American higher education the envy of the world.

“We strongly disagree with arbitrary restrictions on international students. I will again say that such patterns of exclusion are antithetical to our view that we are strengthened as a university, a nation and an economy, when top minds from all parts of the world choose to study and work with us.”

President Schlissel recognized faculty members selected for the Henry Russel Lectureship and the Henry Russel Awards. These faculty members stand out among their peers in scholarly research or creative activity and in teaching. The Henry Russel Lecturer for 2020 will be Susan A. Gelman, the Heinz Werner Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Linguistics. The Henry Russel Lectureship is the highest honor that the university bestows upon a senior member of its faculty.

The faculty members selected to receive a Henry Russel Award are: José Casas, assistant professor of theatre and of sociology; Erin A. Cech, assistant professor of sociology; Matthew A. Davis, associate professor of nursing and of learning health sciences; and Johanna L. Mathieu, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science. President Schlissel thanked the faculty honorees for dedication to their scholarship and their teaching, and also the Russel Awards Faculty Advisory Committee.

He continued with recommendations for four faculty members to receive one of UM's top honors as Distinguished University Professors. The Board of Regents created the Distinguished University Professorships in 1947 to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their disciplines and for superior teaching skills. The recipients are: Arthur Lupia, professor of political science; Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar, professor of education; Lutgarde M. Raskin, professor of environmental engineering; and Donald R. Zak, professor of ecology.

The University Diversity and Social Transformation Professorships recognize faculty for outstanding contributions to excellence through their commitments to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. These professorships are an extension of the public mission of our university and are reserved for only the highest level of achievement. Recipients are: Vincent L. Hutchings, professor of political science and of Afroamerican and African studies; Amy J. Schultz, professor of health behavior and health education; Daphne C. Watkins, professor of social work; Camille M. Wilson, professor of education.

President Schlissel congratulated the 92 University of Michigan student-athletes who recently earned Distinguished Scholars honors from the Big Ten Conference. The

list includes student-athletes with a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher during the past academic year and is a testament to the amazing talents of our student-athletes – along with the commitment to academic achievement of the UM Athletic Department.

President Schlissel said, “Normally this month our meeting takes place as the Ann Arbor Art Fair is getting underway. I very much look forward to the day when our community can fully resume the activities that enrich our lives and make Michigan’s cities and towns such wonderful places to live. Our next meeting will be in September, and in the mean time I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.”

He turned to Vice President Cunningham for the presentation.

**Presentation: Research update**

Vice President Cunningham said, “For nine consecutive years, the University of Michigan has ranked number one in research volume among the public universities across the U.S. This achievement is truly a statement to our exceptional faculty, staff and students as well as our strong partnership with government and industry.”

She reported that this year resulted in a one percent increase on last year's record volume. Federal research expenditures totaled \$888 million, and led to advancements in many fields including Great Lakes sustainability, driverless vehicle technologies, opioid overdose prevention and chronic disease prevention. The NIH remains the largest external sponsor of UM research with \$572 million in research for fiscal year 2019. There were 502 new inventions and 22 new startups.

Between 2002 and 2019 UM contributed \$5.6 billion to the national economy through vendor contracts and subcontracts, and 16,000 UM employees are supported by research grants. The UM community has authored or co-authored over 400 COVID

related research publications, and launched over 320 COVID related research projects. Currently, 7000 researchers have resumed some on-campus activity.

### **Committee Reports**

**Health Affairs Committee.** Committee Chair Regent Ryder Diggs reported that she and committee member Regent Acker met with Executive Vice President Runge, Health System President Dave Spahlinger, Health System CFO Paul Castillo and Chief Human Resources Officer Dee Hunt for an update on the economic recovery plan.

**Flint and Dearborn Committee.** Committee member Regent Brown reported that he met with Chancellors Dutta and Grasso and with President Schlissel. They discussed funding, organizational changes and the work of the committee over the coming year in partnership with the chancellors.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Minutes.** Vice President Churchill submitted for approval the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2020.

**Reports.** Executive Vice President Hegarty submitted the Investment Report, the Plant Extension Report and the University Human Resources Report.

**Litigation Report.** Vice President Lynch had no additional report.

**Research Report.** Vice President Cunningham submitted the Report of Projects Established through June 30, 2020.

**University of Michigan Health System.** Executive Vice President Runge had no report.

**Student Life.** Vice President Harmon had no report.

**University of Michigan-Dearborn.** Chancellor Grasso reported on recent town hall meetings to help guide faculty, staff and students through expectations for the fall semester. He also noted that Jeff Evans, vice chancellor for business affairs, will step down from his position later this month. Jeff joined the university in 2003 and Chancellor Grasso said, “he made an enormous and positive difference for UM-Dearborn and has been a valued member of my leadership team and has helped guide many decisions critical to our success, especially as we navigated through the recent COVID-19 pandemic. I know that everyone shares my happiness and good wishes for Jeff in his new role but also a sense of loss and having to bid farewell to a colleague who has been such a valued member of our community.”

