MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Executive Committee February 8, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 1:54 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007. Executive Committee members in attendance were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Ms. Patricia Haywood, Secretary; and Mr. Munir Lalani. Other regents attending the meeting were Ms. Charlye Farris, Ms. Pamela Gough, Dr. Carol Gunn, Mr. Stephen Gustafson, Mr. Ben Wible, and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement and Student Affairs; Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Provost; Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; and Mr. Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Gail Ferguson, Comptroller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Mr. Mike Snow, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Dr. Keith Williamson, University Physician; Dr. Joey Greenwood, Director of Recreational Sports and Wellness Center; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls Times Record News. Architects attending the meeting included Mr. Dwayne Brinkley and Mr. Stephen Springs of Brinkley Sargent Architects, and Mr. Troy Sherrod of Moody-Nolan Architects.

Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-41. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting November 9, 2006, were approved.

Student Recreation and Health Facility

07-42. Dr. Rogers reported that great progress had been made on the planning of the Student Recreation and Health Facility. He stated that this would be an important addition to the MSU campus and would help with the recruitment and retention of students.

Mr. Lamb stated that the administration and students were excited about this project. He noted that Dr. Greenwood and Dr. Williamson had been instrumental in the planning process. He introduced the individuals representing Brinkley Sargent Architects and Moody-Nolan Architects and turned the presentation over to them.

Mr. Brinkley stated that their presentation would include a brief history of the project, an overview of the final design, and the proposed budget for the project. Mr. Sherrod made the presentation to the Board (see <u>Attachment 1</u>). He noted that the architectural

planning team met with students through a series of workshops and determined priorities for the program spaces. The presentation showed maps indicating the location of the structure and a diagram of the inside of the building. Mr. Sherrod noted that there would be two entries into the Center, one that would face the campus and the other with the primary focus being the health center. The building includes the health center, a gymnasium, fitness areas, group exercise rooms, locker room facilities, a walking/jogging track, and support staff areas. He noted that there would be an outdoor wet recreation area at the southwest corner of the facility. The presentation included an animated "walk through" of the building.

Mr. Sandoval reported that the Board previously approved a new Student Recreation and Health Facility fee. The fee was first assessed in the spring 2007 semester, with all students paying \$75.00. The fee will increase in the fall 2007 to \$120 per student in the long semester and \$60 per student for each summer term. Based on the anticipated revenue, the architects and financial advisors determined how much of a building could be funded with this income. In terms of projecting income, a fall enrollment estimate of 5,900 was utilized. The anticipated revenue from student enrollment would be \$1,384,242 annually. Anticipated income from memberships and vending machines was also based on conservative estimates. The total anticipated annual revenue was thus \$1,414,242. The operating budget projections included maintenance and staff support, utilities, and a building and equipment reserve. In reviewing the projected annual income and cost of operation, \$980,000 remained available for annual debt service.

Mr. Sandoval stated that with a \$980,000 debt payment and a 20-year bond issue, the project could total \$11.7 million. If the bond issue were for a 25-year period, the project could be \$12.8 million, and at 30 years the project could be \$13.4 million. He stated that the administration recommended the 30-year bond issue so that the maximum dollars would be available for construction of the facility. Mr. Lalani asked about the different interest rates that would be charged with the 20, 25 and 30-year issues. Mr. Sandoval responded that the rate would be 6.06% at 30 years, 5.8% at 25 years, and 5.5% at 20 years.

Mr. Lamb noted that as part of the projected budget, the expenditures represent what the administration expects the new revenue source to pay for. He reminded the Board that the existing Wellness Center's operating budget and income would be transferred to this new facility, which would cover existing positions and programming areas. He noted that a secretarial position for the Director of Recreational Sports and Wellness Center was included in this proposed funding model.

Mr. Lalani asked if the new health center would be adequate for the number of students at MSU today, as well as provide space in the future when the university grows to 7,000 students. He noted that he had heard from students who are not from Wichita Falls that the health center is not currently adequate in terms of the operating hours of the center, or that they have to wait a long time for an appointment. Mr. Lamb responded that the new facility was designed to meet the needs of 6,500 to 7,000 students. He added that he would appreciate the opportunity to visit with those students that indicated they are not getting services. Dr. Williamson stated he would also be pleased to visit with these students. Mr. Lamb noted that the health center went to an open access scheduling system about two years ago and over 90% of students are seen the same day as they need to be

seen and 100% are seen within 24 hours. Mr. Lalani indicated that he would pass this information on to the students who had talked with him. Dr. Farrell asked Dr. Williamson to comment on accessibility and the new space. Dr. Williamson stated that the new facility would have nine exam rooms, compared to three exam rooms in the current center. He noted that this is the chief limiting factor in the flow through of patients.

Mr. Lalani asked about health center hours. Dr. Williamson responded that the center is open from 7:45 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no health center hours on the weekends. He added that there is 24 hour access care for the students through the Clinics of North Texas Clinic Care and the United Regional Hospital Emergency Room. If students need care after hours, they must contact security or a resident assistant and they are given a referral pass. Mr. Lalani indicated that his comment was not meant to criticize the current system; he was just concerned about whether there would be adequate space and services for students in the future. Mr. Lamb stated that the facility was designed so that a second physician could be added in the future. He noted that the new center would have x-ray and laboratory capabilities. Dr. Williamson noted that this would allow him to take care of students on site, rather than having to send them to the emergency room for x-ray and laboratory services. Mr. Lalani asked if the university would offer weekend services with the larger health center. Dr. Williamson stated that funding issues have limited the health center's ability to provide support staff beyond regular operating hours. Mr. Lalani expressed his concern for students having to wait over the weekend for health care. Ms. Haywood added her concern that some students might not have transportation to get to Clinic Care or the emergency room after hours or on the weekend.

Dr. Farrell indicated he would follow up on the need for extended hours. He stated that the effectiveness of the health center as a comprehensive medical center for our students has increased over the years. Mr. Lalani commented that as MSU attracts more and more students from outside the Wichita Falls area, it becomes more important that the university provides health care assistance for its students.

Ms. Haywood asked what would happen to the existing wellness center when the new facility is complete. Dr. Rogers stated that the Mercantile Building currently houses the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) and football program offices. This building will likely be razed and the football offices moved into a portion of the area that now houses the existing wellness center.

Dr. Rogers noted that the college-going culture has changed a lot in recent years. Parents are concerned about safety and the environment of the campus, and students want services on campus and want to build their life around the campus community.

Mr. Cannedy asked if equipment costs were included in the budget estimates. Mr. Lamb responded that the equipment in the existing Wellness Center would be moved to the new center. Additionally, funding for needed new equipment is included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Cannedy asked about the size and depth of the outdoor water recreation area and how ducks and other animals would be kept out of this area. Mr. Sherrod stated that it would

be four feet deep to allow for water volleyball, water spinning, and other activities. He stated that the size of the water area would be just larger that the Hardin Board Room.

Mr. Cannedy asked if the university had historically issued 30-year bonds on its facilities. Ms. Maxwell stated that the most recent issue for the Dillard College of Business building was for 10 years because of the source of funds. She indicated that residence hall projects had been 30 year issues in the past. Ms. Ferguson added that the university tends to refinance those bonds before the 30 years is complete, depending on what is happening with interest rates. Mr. Lalani indicated that he did not like considering a 30-year bond with a 6.06% interest rate. He asked how much the payment would increase if the size of the project was kept the same and the bond issue was for 25 years rather than 30. Mr. Sandoval responded that it would likely increase the debt payment by \$20,000-\$30,000. Mr. Lalani expressed his opinion that it would be better to identify funds that could be used for the increased payment rather than bond the project for 30 years.

Mr. Cannedy asked when the bonds would be sold. Mr. Sandoval responded that the project would need approval from the Board of Regents and then from the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA). Mr. Cannedy asked when the bonds would be sold. Mr. Sandoval responded that they could possibly be sold as early as May. Mr. Cannedy asked about the completion date for the project. Mr. Brinkley responded that the anticipated opening date is August 15, 2008. Mr. Sandoval indicated his preference that the Board approve the scope of the project at \$13.4 million and allow the administration to determine the term of the debt service.

