MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
November 12, 2020

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session on the Midwestern State University campus in the Comanche Suites, Clark Student Center, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Individuals in attendance were as follows:

Regents: Mr. Caven Crosnoe, Chair
         Ms. Nancy Marks, Vice Chair
         Ms. Tiffany Burks, Secretary (via teleconference)
         Mr. Warren Ayres
         Mr. Tony Fidelie
         Mr. Shawn Hessing
         Mr. Oku Okeke
         Ms. Karen Liu Pang (via teleconference)
         Dr. Shelley Sweatt
         Mr. Montes Martinez, Student Regent

University Administration: President Suzanne Shipley
                         Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs James Johnston
                         Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Lamb
                         Vice President for Administration and Finance Beth Reissenweber
                         Vice President for Enrollment Management Fred Dietz
                         Vice President for University Advancement and Public Affairs Tony Vidmar
                         Associate Vice President for Facilities Services Kyle Owen
                         Director of Athletics Kyle Williams
                         General Counsel Barry Macha
                         Chief Audit Executive Leigh Kidwell
                         Controller Chris Stovall
                         Director of Marketing and Public Information Julie Gaynor
                         Director of Board and Government Relations Debbie Barrow

Governance Representatives: Dr. David Carlston, Faculty Senate Chair
                           Ms. Reagan Foster, Staff Senate Chair
                           Ms. Shelbi Stogdill, Student Government Association (SGA) President

Guest Presenter: Dr. Leann Curry, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and 2020 Hardin Professor
Per a duly posted notice and a quorum present, Chairman Crosnoe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Opening Comments and Introductions**
Chairman Crosnoe welcomed everyone to the meeting, and Ms. Julie Gaynor introduced guests in attendance.

**Public Comment**
Chair Crosnoe noted that the Board provides an opportunity for public comment concerning agenda items at the beginning of each meeting. He stated that in addition to the standard option for in-person public comment, a dedicated e-mail address was available for individuals to provide comments. Ms. Barrow reported that no one had signed up to speak or submitted comments via e-mail.

**2020 President's Staff Awards and President's Five-Year Pinning**
The President's Classified/Non-Exempt Staff Award was presented to Ms. Amy Chase, Assistant to the Dean, West College of Education. The President's Exempt Staff Award was presented to Ms. Norma Ramirez, Associate Director of Housing. Chair Crosnoe presented a five-year service pin to President Suzanne Shipley.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**
21-01. The Board of Regents approved the minutes of the August 5, 2020 Board of Regents meeting as presented.

**Return-To-Campus Task Force**
21-02. Provost Johnston and Vice President Lamb, co-chairs of the Return-To-Campus Task Force, provided information to bring the Board up-to-date on the Task Force's work. They shared a presentation from the Board Book that included campus operations information during the fall semester and the planning underway for the spring 2021 semester. The Board expressed appreciation to the Incident Management Team, the Task Force members, the administration, faculty, staff, and students for their efforts during the fall semester.

**Faculty Report**
21-03. Dr. Dave Carlston, Faculty Senate Chair, introduced special guest speaker Dr. Leann Curry, the 2020 Hardin Professor. Dr. Curry spoke with the Board about her teaching, research activities, and interests, as shown in Attachment 1.

Dr. Carlston noted that Dr. Curry represents the MSU faculty's dedication and the impact they have on the lives of students and the community. He indicated that in the responses to the Fall Faculty Survey, Distance Education, Information Technology, and Facilities Services employees were highly regarded by the faculty for their efforts. Dr. Carlston expressed appreciation to the administration and those who serve on the Incident Management Team for being responsive and open to faculty concerns. He noted that during the fall semester, the Faculty Senate had an opportunity to reflect on free speech and approved a resolution in this regard. President Shipley stated that a
significant portion of the university's success was through the dedication to shared governance. She added that the Faculty and Staff Senate and Student Government Association's extra work was appreciated by all.

Staff Report
21-04. Ms. Reagan Foster, Staff Senate Chair, reported on behalf of the staff. She commented that the Staff Senate had continued meeting in person throughout the fall, socially distanced with masks. She added that the Staff Senate had attempted to increase communication by reestablishing a newsletter with updates from various campus departments. She made the following award announcements:

"You Make A Difference Award" Recipients

September – Kenneth Daugherty, Web Designer, Webmaster's Office
October – Dr. Pam Morgan Davis, Director, Academic Outreach & Distance Education
Sierra Trenhaile McLemore, Assistant Director, Graduate Admissions
Shigeko Redmond, Custodian, Facilities Services

"Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship" Recipients for the Fall Semester

Jennifer Blankenship, Administrative Assistant, Dillard College of Business Administration
Charlie Zamastil, Director, MSU Cycling Team

Ms. Foster noted that the Staff Senate looked forward to helping the administration recognize the City's community healthcare workers. She added that Staff Senate was creating a survey similar to the one created by the Faculty Senate to receive feedback on successes and improvement areas for the spring term.