**University of Michigan-Flint.** Chancellor Dutta commented on the emerita status granted to Margaret Andrews, the founding dean of UM-Flint’s School of Nursing, and Keith Moreland, who most recently served as interim provost. Both have served UM-Flint with distinction for many years. He also recognized Robert Holbeck, the director of the Francis Wilson Thompson Library, who is retiring at the end of this month after more than 30 years of service to Flint and Ann Arbor campuses.

Chancellor Dutta noted that the UM-Flint DEI committee has a first draft of a DEI Strategic Action Plan that has been released for public comments. The Shared Governance Task Force has also released a first draft of their report for faculty comments.

Chancellor Dutta announced that summer semester broke a decade long streak of summer enrollment decline at UM-Flint with the number of students enrolled up almost 12% over last summer, and credit hours up almost 20%. Retention is also up for full-



time students and for transfer students. He said, “This reversal of a very troubling trend is good news for our campus, and is the direct result of many staff and faculty who have worked diligently on enrollment and retention. I thank them all and I hope this trend continues throughout the academic year. Thank you.”

**Central Student Government Report.** President Schlissel said, “Last week we were saddened to learn of the shooting death of DeAndre Watson in Westland. DeAndre graduated from UM in 2012 and served as CSG president. He worked in the office of Detroit City Councilman James Tate as a policy analyst. Our condolences to his family and many friends.”

CSG President Amanda Kaplan reported on fall planning, including upcoming town hall meetings. She thanked the leadership team for their work.

**Voluntary Support.** Vice President Baird had no additional report.

**Personnel Actions/Personnel Reports.** Interim Provost Collins presented a number of personnel actions and reports.

**Retirement Memoirs.** Vice President Churchill submitted eight retirement memoirs.

**Memorials.** There were no deaths reported to the regents this month.

**Degrees.** Degree lists and changes to previously approved degree lists were submitted.

**Approval of Consent Agenda.** On a motion by Regent Bernstein, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents unanimously approved the consent agenda. Regent Behm and White were absent.

### **Sale of Gifted Real Estate**

Executive Vice President Hegarty reported on the sale of gifted real estate located at 80 Eliot Street, Detroit, Wayne County Michigan for \$10,000.

### **Absolute Return and Alternative Asset Commitments**

Executive Vice President Hegarty reported on the university's follow-on investments with previously approved partnerships with a commitment of €30 million to Otus Capital Management; a commitment of \$330 billion to Neuberger Berman; a commitment of up to \$25 million to Accel India VI, L.P.; a commitment of \$10 million to AH Bio Fund III, L.P.; a commitment of \$25.5 million to Eclipse SPV II, L.P.; and a commitment of \$75 million to Odyssey Investment Partners Fund VI, L.P.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

On a motion by Regent Acker, seconded by Regent Bernstein, the regents unanimously approved via a roll call vote the following conflict of interest items that fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

### **Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement with GreenMark Biomedical, Inc.**

An agreement with GreenMark Biomedical, Inc. was approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and GreenMark Biomedical, Inc.
2. The agreement is for a duration of three months at a total cost not to exceed \$3,500. GreenMark Biomedical, Inc. will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services' standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Joerg Lahann and Brian Clarkson are director and/or stockholder of GreenMark Biomedical, Inc.

### **Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement or contract with Mood Lifters, LLC**

An agreement with Mood Lifters, LLC was approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Pediatric Palliative Care and Mood Lifters, LLC.
2. The agreement is for a duration of one year at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000. Mood Lifters, LLC will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services' standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Patricia Deldin is owner of Mood Lifters, LLC.

### **Authorization for the University to transact with Ann Arbor Symphony**

An agreement with Ann Arbor Symphony was approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Ann Arbor Symphony.
2. The agreement is for a one time purchase at a total cost not to exceed \$20,000. Ann Arbor Symphony will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services' standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Geoffrey Barnes is director of Ann Arbor Symphony.

### **Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement with InheRET, Inc.**

An agreement with InheRET, Inc. was approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Ambulatory Care Department and InheRET, Inc.
2. The agreement is for three years at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000. InheRET, Inc. will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services' standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Dr. David Keren, Lynn McCain, Kara Milliron, Dr. Sofia Merajaver and Dr. Lee Schroeder are employee, director, owner, stockholder, and/or consultant of InheRET, Inc.

### **Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and Amphionic LLC**

A subcontract agreement with Amphionic LLC to fund a National Science Foundation (prime) SBIR Phase I project entitled, "Low-Cost, High Resolution Gamma-

ray and X-ray Detection Technologies based on Methyl Ammonium Lead Tri-Halide Semiconductors” (ORSP #20-PAF08520) was approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences and Amphionic LLC.
2. The terms of the agreement conform to university policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately one (1) year. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$46,526. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Mark Hammig is part owner of Amphionic LLC.