Mr. Lalani moved the Board approve the design and scope of the student recreation and health facility to be constructed on the south campus at a cost of \$13.4 million as presented. He moved that the Board authorize the administration to pursue the issuance of 25-year bonds and, should the 25-year bond issue not be feasible, authorize the administration to work with the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents to recommend alternate revenue and budget sources and/or a lengthier bond issue. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion.

Mr. Cannedy asked if the TPFA would accept this type of motion. Mr. Sandoval indicated that they would. Mr. Cannedy asked what the next step of approval would be for the Board of Regents. Mr. Sandoval stated that the Board would not take any additional action until the sale of the bonds.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved (signed resolutions are shown in <u>Attachment 2</u>).

Softball Field Construction

07-43. Mr. Cannedy reported that in August, 2006, the Board of Regents 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. At that time the administration identified partial funding for this project from the Board Quasi-Endowment Fund at an estimated amount of \$244,728, with the final amount in the account upon transfer being \$247,722. As the field has been planned and a final site determined, the cost of the estimated project has increased to \$400,000. While demolition work has begun on the project, final action by the Board is necessary to move forward.

The administration recommended expanding the budget for the project to \$400,000 utilizing the following funding sources:

Balance from Board Quasi-Endowment Fund	\$247,722
Less Pre-Designed Work Already Accomplished	-7,628
Designated Tuition	75,000
Student Service Fees	50,000
Transfer from other Designated Funds	<u>34,906</u>
TOTAL BUDGET FINANCING	<u>\$400,000</u>

Dr. Rogers asked for the Board's support of this final budget and funding for the project. He noted that the field would be located on the far southwest corner of the main part of the campus, at Louis J. Rodriguez Drive and Midwestern Parkway. He indicated that following review of the exact site of the field, it was determined best that the field be pushed west toward Louis J. Rodriguez Drive so that one-third of one of the practice fields could be saved. He noted that these fields were added to the campus when the Dallas Cowboys organization held training camp at MSU. They are outstanding fields and it was determined that they should be saved. The overall project cost, with moving the field and including other costs to complete the project, is \$400,000.

Ms. Haywood asked if fencing would be in place to protect cars traveling down Midwestern Parkway. Mr. Goldapp stated that the field orientation had been set in a way that there is a very low probability of foul balls entering the street. He added that a net would be placed between four large poles to help address this concern. Mr. Cannedy indicated his belief that there would still be balls going into Midwestern Parkway.

Ms. Haywood moved approval of the recommendation as presented. Mr. Lalani seconded the motion.

Ms. Gough expressed concern that the cost of the project went up \$100,000 because the field was moved. Mr. Goldapp responded that the moving of the field required utility changes, parking lot demolishing and disposal, and brining in soil to raise the area that was at the parking lot level. Ms. Gough asked why this could not have been anticipated in the original project cost. Dr. Rogers indicated that he felt the space that would be saved was worth the increased cost in the long run.

Mr. Cannedy asked what type of watering system the field would have. Mr. Goldapp responded that it would have an underground irrigation system. Ms. Haywood asked how long it would take to complete the project. Mr. Goldapp indicated that the construction schedule calls for completion by March 9. Ms. Haywood asked if there would be places for fans to sit and watch the game. Dr. Rogers responded that bleachers were a part of the project.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved.

<u>Recess</u>

The Board Committee recessed at 2:58 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:10 p.m. At this time, the following individuals were in attendance: Mr. Cannedy, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Lalani, Ms.

Farris, Ms. Gough, Dr. Gunn, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Wible, Mr. York, Dr. Rogers, Dr. Wiedemann, Mr. Sandoval, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Lamb, Dr. Clark, Mr. Goldapp, Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Snow, Dr. Redmon, Mr. Burgos, Ms. Weakley, Ms. Buss, Ms. Work, Ms. Ashlock, and Ms. Barrow.

Fowler/Engineering Building Project Update

07-44. Mr. Cannedy reported that SHW Group was appointed by the Board of Regents in November, 2006, as the architect for the project. He noted that successful negotiations produced a flat fee contract with the firm allowing the university to control fee costs. He stated that after consulting with SHW, the administration has chosen to use the Competitive Sealed Proposal process in an attempt to reduce construction costs for the project.

The administration requested authorization to proceed with the \$7.2 million project, with funding anticipated as follows:

Anticipated Tuition Revenue Bond funding	\$2.7 million
Funds committed from outside donors	\$3.0 million
Funds anticipated from outside donors	\$1.5 million
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$7.2 million</u>

Mr. Cannedy noted that following Board approval, the project would be submitted for approval to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), the TPFA, and, finally, the Texas Bond Review Board. He noted that asbestos abatement and demolition would likely be accomplished during the spring and summer, with formal construction beginning in September 2007.

Dr. Rogers stated that if the final \$1.5 million is not received from anticipated outside donors, he would likely recommend bonding this amount from HEAF monies. He indicated that the engineering program has grown and this facility must be built. He noted that the architects have presented innovative ideas for the use of Fowler for engineering. It is not anticipated that the footprint of Fowler Hall will be expanded. Mr. Cannedy asked about this change in planning with regard to the size of the building. Dr. Rogers responded that the architects have taken an innovative approach and will reconfigure the interior of the building. He added that the administration had originally hoped to move one or two departments out of Bolin Science Hall and house those departments with engineering in the new building. He indicated that this project will provide a state-of-the-art engineering building for \$7.2 million. Ms. Haywood asked if any of the other departments would move into the building. Dr. Rogers indicated that the decision has not been finalized at this time.

Mr. Cannedy asked why the administration had chosen to go with the sealed bid process on this project. Mr. Goldapp indicated that the architects recommended this process in an attempt to stretch the dollars available for this project

Mr. Cannedy restated the motion that the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the \$7.2 million project with funding as outlined above. Mr. Lalani moved approval of this recommendation. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion and it was approved.

Student Housing Expansion

07-45. Dr. Rogers reported that as the university recruits students from outside this immediate area, and particularly from out of state, the shortage of on-campus housing continues to be an area of concern. The administration determined that it was time to begin discussions with the Board about plans for expanding student housing on campus.

Dr. Farrell stated that the university will lose students if there is not adequate on-campus housing. He noted that Mr. Lamb and others have been looking at a number of options for the university with regard to student housing.

Mr. Lamb reported that after Sunwatcher Village was constructed and Killingsworth and Pierce Halls were renovated, MSU opened the following fall semester at 100% occupancy. The administration has taken a conservative approach when considering another student housing expansion. He indicated his opinion that it would be financially feasible for the university to build 200 beds if the project did not include amenities such as a large clubhouse. He reported that he and others have attended conferences specifically focused on new designs in the area of student housing. Some of the designs that are available include "flex walls" so that the configurations can be changed to meet the needs of a changing student population.

Dr. Rogers asked when the existing housing is generally full for the fall semester. Mr. Lamb stated that the university starts turning people away in late April to mid-May.

Ms. Haywood asked if the university would use a privatized builder on this project. Mr. Lamb indicated that the decision had not been made at this time. Ms. Haywood asked how Sunwatcher Village was holding up from a maintenance point of view. Mr. Lamb responded that from his perspective the facilities have held up as expected. Mr. Goldapp added that he hadn't heard of any serious problems with the apartments and they seem to be holding up well.

Dr. Rogers commented that many other universities in the recent past have seen enrollment increases that directly relate to the availability of new housing on campus. He noted that the area where Marchman Hall and McCullough Hall are located would make a nice location for housing on campus.

Mr. Lalani asked about MSU's overall housing rate during the spring semester. Mr. Lamb responded that housing is 94% occupied in the spring. Mr. Lalani asked which complex has the highest occupancy and which has the lowest. Mr. Lamb responded that Sunwatcher Village has an occupancy rate of 100%; Pierce Hall, the hall that houses freshmen male students, is likely the lowest.

Mr. Lalani expressed his opinion that the university should guarantee housing to freshmen students, even if it means that upperclassmen have to move off campus. Mr. Lamb stated that he has not wanted to tell students who have lived on campus for two or three years that they have to move off campus to make room for entering students. Mr. Lalani indicated he appreciated Mr. Lamb's concerns, but stated that with the enrollment situation, if a freshman student wants to come to MSU and housing is not available, perhaps this internal policy should be reviewed. Mr. Lalani asked the administration to review this policy and consider a change until the university gets more housing.

