

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**August 4, 2006**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, 2006. Regents in attendance at the university were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Mr. John Bridgman, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Pat Haywood, Secretary; Ms. Pam Gough; Mr. Munir Lalani; Mr. Don Ross Malone; Mr. David Stephens; Mr. Ben Wible; and Student Regent Will Morefield.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Friederike Wiedemann, Provost; Mr. Juan Sandoval, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Development and Student Affairs; Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Provost; and Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Dr. David Tucker, MSU Faculty Senate Chairman; Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Mr. Allen Goldapp, Director of Physical Plant; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Public Information and Marketing Assistant; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Assistant to the President. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*.

Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Dr. Farrell presented the invocation and Ms. Barrow introduced the guests.

Public Comment

06-176. Mr. Cannedy noted that in accordance with the Board of Regents By-Laws, MSU Policy 2.22, members of the public were invited to address the Midwestern State University Board of Regents through written and oral testimony. Mr. Cannedy noted that no one signed up to speak during this time.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-177. The minutes of the regular Board meeting May 11, 2006, were approved as presented.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-178. The minutes of the regular Board meeting May 12, 2006, were approved as presented.

**Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Cannedy noted the items presented at the Executive Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-134. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

06-135. Capital Expenditure Plan (MP1) FY 2007-2011

Executive Committee Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the Executive Committee and placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board:

06-136. Outside Counsel Agreement, 2006-2007 – authorized the administration to extend the term of its 2005-2006 agreement with Roger Lee of Gibson Hotchkiss Roach & Davenport for the 2006-2007 fiscal year under the same terms and conditions set forth.

06-137. Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University Advisory Board of Directors – approved the following appointments:

MSU Members (2006-2007)

Dr. Robert Clark

Mr. Juan Sandoval

Dr. Friederike Wiedemann

Public Members

Mr. Joseph N. Sherrill Jr. (2006-2007)

Ms. Lynn Moran (2006-2007)

Ms. Martha Fain (2006-2008)

Mr. John Hirschi (2006-2009)

Mr. Danny Moore (2006-2009)

Ms. Lola Pitzer (2006-2009)

Ms. Jane Spears (2006-2009)

06-138. Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) – approved the Administrator’s Statement and authorized the administration to include the following Exceptional Items as part of the LAR:

I. Reinstatement of 10% Reduction - \$580,698

II. Debt Service on Approved \$10.4 Million Tuition Revenue Bonds - \$1,358,750

III. Model for Student Success – up to \$2,000,000 maximum

06-139. Student Recreation and Health Facility – authorized the administration to negotiate and finalize a Construction Manager at Risk contract with Electra Construction Company for this project. Further authorized the administration to negotiate with either J.E. Dunn Construction or Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. if the administration and Electra Construction representatives are unable to negotiate an acceptable contract.

06-140. Softball Field Construction – authorized the administration to proceed with planning the construction of a softball field on the Midwestern State University campus at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Further authorized the administration to utilize the balance in the Board Quasi-Endowment Fund, as well as private gifts, for this purpose.

06-141. Fowler/Engineering Hall Project – authorized the administration to proceed with planning the Fowler/Engineering Hall Renovation and Construction Project, including authorization to accept proposals for the selection of an architect for this project.

06-142. MSU2 Broadcast Studio Project – authorized the administration to proceed with planning the construction of an MSU2 Broadcast Studio, including authorization to accept proposals for the selection of an architect for this project.

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Ms. Haywood moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Lalani seconded the motion and it was approved.

### **Finance and Audit Committee Report**

Mr. Lalani noted the item presented at the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting for committee approval only. Information concerning this item can be found in the minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

#### Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-143. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

#### Finance and Audit Committee Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the Finance and Audit Committee and were placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board:

06-144. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports – accepted the April, May, and June 2006 Financial Reports as presented.

06-145. Financial Disclosure Statements – accepted the 2005 Financial Disclosure Statements of the President, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, and the Controller as presented.

06-146. Internal Auditor Plan – approved the proposed plan for 2006-2007 as presented.

06-147. Investment Policy – reaffirmed the university's current Investment Policy.

06-148. University Accounts – authorized designated individuals to sign on university bank accounts, to purchase and sell investment instruments, and to sign appropriate personnel retirement documents as presented.