Student Government Report
21-05. The Student Government Association (SGA) President Shelbi Stogdill's report was presented in the Board Book, and she mentioned highlights. She noted that students appreciated the opportunity to return to campus after having to leave school so abruptly in the spring. She reported that since writing her report and mentioning the initiative to get core class textbooks on course reserve in the library, two textbooks were already on reserve for student use. She stated that students had adjusted well to the changes during the fall semester. She added that students are getting excited about the spring semester. She thanked the administration, faculty, and staff for their efforts to keep the students safe on campus this fall.

Athletics Report
21-06. Athletics Director Williams' report was presented in the Board Book as a point of information only. President Shipley reported that a lot of collaboration and discussion had been required in athletics to push the fall events into the spring. She indicated that with Mr. Williams and his staff's hard work, the department successfully held scrimmages, practices, and competitions in the fall to help prepare
the student-athletes, coaches, and administrators for the hectic spring schedule. President Shipley reported that it was decided that the basketball season would begin in December 2020 rather than January 2021 as initially expected.

**Enrollment Management Report**
21-07. Vice President for Enrollment Management Fred Dietz reviewed his report in the Board Book, including the fall 2020 enrollment report and the effects of COVID-19, federal funding that has been provided to assist MSU students affected by the pandemic, and the change in the spring calendar to eliminate Spring Break.

**Academic Affairs Report**
21-08. Provost Johnston reviewed the information provided in the Board Book regarding the review of the faculty office hours policy, the new doctoral programs, and an update regarding the process of the university's reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

**December 2020 Graduating Class**
21-09. Regent Marks noted that the administration recommended approval of the list of candidates for December 2020 graduation, as presented in the Board Book. She reported 501 students were on the list compared with 530 in 2019. Regent Marks moved approval of the list of candidates as presented. Regent Sweatt seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University – Ratification of Artwork Accessions**
21-10. The Board Book included information regarding artwork that was recommended for accession to the Museum's Permanent Collection. Regent Marks moved the Board ratify this action as presented. Regent Ayres seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University Advisory Board**
21-11. The administration recommended the approval of individuals to serve on the Museum Advisory Board, as shown in the Board Book. There being no questions regarding this item, Regent Marks moved approval of the individuals as presented. Regent Fidelie seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Summaries of Financial Support and Comprehensive Campaign Update**
21-12. Regent Ayres highlighted gifts received since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. Vice President Vidmar reviewed the summaries of financial support that were presented in the Board Book. This item was presented as a point of information only.

**Quasi-Endowment Fund Reports – FY 2020**
21-13. Regent Ayres noted that year-end reports regarding the Frank and Nancy Harvey Student Development Fund and the Redwine Fund were presented in the Board Book. This item was presented as a point of information only.
Financial Reports
21-14. The July 2020 Financial Report was accepted upon a motion by Regent Ayres and second by Regent Hessing. Vice President Reissenweber then reviewed FY 20 Financial Results preliminary information, as shown in the Board Book. The presentation included a Fiscal Year Overview, Net Income Results, Key Revenue Changes, Key Expense Changes, and Net Position. She concluded, noting the university's strategies for growth and enhanced quality.

Investment Report
21-15. The Board accepted the first quarter FY 21 investment report upon a motion by Regent Ayres and second by Regent Hessing.

Salary/Title/Position Changes in FY 20 and FY 21 Budgets
21-16 & 17. The Board Book included reports of personnel changes that were presented for information only. The salary, title, and position changes were ratified upon Regent Ayres' motion and a second by Regent Hessing.

Recess
The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Construction Update
21-18. The Board Book included several reports on current construction projects for the Regents' information. Associate Vice President Owen reviewed the photographs of current projects, as shown in the Board Book.

MSU Deferred Maintenance Reports – Campus Condition Index
21-19. Regent Ayres reported that the Texas Education Code (Section 61.05821) requires the reporting of deferred maintenance information to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the university's governing board each year. These reports were presented as a point of information and were accepted without discussion.

Compliance Update
21-20. The Compliance Update was included in the Board Book as a point of information.

Internal Audit Update
21-21. The Internal Audit Update was included in the Board Book as a point of information.

Safety and Security Audit Report 19-09
21-22. Chief Audit Executive Leigh Kidwell presented information regarding the Safety and Security Audit Report, which was included in the Board Book. Regent Burks moved acceptance of the report as presented. Regent Fidelie seconded the motion and it was approved.

Public Funds Investment Act Reporting Audit 21-01
21-23. Ms. Kidwell presented information regarding the Public Funds Investment Act Audit Report, which was included in the Board Book. She noted this item must be performed
every two years, and no issues were found. Regent Burks moved acceptance of the report as presented. Regent Hessing seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Internal Audit Annual Report 21-A**
21-24. Ms. Kidwell presented the FY 20 Annual Internal Audit Report for approval. She noted that the annual report is the report card for the activities of her office. The report was approved following a motion by Regent Burks and a second by Regent Marks.