Mr. Cannedy asked how many beds the Greeks would likely utilize if they moved on campus. Mr. Lamb responded that the number would be around 100 at first. He added that these numbers would grow as the chapters grow. Mr. Cannedy stated his opinion that the Greeks could easily fill 200 beds. Mr. Gustafson asked if the university could survey the Greek organization to determine the number of students who would move on campus. Dr. Farrell responded that the administration has talked the advisors and will continue the dialogue when additional housing becomes a reality.

Ms. Haywood moved the Board authorize the administration to proceed with planning additional on-campus housing. Mr. Lalani seconded the motion and it was approved.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, the Executive Committee discussion concluded at 3:46 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents Executive Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Student Recreation and Health Facility Presentation
- 2. Bond Sale Resolutions



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	New Recreation Center Fee		
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/	Total Annual Revenue	The set	\$1,414,242
1	Expenditures		
1	Salaries/Personnel Costs		
	Recreational Center Staff	\$30,000	
	Custodial Services	\$50,000	
	Student Assistant Salaries	\$50,000	\$130,000
	Office & Building Supplies		\$59,242
	Utilities Recreation Center		
	Health Center	\$140,000	
	Buidling and Equipment Reserve	\$10,000	\$150,000
	Debt Service		\$95,000 \$980,000
	Total Expenditures		\$1,414,242
	Note:		
	(1) Salaries include assistant/clerical perso	onnel, custodial support, & other stud	ent assistants
	(2) Debt service will imply a bond issue for	\$13.4 million, with annual debt service	ce of \$980,000

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR FINANCING Midwestern State University Student Recreation and Health Facility

WHEREAS, the Texas Public Finance Authority (the "Authority") has the exclusive authority to act on behalf of Midwestern State University (the "University") in the issuance of bonds pursuant to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat., Art. 601d as amended; and

WHEREAS, the University has been authorized to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructure to be financed by the issuance of bonds or other authorized financing mechanism pursuant to Texas Education Code 55.17 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Midwestern State University (the "Board of Regents") now desires to approve and authorize financing to enable the University to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructures, and authorizes the President of the University (the "President") or designees to submit requests for financing to the Authority from time to time to issue bonds or other authorized financing mechanism in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,400,000 to enable the University to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructures and to take other actions related thereto.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

- The University is duly authorized by law pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 57.17 to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructures to be financed by the issuance of bonds or other authorized financing mechanism in accordance with Texas Education Code, Chapter 55, Subsection B in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,400,000;
- 2) Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President, or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit requests from time to time to the Authority to issue bonds or other authorized financing mechanism in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,400,000 in order that the University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructures as these projects are specifically approved by the Board of Regents and further approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as may be required;
- 3) the President is hereby further authorized to approve, execute, and deliver or cause to be delivered those documents and such other instruments including but

not limited to the financing documents required by the Authority's rules, and to take such other actions as are necessary and appropriate in connection with the issuance, sale, or delivery of the bonds or other authorized financing mechanism;

4) due notice of the meeting and the subject matter of this Resolution was given as required by law; and that a quorum of the Board of Regents was present at the meeting at which this resolution was considered.

Adopted by a vote of $\underline{\$}$ yeas, $\underline{\diamondsuit}$ nays effective as of February 9, 2007,

Max W. G. Mac W. Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson

Board of Regents Midwestern State University

Patricia A. Haywood, Secretary Board of Regents Midwestern State University

Board of Regents Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, Texas

RESOLUTION DEFCLARING EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT STUDENT RECREATION AND HEALTH FACILITY

WHEREAS, Midwestern State University (the "University) intends to make a capital expenditure not to exceed \$13,400,000 to construct, equip and furnish a student recreation and health center on its campus in Wichita Falls, Texas (the "Project"), which is to be funded with proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority (the "Authority") as authorized by House Bill 1077, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session (1997); and

WHEREAS, the University intends to expend an amount not to exceed \$13,400,000 (the "Expenditure") for Project costs and intends Project expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Authority for the Project; and

WHEREAS, under Treas. Reg. Section 1.103-19 (the "Regulation"), to fund such reimbursement with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations, the University must declare its expectation of such reimbursement before making the Expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the University and the Authority desire to preserve the ability to reimburse the Expenditure with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE UNIVERSITY HEREBY RESOLVES that it reasonably expects to reimburse Project expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds to be issued hereafter by the Authority, and this Resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under this Regulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of February 10, 2007 meeting of the Board of Regents of Midwestern State university at 3410 Taft Boulevard, Wichat Falls, Texas, 76308.

Adopted/Rejected by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, effective February 10, 2007.

Mac W. Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson Board of Regents Midwestern State University

Patrica A. Haywood, Secretary Board of Regents Midwestern State University

MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Finance and Audit Committee February 8, 2007

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Chairperson Lalani called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-46. The minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting November 9, 2006 were approved as presented.

Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports

07-47. The administration recommended the August, September, October, and November, 2006 Financial Reports for acceptance. These reports were previously distributed to the board for review. Mr. Sandoval reported that the statements show a drop in net assets of \$1.7 million. He stated that this was typical because of the large number of one-time acquisitions that occur in the first quarter of the year. He noted that in the fall 2006 the university experienced a drop in net revenues of \$475,000 due to several factors; credit hour production in the fall was down 2.7%, auxiliary income was down, and the new policy regarding tuition for out-of-state students resulted in a loss of income. Mr. Sandoval noted that while this policy will be positive for the university in the long-run, it had a negative effect on first quarter revenues.

Mr. Wible moved the committee accept these financial reports as presented. Ms. Gough seconded the motion and it was approved.

FY 2006-2007 Items \$50,000 & Under Approved by President

07-48. Mr. Lalani noted for the new Board members that the president is authorized to increase the budget for items \$50,000 and under without prior Board approval. These items are then presented to the Board for ratification. The administration recommended the ratification of the following budget changes.

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	Title	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-30000	Unallocated Student Service Fees	3-30617	Cheerleaders	Travel funds for collegiate national tournament in Florida.	19,677.00
2-20200	Course Fee Revenue	2-20253	Extended Education	Reimbursement to UNT for UCD classes.	150.00
2-24220	Designated Tuition	2-21180	College Science & Math	Funding for graduate student thesis research expenses.	10,000.00
2-20200	Unallocated Course Fees	2-20201	Art	Fine Arts computer lab supplies.	2,152.17
TOTAL					\$ 31,979.17

Dr. Rogers noted that the second and fourth items should not be on this list because they are small items. He indicated that in the future items such as these would be funded from existing budgeted accounts.

Dr. Rogers indicated that the administration was pleased to support the cheerleaders at the collegiate national tournament. Dr. Farrell noted that they were invited to participate and received awards at the tournament. Dr. Rogers stated that the third item would provide support for graduate students in the College of Science and Mathematics.

Mr. Wible moved approval of these items as presented. Ms. Gough seconded the motion and it was approved.

Salary/Title/Position Changes in 2006-2007 Budget Approved per Board Authorization 07-49. Salary, title, and position changes approved by the president were presented for ratification as shown below.

Position/Title	New Position/Title	Budget Change	Justification
			Position changed to address
			safety issues with only one
Central Plant Operator I	Plumber I	\$ 2,136	plumber on staff.
PC/Education			Salary adjustment not included in
Technician		3,084	the budget.
Associate Director,			
Physical Plant		12,252	Hired above budgeted salary.

Counselor – Counseling Center (2 positions)		4,008	Increases due to two employees' earning Licensed Professional Counselor status.
Director, Recreational		0.001	
Sports/Wellness		2,001	Completion of Ph.D.
Associate Director,	Assistant Director,		Title and salary modified due to
Admissions	Admissions	(2,028)	individual hired not having a master's degree.
Instructor/Coordinator		(2,020)	master's degree.
of Student Center	Special Events		
Services	Coordinator		Reallocation of duties.
Associate Professor			
(Education)		15,012	Hired above-budgeted-salary
Full-time Secretary II (President's Office)	½ time Adm. Asst. (President's Office) and ½ time Human Resources Assistant I	1,458	Reallocation of personnel to meet needs of offices reporting to the president.
Associate Athletic			Modification of title and duties
Director for Business	Executive Associate		following organizational review
Affairs and Compliance	Director of Athletics		by Interim Director of Athletics
Senior Woman	Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Woman		Modification of title and duties
Administrator/Head	Administrator/Head		following organizational review
Volleyball Coach	Volleyball Coach		by Interim Director of Athletics
TOTAL		\$22,911 \$ 37,923	

Dr. Rogers presented information concerning these items.