06-149. Approval of Brokers/Dealers, Investment Vehicles, and Asset Holding Accounts – approved the list as presented.

06-150. Salary/Title/Position Changes in FY 05-06 Budget Approved per Board Authorization – ratified changes as presented.

06-151. FY 2005-2006 Items \$50,000 & Under Approved by President – ratified these items as presented.

- 06-152. ACCESS MSU Program Addition – extended the ACCESS MSU program to include high school students taking MSU courses in Graham.
- 06-153. Housing Repair and Renovation – authorized the transfer of the balance of the Land Proceeds Fund to be used for the renovation and furnishing of university houses located at 2504, 2510, 2512, and 2514 Hampstead Lane.
- 06-154. Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – approved changes to the operating budget as presented.

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Mr. Stephens moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Bridgman seconded the motion and it was approved.

### **Personnel and Curriculum Committee Report**

Mr. Bridgman noted the items presented at the Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

#### Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

- 06-155. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

#### Items Presented for Information Only

- 06-156. Faculty Report
- 06-157. Enrollment Reports – Summer 2006
- 06-158. Small Class Reports – Summer 2006
- 06-159. Beginning and Last Day Enrollment Reports, Spring 2006 Semester
- 06-160. Review of Personnel Reports for FY 05-06 Budget

#### Personnel and Curriculum Committee Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the Personnel and Curriculum Committee and were placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board:

- 06-161. List of August 2006 Candidates for Graduation – approved the list of candidates for August 2006 graduation with the provision that they meet all requirements as prescribed by the faculty and administration.
- 06-162. Organization Name Change – approved changing the name of the Personnel Office to the Human Resources Department.
- 06-163. New Position – Secretary II – approved the addition of this position effective August 7 as presented.

- 06-164. New Position – Groundskeeper – approved the addition of this position effective September 1 as presented.
- 06-165. New Position – Programmer/Analyst II – approved the addition of this position effective September 1 as presented.
- 06-166. New Position – Half-Time College Coordinator, Career Management Center – approved the addition of this position effective September 1 as presented.
- 06-167. *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual Changes* – approved changes to the following policies as presented:
- Policy 3.218 – Grievance Procedures for Non-Teaching Employees
  - Policy 3.340 – Americans with Disabilities
  - Policy 4.125 – Discrimination on Basis of Sex or Handicap – Grievance Procedures (Policy Deleted)
  - Policy 4.131 – Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy Statement
  - Policy 4.161 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
  - Policy 4.189 – Disability Grievance Procedures

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Mr. Wible moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lalani seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### **Student Services Committee Report**

Ms. Haywood noted the items presented at the Student Services Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Student Services Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

#### Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-168. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

#### Item Presented for Information Only

06-169. Student Government Report

#### **University Development Committee Report**

Mr. Malone noted the items presented at the University Development Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the University Development Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

#### Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-170. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

06-171. Summary of Gifts, Grants and Pledges 9/1/05 – 7/7/06

University Development Committee Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the Personnel and Curriculum Committee and were placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board:

06-172. Naming of University Facilities and Administrative Entities – approved naming the large conference room located on the second floor of the Dillard College of Business Administration Building the Priddy Foundation Conference Room, and approved naming the entry foyer of Bolin Science Hall in honor of Dr. Tom Haywood.

06-173. Legacy Walk Recommendations – approved the addition of Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez to Legacy Walk.

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Mr. Malone moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Athletics Committee Report**

Mr. Stephens noted the items presented at the Athletics Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held August 3, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-174. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

06-175. Athletics Status Report

**Other Business**

Board of Regents Meeting Dates – 2006-2007

06-179. Mr. Cannedy presented the proposed dates for the 2006-2007 quarterly Board of Regents meetings as shown below:

November 9 and 10, 2006

February 8 and 9, 2007

May 10 and 11, 2007

August 2 and 3, 2007

Mr. Cannedy asked Board members to notify Ms. Barrow if they have a conflict with any of these meeting dates.

### Resolution of Appreciation

06-180. The administration presented a Resolution of Appreciation for the Sunrise Optimist Club (see Attachment No. 1). Mr. Lalani moved approval of this resolution. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion and it was approved.

