

Administrative History of the University of Baltimore

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1925-1928: Beginnings

The University of Baltimore was founded in 1925 by a group of Baltimore civic leaders who wanted to provide low-cost, part-time evening study in business and law for working adults. Maynard A. Clemens, P. Lewis Kaye, William H. Wilhelm, R. Loran Langsdale, Victor R. Jones, Howell A. King, Alton R. Hodgkins, Stewart Lewis and Clarence W. Miles incorporated the institution on Aug. 8, 1925.

A private institution for its first 50 years, its public purpose was indicated by the seal of the university (left), a variation on the seal of the city. Wilbur F. Smith retired as principal of Baltimore City College, the city's venerable public prep school, and became the first University President in 1926.

1929-1947: Survival and Service

After four years rising enrollment necessitated the move from its original home on Mt. Vernon Place near the Peabody Institute to a larger campus. The former Baltimore College of Dentistry, centered in Howard Hall near Maryland General Hospital on Howard St., was acquired before the stock market crashed in 1929.

After the crash Dean Howell A. King was commissioned to study the university's financial situation. Dean King led faculty and staff in sacrificing their own compensation in order to maintain the buildings and resources of the growing university and became the second University President. In 1937 the Junior College was established offering a two-year associate degree program (ten years before Baltimore Junior College was opened by the city school board in Baltimore City College).

Enrollment grew in the 1940's as a result of wartime demand for professional training. Academic programs were offered for students training as Registered Nurses across the street at Maryland General Hospital; for prospective aircraft engineers in partnership with the Glenn L. Martin Co. factory at Middle River; and for prospective military and naval aviators in partnership with the Civil Aeronautics Authority. The College of Business Administration emerged from the war as the School of Business, Industry & Management.

1947-1961: Moving and Growing

Though the war-time programs eventually ended, the return of veterans and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act ("The GI Bill") which enabled them to enroll in college and university courses, promised continued growth. The success of the University's Junior College probably encouraged the City School Board to establish its own Baltimore Junior College, inside City College, in 1947. By the end of the next decade eight Maryland counties had established junior colleges, most now called community colleges, in public school facilities.

The former Baltimore Athletic Club building on Charles Street was acquired and renamed Charles Hall. Athletic facilities in the new building were maintained for student use and the Baltimore "Bees" entered the Mason Dixon Athletic Conference to compete in seven inter-collegiate sports. The Mount Washington fields formerly belonging to St. Paul's School were acquired in 1952 to accommodate outdoor sports. Howard Hall was maintained as well, and the University Library was split for the first time with the law library remaining in Howard Hall and the main library moving to Charles Hall.

In 1959, the year in which the Baltimore Junior College moved from City College to its own campus, the University's Junior College began its transition to a four-year program. In 1961 it became the College of Liberal Arts, allowing the class which had entered junior college in 1959 to complete a full four-year program. That same year construction began on the Charles Hall Annex, adjoining Charles Hall to the north, which would house the reunited university library and administrative offices.

1962-1974: Change and Assimilation

Theodore Halbert Wilson became President Emeritus at the end of 1961, having served as University President since before World War II. Thomas Granville Pullen, Jr., had been Maryland's Secretary of Education for almost as long, having presided over the growth of community colleges and other developments in Maryland Public Schools since 1942. Dr. Pullen retired and became University President in 1964 bringing with him a new vision of the University of Baltimore's place in the state's educational landscape.

That vision included accreditation of academic programs by the regional Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and construction of a new university library and expanded classroom facilities, which he knew would be necessary to obtain accreditation. In 1966 the new university library was completed at Oliver St. and Maryland Ave. and named in honor of R. Loran Langsdale, one of the founders of the university who now chaired its Board of Trustees. By the end of that year, the University of Baltimore had obtained correspondent status, and the next year obtained recognized candidacy status, from the Middle States' Commission on Higher Education.