- 1. Mr. Goldapp has reorganized some of the physical plant staff and recommended changing a Central Plant Operator into a plumber position.
- 2. The West Foundation supported a distance education technician for some time and the university now funds this position. This increase was approved to bring the pay for this position in line with comparable campus positions.
- 3. The university recently hired an Associate Director of Physical Plant. The individual hired was very well qualified and the salary was adjusted accordingly.
- 4. Three of the salary changes were necessary due to employees completing certifications or degrees.
- 5. The Coordinator of Student Center Services position was changed to Special Events Coordinator for the university.

- 6. The item related to the Associate Professor in Education should be deleted from this list. Dr. Rogers explained that funding is available in the existing budget to pay for the salary for this position.
- 7. The Secretary II position in the Office of the President has been divided into two parttime positions. One part-time individual works in the President's Office and the other work in the Human Resources Office.
- 8. Mr. Harris continues to reorganize the duties of the athletic administration staff. These proposed changes deal with titles only.
- 9. By subtracting \$15,012 item that was deleted, the total budgetary change recommended for ratification was \$22,911.

Ms. Gough moved ratification of these items as presented. Mr. Wible seconded the motion.

2007-2008 Budget Discussion/Tuition and Fee Review

07-50. Dr. Rogers presented information concerning the state's financial status, the university budget, the cost of education, and tuition and fees at MSU. He noted that the state of Texas has a strong economy and there has been much reported about the state's \$14 billion reserve. Approximately \$12 billion of this amount is already earmarked for property tax relief. That leaves \$1 billion in each year of the upcoming biennium to spend on prisons, social services, higher education, and other state obligations such as parks. Midwestern State University's funding from the state in real dollars has been going down since 1998. Since that time, MSU has lost about \$600 per student per semester in general revenue appropriations, which pays for operations of the university.

The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) has released a base budget for the biennium which begins September 1, 2007. Dr. Rogers indicated that it appears that there may be \$300 million available to be divided among the 35 public senior institutions, seven medical schools, dental schools, and law schools in each year of the next biennium. There is a great deal of uncertainty at this time with regard to how much funding MSU will receive from the legislature.

Dr. Rogers noted that the administration must begin planning the budget for 2007-2008. The administration is aware of costs that will increase, such as utilities, fringe benefits, and salaries. He presented information concerning Board Designated Tuition charged at other universities in Texas in the fall 2006 (see <u>Attachment 1</u>). He noted that Midwestern State University raised tuition two years ago to \$66 per semester credit hour. He noted that MSU currently ranks 26 out of the 33 schools listed in the amount of designated tuition charged. He added that the University of Texas at Austin is not on the list because their method of charging tuition is so different from everyone else. He noted that they charge a differential rate depending on the student's major field of study. Additionally, students enrolled in 8-11 semester credit hours pay the same amount of tuition. They do this to encourage students to take more hours and graduate in a shorter period of time. Dr. Rogers indicated that there are several schools with tuition lower than MSU that have

already received permission from their Boards to raise tuition in the fall 2007. He noted that MSU begins early registration in April. The administration at MSU has not in the past increased tuition after students register for classes. Unfortunately, the final state appropriation will not likely be determined until the end of May. Dr. Rogers stated that the administration would thus recommend a range of tuition, dependent upon what the legislature does.

Dr. Rogers presented a table showing how much tuition rates have gone up for state institutions since 2003 (see <u>Attachment 2</u>). MSU's tuition has gone up by \$578 since that time which seems to be quite reasonable. He added that once MSU's tuition is increased and is compared to the other senior institutions in Texas, MSU will likely maintain its relative position in the listing.

Mr. Lalani presented the administration's recommendation as follows:

- A. Authorize an increase to Board Designated Tuition for the fall 2007 semester in the amount of \$12 per semester credit hour, from the current \$66 to \$78.
- B. Further authorize the administration to increase Board Designated Tuition by up to another \$6 per semester credit hour after determining what the state appropriation to Midwestern State University will be. Any increase above \$12 per semester credit hour must also be approved by the board chairperson.
- C. Authorize an increase of the Computer Use Fee for the fall 2007 semester in the amount of \$3 per semester credit hour, from \$12 to \$15.
- D. Authorize an increase in Course Fees for the fall 2007 semester as presented below:

Course Fees/per SCH	Current	Proposed
Biology (BIOL)	\$10	\$20
Chemistry (CHEM)	\$10	\$20
Environmental Science (ENSC)	\$10	\$20
Geosciences (GEOS)	\$10	\$20
Physics (PHYS)	\$10	\$20
Art (ART)	\$9	\$12
Dental Hygiene (DNHY)	\$9	\$15
Nursing (NURS)	\$9 	\$15
Manufacturing Engineering Technology (MENT)	\$7	\$25
Mechanical Engineering (MENG)	\$7	\$25
Computer Science (CMPS)	\$6	\$15

Dr. Rogers then distributed the Fiscal 2008 Worksheet as shown in <u>Attachment 3</u>. He stated that this was a flow of ideas about issues the university is facing in the next academic year. He reviewed the worksheet with the Board explaining that it showed budget needs for FY 2008, as well as possible sources of revenue and reductions that could be made by the university community. He noted that the designated fund balance as of 8/31/06 was \$6.8 million. This large sum was primarily due to the administration holding \$2.2 million in reserve for faculty and staff raises and necessary new positions

during the current fiscal year. The estimated fund balance at 8/31/07 is \$4.5 million. The worksheet outlined the budget needs in FY 2008 including funds for a 3% cost-of-living increase for employees; funds to address faculty salary compression, staff merit adjustments, and a possible minimum wage increase; faculty positions in the budget that were not previously funded; and the loss of grant funds for the nursing program Simulation Center. Dr. Rogers added that the first estimates presented in the LBB Base Budget indicate that MSU could experience a reduction in state appropriations in the amount of \$197,000 in each year of the biennium.

Dr. Rogers outlined possible sources of revenue and budget reductions that could be accomplished to meet the increased budget needs. He stated that the administration has resolved to reduce the operating budget by \$750,000. He noted that MSU's computer use fee is relatively low and needs to be increased. Dr. Rogers added that course fees in some of the expensive program areas have not been increased in a number of years. Increasing the computer use fee and certain course fees would generate new income in the amount of \$690,000 per year. Finally, an increase in Board Designated Tuition by \$12 per semester credit hour, effective with the fall 2007 semester, would generate an estimated \$1.43 million. Dr. Rogers stated that even with these fee and tuition changes, as well as budget reductions, the university would need to transfer \$550,000 from the university's reserves and there would still be a budget shortfall of \$757,000. He indicated his hope that MSU would receive an increase in funding from the state in the amount of \$600,000 - \$800,000 in each year of the biennium. He asked for the Board's support of the administration's recommendation.

Mr. Lalani stated that he does not like increasing costs for MSU students, because he believes it discourages students from attending. However, he stated his agreement that there is not much else to be done at this time. He indicated that when MSU tuition was increased two years ago, he hoped that funding would be forthcoming from the state. Additionally, MSU utilized reserves and kept tuition stable during the last two years. He noted that the university's reserves cannot be depleted any further and it does not look like additional funding will be coming from the state. He indicated that while tuition must be raised, he recommended that the increase beyond \$12 only be approved by the chairperson as a last resort. He stated that perhaps the university could delay returning money to the reserves rather than increasing tuition to \$18 if at all possible.

Dr. Rogers commented that as part of the LBB base budget, MSU appears to receive an increase in funding over the last biennium. He stated that MSU's appropriation appears to increase by \$1.38 million. However, these funds can only be used for debt service on the new tuition revenue bonds and cannot be used to operate the university. The funds that have decreased in the base budget from the LBB are operational funds.