### President's Report and Discussion

06-181. Dr. Rogers expressed appreciation to Ms. Ann Work for the article that appeared in the morning's *Times Record News* concerning the university's legislative appropriations request. He then distributed to the Board of Regents a copy of the latest publication from the MSU Press entitled *Ribbons of Time: The Dalquest Research Site*. He noted that the book contains photographs by Walter Nelson, with the narrative written by Douglas Preston. Dr. Rogers then presented information to the Board concerning various university matters.

- A. Tuition Strategies – Dr. Rogers reported that several public senior institution presidents were recently invited to a meeting with Lt. Governor Dewhurst. Out of this meeting a committee was formed to look at tuition strategies that would encourage students to go to college and finish their degree in a timely manner. Dr. Rogers is a member of this special committee. He noted that other schools already charge differential tuition whereby higher tuition is assessed students taking courses in high-cost fields. He added that some schools now utilize guaranteed tuition so that a freshman student's tuition will not increase by more than a certain percentage per year for four years. Another scenario Mr. Sandoval and Mr. Snow are reviewing is whether MSU could charge a flat tuition rate beginning at 12 or 15 hours so that an individual taking more than that number would pay the same tuition rate. Dr. Rogers noted that the Lt. Governor is interested in making changes to tuition that will encourage students to finish their degrees in four years.
- B. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) – Dr. Rogers reported that since MSU was reaccredited by SACS in 2003 the process and standards for accreditation have changed. Previously the standards were very quantifiable and an institution would report on the number of library books in the library, the number of instructional square footage per student, and other such information. In the recent past the U.S. Department of Education has raised concerns regarding the quality of regional accrediting bodies such as SACS. The accreditation and reaccreditation processes now require universities to demonstrate planning, assessment, and changes made based on assessment. The process should be continual and must be documented. MSU's next visit from SACS will be in 2012 and the administration and faculty should be documenting planning and assessment of student learning at this time. Dr. Rogers added that every department, school and college must be involved in this process, from the planning through the assessment and change. He stated that most universities are giving an individual within the senior administration the responsibility for keeping up with the necessary standards and working with every component of the university to meet the requirements of SACS. Dr. Rogers noted that he planned to recommend to the Board in November a reorganization of the senior administration to meet this need.

Mr. Malone asked if this process was an exercise unto itself or if the university was developing useful data and information. Dr. Rogers responded that this is something

universities should be doing and the information that is developed is useful to the development of the university. Mr. Lalani asked if there was a concern that the various review committees would be consistent in their reviews. Dr. Rogers responded that SACS has various levels of review that hopefully ensures that institutions are judged by the same standards.

- C. Future Building Projects and Major Renovations – Dr. Rogers noted that this item was fully discussed Thursday with the presentation and discussion of the MP1. He added that he was pleased with the new corner signs and entrances to the campus. He expressed appreciation to Bruce Redwine for his donation which made this project possible.
- D. Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) – Dr. Rogers distributed a brochure regarding COPLAC (see [Attachment 2](#)). He noted that this publication would give the Board a better idea of what this organization is and what is expected of member institutions.
- E. Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Rogers noted that since the approval of the MSU Strategic Plan in 2004 the university community has worked to address the targets and strategies identified. Working with the provost and vice presidents, priorities were identified within the plan. The administration met to review the progress that has been made with regard to the priority targets and strategies. Dr. Rogers indicated that he was pleased with the progress that has been made thus far and the targets that have been accomplished. Some of these areas include:
  - 1. The review and modification of the university’s admissions standards was approved in 2005. The fall 2006 class is being admitted according to these new standards.
  - 2. Salary increments were increased for promotion to assistant professor, associate professor and professor.
  - 3. Funding has been approved to provide stipends for department chairs.
  - 4. Events and activities are now being scheduled at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU that help to bring the university and the community together.
  - 5. Every goal in the area of fund raising was accomplished.

The next step in the process will be to modify and update the plan.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents will be Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10, 2006.



Original Signed

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Patricia A. Haywood, Secretary

I, Patricia A. Haywood, 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 August 4, 2006.

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Patricia A. Haywood, Secretary

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution of Appreciation – Sunrise Optimist Club
2. Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Brochure