

Campus News

Board of Regents to meet May 14

The MSU Texas Board of Regents will meet via internet beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 14.

As planned and announced during campus and community conversations regarding the invitation the MSU Board of Regents received from the Texas Tech University (TTU) System to consider becoming the fifth university in the TTU System, extra time has been added to the meeting schedule for public comment.

While the Board of Regents will meet via the internet, individuals wishing to comment on any agenda item may submit their comments via e-mail to Boardpubliccomment@msutexas.edu. Emails received by 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting will be read into the record, subject to the two-minute limit per person. Comments are limited to items that appear on the agenda for the meeting, including the discussion of MSU's Governance. Public comments may not be used for addressing individual grievances, personal attacks, or commercial endorsements. E-mails expressing profanity or promoting acts of violence will not be read.

The meeting will be [streamed live](#), and the full agenda is available on the [Board of Regents webpage](#).

Additionally, a copy of the recent Virtual Town Hall with Board Chairman Caven Crosnoe and Vice Chair Nancy Marks is available for viewing on the [Board of Regents webpage](#).

CARES Act disbursements

The financial aid and business offices processed the first phase of CARES Acts disbursements to MSU Texas students earlier this month. The deadline for applications for the second phase of the funding is available through May 15. To learn more about this process, visit the [MSU Texas CARES Act webpage](#).

Calling all students

Although most of our students probably do not know about AT&T's Reach Out and Touch Someone campaign from the '80s, it's that same sentiment behind the University's current calling campaign. Staff and administrators from across campus are reaching out via phone to check in on the well-being of our students. Reports from our callers indicate that our students are surprised but extremely grateful for the personal communications. To date our employees have contacted almost 3,000 students. Thanks to each of you for working on this initiative!

Student assistance funds update

To date, more than \$59,000 has been given to assist our student assistance funds. Here's a quick look at each fund:

Fund	Gift Count	Total
Canan Food Security Program	40	\$7,581.68
COVID-19 Emergency Fund	101	\$41,946.87
Mustangs Pantry	97	\$9,884.66

From the COVID-19 fund, 179 students have received aid totaling more than \$37,000.

We appreciate the generosity of our donors in supporting the needs of our students.

WFMA reopens with limited hours

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas reopened with limited hours on Friday, May 8. The museum can welcome up to 12 visitors at one time. Should there be greater than 12 people in the museum, visitors will be asked to wait in an appropriate area. To continue caution against the spread of COVID-19, visitors will be asked to sanitize hands, cover coughs, and maintain six feet distance from others, and if they prefer, to wear a mask. Museum staff will do the same and will be on hand to guide visitors and to clean guest surfaces after every visit.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday and Wednesday

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Friday

9-10 a.m. reserved for seniors 65 and older
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday

1-5 p.m.

The Museum Gift Shop remains closed until further notice; however, pre-bagged exhibition catalogues for our current shows are available for sale with a credit card.

Moffett Library reopens

Following state guidelines, Moffett Library reopened last week just in time for students to prepare for the last week of classes and final exams. And the doors opened to the newly renovated

facility. Here is a [video preview of the library](#) and what to expect on your next visit. Visit the Moffett Library webpage for [hours of operation](#).

Vinson Health Center shifts to summer hours

Beginning May 18, the Vinson Health Center will transition to summer hours.

May 18-May 29

7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

June 1-July 23

7:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday

July 27-August 14

7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Flag Status

In observance of Peace Officer Memorial Day on Friday, May 15, the governor's office has issued notice that both the State of Texas and U.S. flags should be raised briskly to full-staff and then slowly lowered to half-staff for the remainder of the display day. Flags should be returned to full-staff on the next day.

Tech Tip from IT

OneDrive

Did you know that Midwestern State University provides Microsoft OneDrive to all faculty and staff members? OneDrive is a Dropbox-like tool that provides 1 terabyte of storage to each user—that is 1,024 gigabytes! OneDrive gives you a single place to store, share, and sync your work files between multiple devices, it works with all Office 365 applications, and can be added as a storage destination for locally installed Microsoft Office applications.

OneDrive can be accessed from a locally synchronized folder or from the OneDrive web portal. Microsoft has provided [online training for the use of OneDrive](#).

If you have trouble connecting to the OneDrive service or need to ask a question about the product please reach out to Information Technology at ext. 4680 or by email at helpdesk@msutexas.edu.

In the News

[Virtual experiment in whimsy becomes reality](#)

[Moffett Library has new look built with tradition of listening; Latham retiring after 30 years](#)

[MSU Cycling members keep succeeding through lost racing season](#)

[Gujarati Cultural Society donates \\$7,000 to support international students](#)

[Wichita Falls residents invest in students with gifts to crisis aid programs](#)

In the Spotlight

AJ Lopez III, Manager for Digital Marketing & Social Media, presented a session on [“Creating Engaging and Accessible Videos” for Higher Ed Experts](#). The weekly Friday morning webinar features professionals in higher education regarding various topics.

Bradley Wilson, Associate Professor for Mass Communication, will serve as the co-director of the Dow Jones News Fund Center for Editing Excellence hosted by the University of Texas at Austin this summer. Working with Beth Butler of Kent State University, he will be helping to train 10 interns selected by the Dow Jones News Fund and the Texas Press Association for media internships at publications such as the *Houston Chronicle*, *Stars and Stripes*, and the *Fredericksburg Standard*. He has been on the faculty of the workshop since 1998 and co-director since 2015.