Dr. Rogers reported that he visited with the Student Senate concerning these recommended tuition and fee increases. He noted that the students approved a resolution in support of the administration's recommendation. He indicated his appreciation to the students for their interest and support. He added that the administration is considering a plan that would guarantee a freshman class that their tuition would not be raised by more than 5% per year for four years and possibly five years. He noted that there are some details that need to be worked out with regard to this recommendation. However, he

expressed his hope that the recommendation would be made at the May Board meeting. He indicated that it would help in budget planning for the university as well as for students and their parents. Mr. Lalani added that such a plan would likely aid enrollment. Ms. Gough noted that some universities have already approved a plan such as this.

Ms. Gough expressed her support for the university reducing its current budget by \$750,000. Dr. Rogers indicated that \$450,000 has already been identified and the budget will be reviewed to locate the remaining \$300,000. Ms. Gough asked if outside entities had been hired to review the university's budget and look for waste. Dr. Rogers indicated that the university has done so internally and has not, to his knowledge, brought in an outside person to examine expenditures, outside of the normal review by the university's Internal Auditor and other state reviews. Ms. Gough noted that any time a fresh set of eyes can look at the operation, it's a good exercise for the organization. Mr. Sandoval stated that the university's payables are reviewed by an independent firm commissioned by the State Comptroller. Additionally, the State Auditor and/or the State Comptroller periodically commission audits of institutions for efficiency and effectiveness. Mr. Lalani recommended that any specific areas board members would like to have looked into could be included as part of the Internal Auditor's scope of work.

Ms. Haywood expressed concern that the university could possibly be criticized for raising tuition and giving a 3% raise to university employees. Mr. Lalani indicated his feel that 3% is such a small amount that it would likely not present a problem. Dr. Rogers stated his belief that it was the correct thing to do for the faculty and staff.

Ms. Gough moved approval of the recommendation as presented. Mr. Wible seconded the motion. He asked if this item could be pulled from the consent agenda on Friday and then be voted on by the entire board. Mr. Lalani indicated that it could be removed for further discussion.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

The Finance and Audit Committee discussion concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Munir A. Lalani, Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents Finance & Audit Committee

ATTACHMENT:

- 1.Designated Local Tuition List 2.Overall Tuition Increase List
- 3.Fiscal 2008 Worksheet
 - Fiscal 2008 Worksheet

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School	Fall 2006
Texas Southern	\$98.00
Texas A&M	\$95.70
Texas A&M – Galveston	\$95.50
UT – Pan American	\$93.15
UT – Arlington	\$93.00
University of Houston	\$93.00
UT – San Antonio	\$92.25
University of North Texas	\$90.50
UT – Dallas	\$88.80
Texas State – San Marcos	\$88.00
UT – El Paso	\$85.50
Stephen F. Austin	\$85.00
Texas Tech	\$85.00
Texas A&M – Commerce	\$80.00
Texas Woman's University	\$78.00
U of H – Clear Lake	\$77.00
Prairie View A&M	\$75.50
UT – Tyler	\$75.00
Texas A&M – Corpus Christi	\$73.00
U of H – Downtown	\$70.75
Lamar University	\$70.00
Sam Houston State	\$70.00
Tarleton State	\$70.00
U of H – Victoria	\$69.00
UT – Permian Basin	\$68.00
Midwestern State University	\$66.00
Texas A&M International	\$63.00
Texas A&M – Texarkana	\$62.00
Angelo State	\$60.00
Texas A&M – Kingsville	\$60.00
UT – Brownsville	\$58.00
West Texas A&M	\$57.00
Sul Ross	\$50.00

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Change in Tuition Fall 2003 to Fall 2006

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	Fall 2003	Fall 2006	Change
The University of Texas at Austin (3)	\$2,721	\$3,993	\$1,272
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	\$1,435	\$2,677	\$1,242
Texas A&M University (1)	\$2,357	\$3,504	\$1,147
University of Houston	\$2,266	\$3,381	\$1,115
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$2,222	\$3,333	\$1,111
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$2,622	\$3,665	\$1,043
Texas A&M University-Galveston	\$1,868	\$2,826	\$958
Prairie View A&M University	\$1,854	\$2,807	\$953
Stephen F. Austin State University	\$1,735	\$2,616	\$881
The University of Texas at Brownsville	\$1,490	\$2,369	\$879
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$1,837	\$2,708	\$871
University of North Texas	\$2,366	\$3,232	\$866
Texas Tech University	\$2,525	\$3,389	\$864
The University of Texas at Arlington (2)	\$2,366	\$3,200	\$834
Texas State University-San Marcos	\$2,072	\$2,890	\$818
The University of Texas at Tyler	\$1,795	\$2,555	\$760
Sam Houston State University	\$1,970	\$2,681	\$711
Lamar University	\$1,747	\$2,457	\$710
Texas A&M International University	\$1,661	\$2,339	\$678
Texas Woman's University	\$1,895	\$2,550	\$655
West Texas A&M University	\$1,621	\$2,257	\$636
University of Houston-Downtown	\$1,615	\$2,242	\$627
The University of Texas at Pan America	\$1,561	\$2,157	\$596
The University of Texas at Permian Bas	\$1,749	\$2,335	\$586
University of Houston-Clear Lake	\$1,858	\$2,442	\$584
Midwestern State University	\$1,792	\$2,370	\$578
Tarleton State University	\$1,787	\$2,346	\$559
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	\$1,952	\$2,508	\$556
Angelo State University	\$1,793	\$2,318	\$525
University of Houston-victoria	\$1,885	\$2,395	\$510
Texas A&M University-Commerce	\$1,821	\$2,308	\$487
Sul Ross State University	\$1,717	\$2,184	\$467
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	\$1,928	\$2,313	\$385
Texas Southern University	\$1,866	\$2,234	\$368
Average	\$1,934	\$2,694	\$760

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Fiscal 2008 Budget Worksheet

()	Beginning) Data:						
\bigcirc		Designated Fund Balance at August 31, 2006		\$6,880,888				
		Estimated Designated Fund Balance August 31, 2007		\$4,559,880				
	Budget No	eeds - FY 2008						
	Restoration of one-time Designated Reserves for Budget							
		3% Increase for Employees		\$1,000,000				
		Funds for Faculty Salary Compression, Staff Merit Adjustments, and Possible Minimum Wage Increase		\$200,000				
		Faculty Positions in Budget (Not Previously Funded)		\$231,000				
			\$350,000					
		\$197,163						
			Subtotal	\$4,178,163				
	Possible	Sources and Reductions:						
\bigcirc		2008 budget reductions		\$750,000				
-		Proposed Computer Use and Course Fee Increases		\$690,000				
		Proposed Designated Tuition Increase (Increase Tuition by \$12 per SCH in the Fall 2007)		\$1,430,400				
		Use of Designated Fund Reserves		\$550,000				
			Subtotal	\$3,420,400				
	Options:		Estimated Shortfall	\$757,763				
	options:	Increase Designated Tuition to \$19/hour		\$74E 000				
		Increase Designated Tuition to \$18/hour		\$715,200				
		Possible additional state appropriations		Unknown				

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MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Personnel and Curriculum Committee February 8, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007. Personnel and Curriculum Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pat Haywood, Chairperson; Ms. Charlye Farris, Dr. Carol Gunn, and Mr. Munir Lalani. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Pam Gough, Mr. Stephen Gustafson, Mr. Ben Wible, and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement 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 Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Mr. Mike Snow, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting.

Chairperson Haywood called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-51. The minutes of the Personnel and Curriculum Committee meeting November 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Faculty Report

07-52. Dr. Bob Redmon, chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate presented a report to the Board as shown in <u>Attachment 1</u>.

Enrollment Report - Spring 2007

07-53. The spring enrollment report was distributed to the Board (see <u>Attachment 2</u>). Ms. Haywood stated that the enrollment in the spring 2007 semester is 5,688. Dr. Rogers noted that this enrollment figure is down 196 students from the spring 2006, primarily in the freshman class. He reminded the Board that the university's admissions standards were raised in the fall, resulting in a smaller freshman class.