President Pullen also opened discussions with the Eastern College of Commerce and Mount Vernon School of Law, which were absorbed by the university in 1970; with the Baltimore College of Commerce, which was absorbed in 1973; and with the Board of Trustees for State Colleges. The BTSC governed a system of seven former normal schools which had expanded their offerings to become comprehensive colleges.

Amidst the tumult of 1968, the university acquired the auto dealership building known as "The Garage" south of Charles Hall for renovation as an academic building and H. Mebane Turner was appointed Provost, succeeding to the presidency the following year. Dr. Pullen continued his involvement as a trustee and his goals were realized in the fall of 1971 when the new Academic Center opened and the university received full regional accreditation.

1975-1988: Public, Urban and Upper Division

In 1975, the University of Baltimore became a public university. Its independent Board of Trustees was replaced by a Board of Visitors and the BTSC took control, becoming the Board of Trustees for State

Universities & Colleges. (Two of the seven state colleges, Towson and Morgan, attained university status at this time.)

The number of community colleges in the state had almost tripled in the previous decade and the state school board had turned over their governance to a new Board for Community Colleges which in 1975 set about establishing such lower-division institutions for every subdivision in the state. The place of the University of Baltimore, as envisioned by state leaders, was as an upper-division institution in which alumni of these institutions could continue their education. Thus the university limited itself to third and fourth year undergraduates and graduate students. As a result, extra-curricular activities such as "The Reporter" yearbook and intercollegiate sports soon disappeared.

In 1980, the University of Baltimore campus was made whole with the acquisition of the Pat Hay's Buick dealership which stood on the block between Charles Hall and Langsdale Library. In 1982 the new Law Center opened on this site. The Law Library moved out of Langsdale Library and other Law School facilities joined it in the Law Center. That same year the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust gifted the College of Liberal Arts, renamed for Yale Gordon (Law School Class of 1929), and the Merrick Foundation made three grants to the School of Business, renamed for banker Robert G. Merrick.

1988-2002: Systemization and Research

By 1988 the majority of the State Colleges had attained university status and their separate Board of Trustees was abolished. Governance of state colleges and universities was transferred to the University of Maryland Board of Regents (with the exception of two institutions which gained autonomy). The University of Baltimore became part of what would be known as the University System of Maryland (USM).

Already, the University of Baltimore was working toward the USM mission of applied research and public service. The William Donald Schaefer Center for Public Policy opened in 1985; the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics in 1987; an Institute for Publications Design (later the Apersand Institute for Words and Images) in 1989; and, in 1990, what had begun as a Bureau of Business Research fifteen years earlier, became the Jacob France Institute.

In 1991, the School of Law received a gracious gift from Peter G. Angelos (Mt. Vernon Law Class of 1961) and the Law Center was renamed in honor of his parents, John and Frances Angelos. Five years later William H. Thummel, Jr. (Business School Class of 1969) made a similarly generous gift to his alma mater and the new Business Center, on Charles St. across Mt. Royal Ave. from Academic Center, was named in honor of his father, William H. Thummel, Sr.

2003-2010: Restoration and Reinvention

University President H. Mebane Turner retired in 2002 after 34 years of service to the University of Baltimore and was succeeded by Robert L. Bogomolney. In 2006 the new University President opened the new Student Center in time to welcome a freshman class to campus for the first time in over 30 years. The restoration of the lower division in 2007 was the result of years of planning by faculty and administrators encouraged by the Board of Regents.

In 2009, the Liberal Arts & Policy Building was opened after extensive renovation of the historic Knights of Pythias Hall south of the Thummel Business Center. Plans were announced for a signature building to house the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center to be built on Mt. Royal Ave. across Charles St. from Academic Center. Plans were also announced for provision of student housing throughout the "UB-Midtown" neighborhood.

In 2010, the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts was divided into a new College of Public Affairs and a new Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences.

UB Boards of Trustees & Visitors

The University of Baltimore was incorporated by seven trustees in August of 1925. The original seven Trustees included the Deans and Treasurer. When bylaws were adopted, they expanded to nine, and would include the University Vice-President and President. Dean Clemens presided in the first year and then President Smith until 1930 when a Chair was elected. The President, Vice-President, Deans and Treasurer continued to serve as Trustees until 1974.