### **Option Agreement between the University of Michigan and Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd.**

An option agreement with Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd. to option from the University of Michigan the university’s rights associated with the following technologies was approved: UM OTT File No. 2018-409 entitled, “Small-Molecule Degradors of MDM2”; and UM OTT File No. 7053 entitled, “Small-Molecule Degradors of MDM2 Protein.”

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd.
2. Agreement terms include granting Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd. an exclusive option. During the option period, Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd. will reimburse the university for patent costs. The terms of the option are that under any future license agreement with the university, Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd. will pay a royalty on sales, pay back-patent expenses and continue to reimburse all future patent expenses. Moreover, under any such future license agreement, the university may receive equity in Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd., along with the right to purchase more equity. The university will retain ownership of the optioned technologies and may continue to further develop and use them internally. No use of university services or facilities, nor any assignment of university employees, is obligated or contemplated under the agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the agreement may be amended by consent of the parties, such as adding related technology. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Shaomeng Wang is part owner of Ascentage Pharma Group Corporation, Ltd.

### **Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and Eli Lilly and Company**

A subcontract agreement with Eli Lilly and Company to fund a company (prime) sponsored project, where Eli Lilly and Company will be a signatory on the contract entitled, “A Randomized, Controlled Pragmatic Phase 3b/4 Study of Baricitinib in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis” (ORSP #20-PAF06952) was approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Department of Internal Medicine and Eli Lilly and Company.
2. The terms of the agreement conform to university policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately three (3) years. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$139,200. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Dr. Marschall Runge is a paid member of the board of directors of Eli Lilly and Company.

#### **Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and iReprogram, LLC**

A subcontract agreement with iReprogram, LLC to fund a National Science Foundation (prime) STTR Phase I project entitled, “Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Production to End Graft-Versus-Host Disease” (ORSP #20-PAF07388) was approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics and iReprogram, LLC.
2. The terms of the agreement conform to university policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately nine (9) months. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$140,043. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Indika Rajapakse, Lindsey Muir and Walter Meixner are part owners of iReprogram, LLC.

#### **Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and Oncopia Therapeutics, LLC**

A research agreement with Oncopia Therapeutics, LLC to amend a research agreement previously approved to include the project entitled, “Development of protein degraders” (ORSP #20-PAF05501) was approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Department of Internal Medicine and Oncopia Therapeutics, LLC.
2. The terms of the amendment conform to university policy. The period of performance

for the project is extended to December 31, 2020. The amount of funding support will be increased by \$1,800,000 and will not exceed \$5,400,000 total. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Shaomeng Wang and Dr. Arul Chinnaiyan are part owners of Oncopia Therapeutics, LLC.

Regent Behm joined the meeting.

On a motion by Regent Acker, seconded by Regent Weiser, the regents approved via a roll call vote the following conflict of interest items that fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. Regent Brown recused himself from the vote and Regent White was absent. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

#### **Authorization for the University to transact with Refraction AI**

An agreement with Refraction AI was approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its Michigan Dining and Refraction AI.
2. The agreement is for a duration of three months with the option to extend up to twenty-four months at a total cost not to exceed \$61,750. Refraction AI will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services' standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Corey Turner, Ram Vasudevan and Matthew Johnson-Roberson are employee, stockholder and/or director of Refraction AI.

#### **Henry Russel Awards and Lecturers for 2021**

President Schlissel presented the Henry Russel Awards and Lecturer for 2021 that he mentioned in his opening remarks.

#### **New Graduate Degree Program in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business**

On a motion by Regent Ryder Diggs, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents unanimously approved the graduate degree, Master of Science in Business Analytics in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

### **Regents' Ordinance Revisions**

On a motion by Regent Weiser, seconded by Regent Behm, the regents unanimously approved the ordinance as amended.

### **Public Comment**

The regents heard public comments from **Margaret Cone**, alumna, on international programs; and **Spyro Kaspis**, student, on students on the board.

Regent Brown said, "I think it's a great idea to have student representation on the board. Membership on this board is described in the State of Michigan Constitution and so the board itself does not have the ability to designate members, but the Constitution does not prohibit a student from running for election to the Board of Regents."

Comments continued with **Garima Singh Panwar**, student, on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) student ban; **Ryan Glauser**, student, on COVID-19 testing; **Vernoica Williamson**, student, on hybrid teaching concerns; **Zackariah Farah**, student, on student on the board; and **RJ Batas**, student, on graduate student issues; and **Emily Feuerherm**, UM-Flint faculty, on Flint and Dearborn fund.

Regent White joined the meeting.

Comments continued with **Labiba Qazi**, UM-Dearborn student, on student control of \$20M allocation; **Kathleen Brown**, student, on UM's response to the

pandemic; **Angel F. Adames-Corraliza**, faculty, on climate communication to URM; and **Analidis Ochoa**, student, on herbicide use/no NW leadership.

Regents Acker and Ilitch expressed their desire to always have public comment at regents' meetings. Regent Ilitch and President Schlissel thanked all the speakers.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on September 17, 2020.