Dr. Rogers presented a table to the Board showing the fall to spring enrollment changes, and also indicated the number of students that graduated in December (see <u>Attachment</u> 2). He reported that in the fall of 2000, 231 students graduated and in the fall of 2006, 395 students graduated. He noted that the drop in enrollment in the spring 2007 was less than the number of graduating students in the fall 2006. This means that for the first time in three years the university's retention rate was up.

Small Class Report - Spring 2007

07-54. Ms. Haywood noted that Section 51.403(d) of the Texas Education Code requires MSU to present a small class report to the Board of Regents. This report was presented as shown in <u>Attachment 3</u>. Dr. Wiedemann reviewed the report with the Board and indicated that she works with the deans and plans to reduce the size of this list in the future. Dr. Rogers added that in the next year fewer sections of classes would likely be offered and the number of adjunct faculty would be reduced as well.

Beginning and Last Day Enrollment Reports, Fall 2006 Semester

07-55. Ms. Haywood reported that Section 51.403(b) of the Texas Education Code specifies that reports will be presented to the Board of Regents comparing student enrollments in each class at the beginning and the last day of each fall and spring semester. This report was previously distributed to the Board and was presented for information only without discussion.

Review of Personnel Reports for FY 06-07 Budget

07-56. Personnel changes in October, November, and December, 2006, were presented for information only as shown in the agenda document.

Proposed Faculty Development Leave - 2007-2008

07-57. Ms. Haywood reported that the administration had recommended approval of a developmental leave during the spring 2008 semester for Dr. Dawn Slavens, Associate Professor of Mathematics. She noted that Dr. Slavens plans to spend the semester at Emporia State University to collaborate with Dr. Marvin Harrell in developing and pilot testing inquiry-based mathematics activities and eventually publishing their findings. In accordance with developmental leave guidelines, Dr. Slavens would earn her regular salary during this period. The estimated replacement cost is \$8,000 if her courses are taught by part-time instructors.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of this recommendation. Dr. Gunn seconded the motion and it was approved.

Organization of University Administration

07-58. The administration presented the following recommendation to the Board:

A. A position of Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management will be created. Its mission will be to formulate strategies and develop programs and services designed to achieve the enrollment, retention, and graduation goals of the university. The Division of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management will be comprised of the offices of institutional research and planning, admissions, financial aid, registrar, testing services, international services, and upward bound (the areas which previously reported to the associate provost with the addition of institutional research and planning). Dr. Bob Clark, current Associate Provost, would assume the title of Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management.

- B. The title of Director of Institutional Research and Planning would be changed to Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/Director of Institutional Research and Planning.
- C. The current Dean of Graduate Studies would become Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Rogers indicated his appreciation to his staff for their willingness to take on new jobs and titles. He noted that he has attempted to improve the organizational structure of the administration. He indicated that the reaccreditation process of the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS) is becoming more and more complex. He noted that MSU and all other member institutions must demonstrate effectiveness as an institution. This takes an immense system of record-keeping and planning. Dr. Rogers stated that while the entire university will work on this, there must be one office dedicated to overseeing this university-wide process. He noted that Dr. Bob Clark is very familiar with the SACS and what the university must do to meet the requirements for reaccreditation. In addition, Dr. Clark will oversee the university's enrollment management activities. Dr. Capps has agreed to assume the title of Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies. These changes will be very beneficial to the university. He added that with these changes, no new positions would be created and no additional funds would be required.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of this recommendation as presented. Dr. Gunn seconded the motion and it was approved.

MSU Policies and Procedures Manual Changes

- 07-59. The following changes to the *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual* were recommended for approval. Ms. Haywood presented the following information concerning the proposed changes.
 - A. <u>Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils & Committees Accident Review</u> <u>Board and Risk Management and Safety Committee</u> – it was recommended that the Accident Review Board be deleted and its responsibilities transferred to the Risk Management and Safety Committee as shown in the agenda document.
 - B. <u>Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils & Committees Computer</u> <u>Information Security Committee</u> – it was recommended that this committee be deleted as it duplicates the work of the Information Technology Advisory Committee. It was noted that information security would be a priority issue for the Information Technology Advisory Committee in 2007.
 - C. <u>Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils & Committees Financial Aid</u> <u>Advisory Appeals Committee</u> – it was recommended that the word "Advisory" be removed from the title of the committee. It was explained that this committee is a hearing committee and this change would clarify its purpose.

- Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils & Committees Purchasing Vendor D. Appeals Committee - it was recommended that this committee be deleted from the Policy Manual as the responsibilities of the committee are currently handled through the organizational structure of the university. The Director of Purchasing handles vendor complaints and appeals may be made to the Vice President for Administration and Finance.
- Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils & Committees Student Traffic E. Review Board - it was recommended that the name of this group be changed to "Student Traffic Appeals Committee" to bring it in line with the committee/board structure of the university.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of these changes as presented. Ms. Farris seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Personnel and Curriculum Committee discussion concluded at 5:17 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Patricia Haywood, Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents Personnel & Curriculum Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

- Faculty Report 1.
- Spring 2007 Enrollment Report 2.
- Fall to Spring Enrollment Considering Fall Graduates 3.
- Spring 2007 Small Class Report 4.

Faculty Report to the Board of Regents - Dr. Robert Redmon - February 8, 2007

As Chair of the Faculty Senate, I thank the Board of Regents for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Midwestern State University faculty. The faculty gratefully acknowledges the unwavering respect and support of the students, university administration, and Board of Regents.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, given my report at the November Board meeting, I nevertheless feel it is important to remind the Board of the continuing need to find some way to address the inequities resulting from salary compression in particular and low faculty salaries in general. It is not just about cost of living and is very easy to justify.

These inequities limit MSU's ability to retain its current professors and attract quality new faculty to replace those who retire and those who leave the university in favor of positions elsewhere. Many critical tenure track positions remain vacant due to a lack of quality applicants. Because of this, MSU employs far too many adjunct professors -- underpaid, part time instructors who owe no allegiance to the university and shoulder no extra curricular faculty responsibilities, actually increasing the load on regular faculty.

Midwestern State University's mission cannot be fulfilled without a strong and dedicated faculty. The Faculty Senate believes that retaining current faculty and attracting the best new professors to MSU depends heavily upon our offering salaries and fringe benefits that are competitive with the best institutions of our size and mission in Texas and across the nation. Given the current political climate, we also believe that the university should begin to take responsible steps to make itself less dependent upon the whims of state government.

Salary compression is a divisive issue that erodes collegiality and devastates faculty morale. It continues to be one of the most pressing concerns voiced at Faculty Senate. Higher salaries needed to attract new faculty are diminishing available funds and restricting raises for existing faculty. Many veteran members of the faculty are earning only slightly more than new hires, and some are earning less. Knowing that a move to another university, even one within Texas, will likely result in a significant increase in salary fuels discontent and prompts valuable professors to leave MSU.

The faculty appreciates the value of improving facilities and housing, but I would like to remind the Board that the FACULTY is the heart of the university. A dedicated faculty with high morale is critical to the ability of the university to achieve its stated mission. Who else will shepherd an academic community that focuses, refines, and challenges our students' understanding? Who else will provide the excellent teaching while cultivating and facilitating the research, the service, and the intellectual growth we promise our students. Who else will nurture our students, encourage them to set lofty goals and expectations, and show them, by personal example, the value of life long learning?