After the University became a state institution at the end of 1974, the Board of Trustees for State Universities & Colleges (BTSUC) took control, but the institutional board was continued as a Board of Visitors.

Each State College under Chapter 799, Acts of 1969, had been granted a Board of Visitors to assist the BTSUC in selection of its President, and to assist its President:

- in determining the institution's goals;
- in evaluating progress toward such goals;
- in recommending and preparing the annual budget;
- in developing institutional facilities;
- in developing and conducting community programs;
- in developing private support for the institution

Under Chapter 724, Acts of 1975, the University of Baltimore's Board also became a Board of Visitors. Seven Visitors (including former Trustees) were appointed by the Governor to five year staggered terms and eligible for re-appointment for one additional term.

After the State Colleges & Universities became part of the University System in 1988. The President of each institution was authorized by Board of Regents Policy I-4 to continue its Board of Visitors:

- to serve as the board of its independent foundation and to advise and assist
- in community relations,
- in institutional development, and
- in any other issue requested.

No number or term of office was specified, but names were to be submitted to the Chancellor annually. With the President, the Vice President for Institutional Development serves ex-officio.

Trustees & Visitors

Eugene A. Edgett, 1925-193
Herbert R. O'Connor, 1925-1926
Clarence W. Miles, 1925-1929
Frank A. Woodfield, 1926-1930

William H. Wilhelm, 1925-1938
chair, 1930-1940
Victor Ray Jones, 1925-1957
P. Lewis Kaye, 1925-1940
James H. Preston, 1929-193
John H. Hessey, 1933-1945
J. Purdon Wright, Sr., 1933-1966

R. Loran Langsdale, 1940-1967
chair, 1940-1967
William F. Hilgenberg, 1958-1960
A. Paul Menton, 1958-1974
Shirley B. Jones, 1964-1974
J. Purdon Wright, Jr., 1964-1974

G. Maxwell Armor, Jr., 1957-1974
chair, 1967-1974
Elbert N Carvel, 1969-1974
John S. Lally, 1969-1970
Edgar W. Ewing, 1969-1971
Loran B. Langsdale, 1967-1974
Lester S. Levy, 1969-1974
Clifton E. Morris, 1969-1974
William R. Phelan, 1969-1974

Mahlon W. Hessey, 1964-1980
chair, 1974-1980
Dale Anderson, 1971-1974
Norman Burgoon, Jr., 1971-1974
Lewis J. Fox, 1969-1987
I. Sewell Lamdin, 1971-1974
Nathan Mash, 1971-1974
J. Stevenson Peck, 1971-1974
Paul C. Zahn, 1971-1974
William A. Harris, 1972-1980
David K. Leighton, 1972-1974
Irwin P Trail, 1969-1981

Trustees & Visitors (continued)

Henry A. Heinmuller, Jr., 1980-1996
chair, 1980-1985

Richard Davison, 1985-
chair, 1985-1988

Leonard H. Hudson, 1971-1985 & 1988-1996

Leonard H. Lockhart, 1974-1988

Robert W. Schaefer, 1985-1989

Norman J. Loudon, 1985-1990

Vivian E. Washington, 1974-1984 & 1988-1998

Paul G. Wist, 1985-1996

Norman J. Loudon, 1988-1996

chair, 1989-1996

William M. Passano, 1988-1997

vice- chair, 1989- 1996

Clarence H. 'Du' Burns, 1988-1996

Annie Linn Armor, 1988-1989

John Hanson Briscoe, 1988-1989

William Hammett Daiger, Jr., 1988-1998

George Panos, 1988-1997

Stanley Penn, 1988-1997

Melvin A. McCubbin, 1988-1996

Judith O'Neill, 1988-1996

Joseph E. Blair, Jr., 1990-2010

chair, 1996-1998

Kevin G. Byrnes, 1990-1996

Donald E. Bowman, 1988-2009

Michael Hoffberger, 1996-1998

Stewart P. McEntee, 1988-2009

William R. McCartin, 1988-2006

Thomas L. Milan, 1996-1998

Basil E. Thomas, 1988-2009

Trustees & Visitors (continued)