**Modification of Midwestern State University Organization Chart**
21-25. Regent Burks noted that the new organization chart reflects changes made in Student Affairs, mainly related to areas providing oversight and leadership to programs and services that support students from underrepresented backgrounds as outlined in the Board Book. This item was presented as information only.

**MSU Policies and Procedures Manual Change**
21-26. Regent Burks reported that changes to *MSU Policy* 2.337 related to the makeup of the Vice President for University Advancement and Public Affairs Division. She noted that the recommended changes would bring the policy in line with the division's current structure. She moved approval of the policy changes as presented. Regent Hessing seconded the motion and it was approved.

**University Leadership Report**
21-27. President Shipley first reviewed the MSU Dashboard presented in the Board Book, focusing on information within the Enrollment, Residential University Experience, Student Success, Operational Effectiveness, and Competitive Resources sections. She then mentioned the upcoming legislative session, noting how the session would operate is unknown due to the ongoing pandemic. She reviewed MSU's funding priorities and indicated that the legislation regarding moving MSU to the Texas Tech University System would be filed before the beginning of the session in January.

**Executive Session**
21-28. Chairman Crosnoe announced that the Board of Regents would go into Executive Session to discuss Items 21-28A (Consultation with Attorney to include deliberation regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Wichita Falls regarding the weir in Sikes Lake, and other legal matters), Item 21-28B (Real Property), and Item 21-28D (Personnel Matters), as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, .072, and .074. He noted that no action would be taken in Executive Session and that the Board of Regents would reconvene in Open Session following the Executive Session.

The Executive Session began at 1:57 p.m. Individuals remaining for the complete session were Regents Crosnoe, Burks, Hessing Marks, Sweatt, Ayres, Fidelie, Okeke, Pang, and Martinez. Vice President Reissenweber and Associate Vice President Owen participated in the Executive Session at the beginning until 2:17 p.m. Ms. Gaynor joined the Executive Session at 2:18 until 2:27 p.m. President Shipley, Mr. Macha, and Ms. Barrow were present in the Executive Session from the beginning until 2:56 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 3:42 p.m.
Open Meeting
The open meeting resumed at 3:46 p.m. Mr. Crosnoe reported that the closed session was complete; the only items discussed were the items announced, and no votes were taken.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Wichita Falls Regarding Removal of Sikes Lake Weir
21-28A1. Regent Fidelie moved the Board of Regents authorize the President to work with the Chair of the Board of Regents to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Wichita Falls regarding the removal of the weir in Sikes Lake, and further authorize the Chair and/or the President to execute the MOU and any necessary contracts, affidavits, agreements, deeds, or other documents on behalf of the Board as necessary to conclude such transaction. Regent Okeke seconded the motion and it was approved.

Closing Comments
Chairman Crosnoe thanked the Regents for their participation in the meeting. He noted that the next regular meeting of the Board would be Thursday, February 11, 2020.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

I, Tiffany Burks, the fully appointed and qualified Secretary of the Midwestern State University Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Midwestern State University Board of Regents meeting on November 12, 2020.

Tiffany Burks, Secretary
Midwestern State University
Board of Regents

ATTACHMENT:
1. Dr. Leann Curry Faculty Presentation
Surround yourself with people who empower you to become better.

Anonymous
People Make the Difference:

- Family/Home
- WCOE Students
- Mentors/Faculty Support
- Student Research
- Applied Research Collaborations
- Service/Community Involvement

No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.

Dr. James Comer
Family/Home

• Wife
• Mother
• Alum (1995, 2002)
• West Foundation
• My home
• 16 years of service
Students are the heart and soul of MSU Texas! We have the best students.
Professional Development Schools (Living Laboratory)

- For 16 years I have prepared teacher candidates in local field-based professional development schools (PDS). These PDS partnerships provide a living laboratory for the testing and evaluation of educational theory and best instructional practices.
- Applied Research with WCOE students and PDS faculty.
Supporting Undergraduate Research

- Research Presentations and Publications with Undergraduate Students
- Applied Research Endeavors
  - Action Research in Local Professional Development Schools
  - Mentoring Teacher Candidates in Action Research
    - Co-Teaching
    - Shared Practice Protocols
    - Best Teaching Practices
    - Reflective Practice
    - Project-Based Learning
    - Professional Learning Communities
  - Research Collaborations with Colleagues
Service to the Community

Serving our Community Partners:

- Partners in Education (PIE)
- Read to Learn
- Field Day-WFISD and BISD
- UIL Spelling Bee
- ISD Committee Work and Strategic Planning
- ISD Events/Fundraising Volunteer (Angel Tree, Fowler Fiesta)
- ISD Consultation
Recent WCOE Initiatives/Recognition

- New Preschool through Grade 3 Competency-Based Program (TAB Grant)
- Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accreditation
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
- New Educational Leadership Doctoral Program
- West Foundation