Since recent predictions regarding state contributions to higher education suggest that little additional funding will be forthcoming in the near future, it is wise of the Board to seek more reliable ways to fund salary increases and improve student services at MSU. Though the faculty is acutely aware of the rising *costs* of higher education, we are also concerned with the *quality* of higher education. To that end, given the vagary of state funding, the faculty fully supports the timely, measured increase in student tuition and fees proposed by university administration.
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Enrollment Report

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Spring 2007

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	2006	2007
Beginning Freshmen	57	41
Re-Enrolling Freshmen	1,055	900
Sophomore	1,085	1,058
Junior	1,135	1,190
Senior	1,883	1,811
Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate	669	688
TOTAL	5,884	5,688

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Fall to Spring Enrollment Changes (with December graduate consideration)

Semester	Fall Enrollment	Semester	Spring Enrollment	Number Decrease	Overali Percent Decrease	December Graduates	Actual Percent Change
Fall 2000	5809	Spring 2001	5469	-340	-5.85%	231	-1.88%
Fall 2001	5968	Spring 2002	5775	-193	-3.23%	268	1.26%
Fall 2002	6218	Spring 2003	6022	-196	-3.15%	302	1.70%
Fall 2003	6480	Spring 2004	6052	-428	-6.60%	315	-1.74%
Fall 2004	6348	Spring 2005	5962	-386	-6.08%	380	-0.09%
Fall 2005	6279	Spring 2006	5896	-383	-6.10%	337	-0.73%
Fall 2006	6042	Spring 2007	5688	-354	-5.86%	395	0.68%

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SMALL CLASS REPORT Spring 2007

The following organized classes had enrollments below the established minima of ten (10) students for undergraduate classes and five (5) students for graduate classes on the twelfth class day. Where applicable, the courses are listed under the justification categories previously used by the Coordinating Board.

The following courses are required for courses within a new program area.

Course Number			Instructor	Course Title	Students
Athletic Training	3813	01	Pack, C	Eval Athletic Injuries I	6
Athletic Training	4423	01	Pack, C	Research and Athletic Training	4
Athletic Training	4903	01	Diehm, G	Admin Athletic Training	4

The following courses are required for majors in fields of study within the state's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative.

Course Number			Instructor	Course Title	Students
Chemistry	3405	01	Shao, J	Analytical Chemistry II	4
Chemistry	4133	01	Hansen, C	Advanced Organic Chemistry	2
Geosciences	3234	01	Elliott, B	Petrology	8
Mathematics	1734	02	Tucker, D	Calculus II	8
Mathematics	3133	70	Slavens, D	Foundations of Geometry	7
Mathematics	4033	80	McDonald, T	Foundations of Discrete Math	5
Mathematics	4293	70	Knox, D	Intro to Ring Theory	5
Mathematics	4833	01	Slavens, D	Introductory Analysis II	6
Mechanical Engineering	1101	01	Azzouz, S	Intro to Engineering	8
Mechanical Engineering	3234	01	Azzouz, S	Heat Transfer	9
Mechanical Engineering	3243	01	Azzouz, S	Computer aided Engineering	9
Manf. Engineering Technology	1342	70	Brink, J	Fluid Power II	8
Manf. Engineering Technology	2134	80	Sutko, A	Computer Aided Drafting	7
Manf. Engineering Technology	2143	01	Brink, J	Mfg Process II	6
Manf. Engineering Technology	3503	01	Brink, J	Automation II	8
Manf. Engineering Technology	4103	01	Sutko, A	Strength of Materials	3
Manf. Engineering Technology	4113	80	Faulk, J	Basic Instrumentation	3
Manf. Engineering Technology	4213	01	Sutko, A	Thermodynamics	3
Physics	3333	01	Dunn, J	Thermodynamics	4
Physics	4323	01	Fleming, R	Electromagnetic Field II	6

The following courses are required for majors in their fields of study and should be completed this semester to keep the proper sequences in courses.

Course Number			Instructor	Course Title	Students
Art	2153/ 3143	01	Ash, R	Print Making	4
Bilingual Education	4313	80	Barbosa, D	Bilingualism and Biculturalism	6
Bilingual Education	4323	80	Garza, M	Read and Lang Arts Biling	6
English	1123	N1	Taylor, A	Rhet and Comp/Non Native	6
English	2623	80	Giddings, G	Survey of American Literature	7
French	1234	02	McClintock, S	Elementary French	9
French	3233	01	McClintock, S	Survey of French Lit II	9
German	1134	01	Zginca, M	Elementary German	9
German	1234	01	Zginca, M	Elementary German	5
German	2233	01	Zginca, M	Intermediate German	5
Kinesiology	6013	70	Kilgore, L	Phys Mech Test Analysis	4

Mass Communication	4363	01	Gorham, J	Advanced Broadcast News	4
Music	1121	01	Scherler, K	Piano Class	8
Music	^3801	01	Crews, N	Instrument Repair	6
Music	4863	01	Schuppener, J	Choral Conducting	6
Music	4893	01	Archambo, L	Music Technology	9
MWSU	1333	70	Rodriguez, S	Leadership MSU	9
Political Science	4933	H1	Garrison, S	Iss: Conflict Processes-Honors	8
Public Administration	5723	X1	Erakovich, R	Non-Profit Management	3
Public Administration	5963	X1	Harlow, K	Capstone: Case Studies	3
Reading	4253	80	Redmon, R	Secondary Reading & Lang Arts	8
Social Studies	3003	80	Lindemann, S	Concepts Social Studies	3
Spanish	4433	80	Hollabaugh, L	Advanced Comprehensive Skills	7
Statistics	3583	70	Schmitter, J	Stat Quality Control	6
Theater	3463	01	Henschel, D	Scene Design	8
Theater	3543	01	Fischli, R	Advanced Acting	8
Theater	4483	01	Jefferson, L	Direction of Plays	8

The following courses are remedial offerings and are required by state law.

Course Number			Instructor	Course Title	Students
English	1013	70	Carroll, B	Introduction to College Reading	6
Mathematics	0003	70	Jones, M	Beginning Algebra	6

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MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Student Services Committee February 8, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 5:17 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007. Student Services Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pam Gough, Chairperson, Dr. Carol Gunn, Mr. Stephen Gustafson, and Ms. Pat Haywood. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Charlye Farris, Mr. Munir Lalani, Mr. Ben Wible, and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement 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 Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting.

Chairperson Gough called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-60. The minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting November 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Student Government Report

07-61. Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Observer, introduced himself to the Board of Regents. Esteban is a junior economics major from Grapevine, Texas. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them. He reported that students are talking about COPLAC and are excited that MSU will be the only public institution in Texas to have the COPLAC designation. He reported that Dr. Rogers spoke at the recent Student Senate meeting about the proposed tuition increase. He noted that although students are not necessarily going to enjoy a tuition increase, the Senate passed a motion of confidence in support of the administration following Dr. Rogers' presentation. A copy of this resolution was presented to the Board and is shown at <u>Attachment 1</u>. He added that the students understand tuition and fees must increase so that Midwestern can have the best faculty and equipment.

Housing Rates

07-62. Housing rates for fall 2007, spring 2008, and summer 2008 were recommended for approval as shown in the agenda document. Mr. Lamb noted that the recommended increases were modest and were primarily in the 3% range.

Ms. Gough indicated that she assumed this was the lowest increase the university could charge and meet budget requirements. Mr. Lamb responded that it was. Mr. Sandoval asked if the proposed staff increase and the possible increase in minimum wage had been considered when determining these proposed rates. Mr. Lamb noted that the proposed rate increase would cover the staff increase. He indicated that a change in the minimum wage would have a greater effect on housing because of the number of students hired by this department. However, he did not feel comfortable increasing the rate by more than 3% at this time.

Mr. Gustafson moved approval of the recommendation as presented. Dr. Gunn seconded the motion and it was approved.

Food Service Rates

07-63. Food service rates for summer 2007, fall 2007, and spring 2008 were recommended for approval as shown in the agenda document. Mr. Lamb noted that the proposed increase in food service was lower than the housing cost increases. He stated that the administration had worked to keep the charges for housing and food as low as possible. He indicated that the average proposed increase in food plans is less than 3%. He stated that the 14-meal plan increased by 3.75%, but it was necessary so that the cost of the 14-meal plan would not be too close to the 10-meal plan charge.

Mr. Lalani asked if many students take the 19-meal plan. Mr. Lamb responded that over 100 students take the 19-meal plan; the majority of students take the 10- or 14-meal plan. Mr. Cannedy asked how much Aramark's charge to MSU was increasing. Mr. Lamb responded that Aramark is increasing the cost to the university by 1-1/2 and 2%; this increase was built into this recommendation.

Ms. Haywood moved approval of this recommendation. Dr. Gunn seconded the motion and it was approved.