Robert W. Schaefer, 1990-
chair, 1998-2001

Sayra Wells Meyerhoff, 1991-
chair, 2001-2003

Peter G. Angelos, 1996-

Linda Jenkins Brown, 1996-2011

Jennifer C. Munch, 1996-2011

James P. Sullivan, 1996-2007

Marie Van Deusen, 1996-

Neil W. Didrikson, 1997-2000

Robert A. Frank, 1997-2009

Anthony S Fugett, 1997-

Paul C. Latchford, 1997-

Damon Gasque, 1998-
chair, 2003-2006

Jana Howard Carey, 1998-
chair, 2006-2009

Jane C. Brown, 2001-2006

Barbara S. Ferrara, 1998-1999

N. Mark Freedman, 1998-2006

John F. Ripley, 1998-2000

Lynn Statz Lazzaro, 1998-2003

Carol Murray McGowan, 2001-2006

Claire B. Rossé, 1998-2003

Sidney B. Sherr, 1998-2009

Charles W. Shivery, 2001-2006

Melvin A. Steinberg, 1998-2008

Morton D. Goldman, 1998-2010

Christopher Votta, 2001-2006

Vernon H.C. Wright, 1997-2011
chair, 2009-2011

Michael L. Curry, 1998-
vice- chair, 2009-

Frank Adams, 2001-2011

Michael F. Klein, 2001-2011

Melanie Pereira, 2001-2011

Peter Pinkard, 2001-

Dorine C. Andrews, 2006-2011

John Clifford, 2006

Carolyn H. Thaler, 2006

University Presidents:

Wilbur F. Smith, 1926-1933
Howell A. King, 1933-1935
Vacant, 1935-1940
Theodore H. Wilson, 1940-1961
Thomas G. Pullen, Jr. 1964-1969
H. Mebane Turner, 1969-2002
Robert L. Bogomolny, 2002-present

Provosts:

B. Herbert Brown
(vice president), 1933-1941
Wilmur DeHuff, 1960-1965
H. Mebane Turner, 1968-1970
Robert Seager, 1972-1976
Betty Rutledge Stirling, 1977-1981
Catherine Russell Girra, 1982-1991
Ronald P. Legon, 1992-2004
Wim Wiewel, 2005-2008
Joseph S. Wood, 2009-

Deans of Law:

Charles S. Heuisler, 1925-1929
William Milnes Malloy, 1929-1945
John H. Hessey, 1945-1969
Joseph Curtis, 1969-1977
Laurence M. Katz, 1978-1992
John A Sebert, 1993-2000
Gilbert A. Holmes, 2001-2007
Philip J. Closius, 2007-2011

Deans of Business:

Maynard A. Clemens, 1925-1926
Howell A. King, 1926-1933
Louis M. Lasky, 1933-1942
Clifford C. James, 1944-1969
Harry P. Watson, 1969-1974
Harry A. McGuff, 1974-1975
A. Lee Hall, 1975-1980
Frederick J. Kelly, 1980-1985
Sydney V. Stern, 1986-1990
Daniel E. Costello, 1990-1996
John D. Hatfield, 1996-2001
Anne M. McCarthy, 2002-2006
Susan Rawson Zacur, 2006-2008
Darlene Brannigan Smith, 2008-

Deans of Liberal Arts:

THE JUNIOR COLLEGE

William H. Wilhelm, 1937-1940
P. Lewis Kaye, 1940-1959

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Harvey S. Reed, 1959-1964
Robert Lisle, 1965-1968
Lawrence D. Bridgham, 1968-1975
Neil Kleinman, 1977-1981
Minna Doskow, 1982-1985
Rand B. Evans, 1987-1988
Lawrence W. Markert, 1988-1994
Carl W. Stenberg, III 1995-2004
Larry W. Thomas, 2005-2010