<u>Adjournment</u> The Student Services Committee discussion concluded at 5:27 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

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Pamela Odom Gough, Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents Student Services Committee

ATTACHMENT:

1. Copy of Student Government Resolution



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Student Government Association

The Student Senate of Midwestern State University

STUDENT SENATE MOTION OF CONFIDENCE

WHEREAS, The Student Senate of Midwestern State University acknowledges the importance of preserving the future growth and well-being of higher education; and WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is the sole governing and representative organization of the student body; and, now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, The Student Senate approved a Motion of Confidence in the support of Midwestern State University's President, Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, for continued efforts in the preservation and well-being of Midwestern State University.

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I hereby certify that the above Motion of Confidence was adopted by the Student Senate on February 6, 2007.

Secretary, Student Government Association

President, Student Government Association

MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS University Development Committee February 8, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 5:27 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007. University Development Committee members in attendance were Mr. Stephen Gustafson, Chairperson, Ms. Charlye Farris, and Mr. Ben Wible. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Pamela Gough, Dr. Carol Gunn, Mr. Munir Lalani, Mr. Ben Wible, and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement 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 Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting.

Chairperson Gustafson called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-64. The minutes of the University Development Committee meeting November 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Summary of Gifts, Grants and Pledges 9/1/06-1/12/07

- 07-65. This report was presented as shown in the agenda document. Dr. Farrell commented on major gifts that were received during the period October 14, 2006 through January 12, 2007.
 - 1. MSU received the last installment of \$500,000 from the Priddy Foundation for campus improvements.
 - 2. The family of Munir A. Lalani established the "Munir Abdul Lalani Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise" with a gift of \$125,000.
 - 3. The McCoy School of Engineering received \$50,000 from the McCoy Foundation and \$100,000 from Jim McCoy.
 - 4. MSU received \$40,000 from the Kirk Edwards Foundation for scholarships for Clay County students.
 - 5. The President's Excellence Circle (PEC) received \$182,069.
 - 6. The Annual Fund Office raised \$113,266 during this reporting period.

7. The total of gifts and grants received during this quarter is \$1.4 million.

Dr. Rogers thanked Carol Gunn and her husband Bob for their leadership of the PEC during the last few years. He added his thanks to Dr. Farrell and his staff for the outstanding work on the Annual Fund. Mr. Gustafson expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to Mr. Lalani for his generous gift to the university.

Legacy Walk Recommendations

07-66. The administration recommended the addition of Joseph N. Sherrill Jr. to Legacy Walk in recognition of his service and monetary contributions to Midwestern State University. Mr. Gustafson presented the following information concerning Mr. Sherrill:

Mr. Joseph N. Sherrill Jr., a native Wichitan, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation from MIT and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the law firm of Sherrill, Crosnoe & Goff. Mr. Sherrill has been instrumental in the awarding of approximately \$6 million in gifts and grants to Midwestern State University through his work with a number of foundations. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hardin Foundation for Wichita County, and has served as a member of this Board since 1968. He is also a trustee and current Vice President of the West Foundation, having served as a member of this Board since 1973. Mr. Sherrill's participation on the John & Nevils Wilson Foundation and Jacque Vaughn Foundation boards has also greatly benefited Midwestern State University. Additionally, he served for eighteen years on the MSU Foundation Board. Mr. Sherrill believes in and supports quality education at all levels. He has generously given of his time and money to support the pursuit of excellence by Midwestern State University.

Dr. Rogers indicated he was extremely pleased to recommend Mr. Sherrill's induction into Legacy Walk. He stated that Mr. Sherrill not only directs significant and important gifts to the university, it was his idea to establish the Hardin Professor and the Hardin Scholar programs 45 years ago. These are two great honors that this institution bestows on its students and faculty members each year. He added that Mr. Sherrill has devoted a large part of his life to quality education.

Mr. Gustafson moved approval of this recommendation as presented. Ms. Farris seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment

The University Development Committee discussion concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Stephen Gustafson, Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents University Development Committee

MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Athletics Committee February 8, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 1:39 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007. Athletics Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pamela Gough, Mr. Stephen Gustafson, and Mr. Ben Wible. Mr. Cannedy asked Mr. Gustafson to serve as Acting Chairperson of this committee. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Charlye Farris, Dr. Carol Gunn, Ms. Patricia Haywood, Mr. Munir Lalani, and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement and Student Affairs; Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Provost; Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; and Mr. Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services; Other university personnel attending the meeting included Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Mr. Mike Snow, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Dr. Keith Williamson, University Physician; Dr. Joey Greenwood, Director of Recreational Sports and Wellness Center; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Mr. Will Morefield, Student Government President, and Mr. Esteban Burgos, Student Government Observer, also attended the meeting. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls Times Record News. Architects attending the meeting included Mr. Dwayne Brinkley and Mr. Stephen Springs of Brinkley Sargent Architects, and Mr. Troy Sherrod of Moody-Nolan Architects. Also attending the meeting were Mr. Jeff Ray, Men's Basketball Coach, and basketball players Mr. Eric Dawson, Mr. Chad Rickett, and Mr. Drew Coffman.

Acting Chairperson Gustafson called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-67. The minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting November 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Athletics Status Report

07-68. Dr. Rogers reported that Interim Director of Athletics Ed Harris was unable to attend the meeting and he invited Jeff Ray, MSU Men's Basketball and Golf Coach, to visit with the Board. Mr. Ray introduced the three basketball players to the Board. He noted that Drew Coffman was a Division I transfer from Texas Tech University, averages 17 points per game and leads the conference in assists. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in December and is currently working on his master's degree. Eric Dawson transferred to MSU from McLennan Junior College and is a criminal justice major. Chad Rickett came to MSU as a true freshman and is close to graduating. He is a kinesiology

major. Jeff reported that this is representative of the types of players he recruits for the team. He indicated that he is proud of their academic records and their contributions to the MSU basketball program. Dr. Rogers thanked Jeff and the student athletes for attending the meeting and congratulated them on their successful season.

Dr. Rogers asked Dr. Farrell to report on other athletics matters. Dr. Farrell reported that the M-Club has been reformatted and is now the Mustangs Athletic Club. He noted that Mr. Denny Bishop is the new president of this Club. He indicated that the returning members are Melinda Andrews, Gary Baker, Johnny Burns, Sammy Crutcher, Doug Harmon, Mark Hetherington, Jerry Johnson, Sherry Kingcade, Marie Morgan, Jeff Oliver, Ralph Perkins, and Leslee Ponder. The six new members are Tommy McCullough, Kevin O'Connell, Darrell Coleman, Reno Gustafson, Kyle Williams, and Jim Newsom. These individuals are committed to bringing more resources to MSU athletics.

Ms. Barrow distributed a report prepared by Mr. Harris concerning the activities of the various sports at MSU (see <u>Attachment No. 1</u>). Mr. Lalani congratulated former MSU football player Dominic Rhodes for his outstanding performance in the Super Bowl as a member of the Indianapolis Colts. Dr. Farrell indicated that he and others were working to bring Dominic to Wichita Falls for some type of event in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Athletics Committee discussion concluded at 1:54 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Stephen Gustafson, Apring Chairperson Midwestern State University Board of Regents Athletics Committee

<u>ATTACHMENT</u> 1. Athletics Highlights and Information

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MIDWESTERN STATE ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

since November 6, 2006

FORMER ATHLETES

• Former MSU RB Dominic Rhodes (1999-2000), MSU's All-Time leading rusher became the first MSU player to play in the NFL's Super Bowl, and the first to win a ring. Rhodes rushed for a game-high 113 yards and the go-ahead touchdown for the victorious Indianapolis Colts.

FOOTBALL

- Finished the season 10-3 overall, 7-2 in all Lone Star Conference games (tied for second) and 4-2 in the LSC South (tied third).
- Ranked 18th nationally in the final AFCA Division II Coaches Poll.
- Ranked 4th in the NCAA Division II South Central Region
- Won it's first-ever NCAA Division II Playoff game with a 28-26 win over Missouri Western State at Memorial Stadium. MSU lost in the second round at eventual national runner-up Northwest Missouri State 27-0.
- Attendance at the MSU-Missouri Western first round playoff game was 6,207 the largest crowd for a first round Division II playoff game in 2006. It ranked number six in attendance of the 23 games in the 2006 NCAA Division II Championships.
- MSU finished the season number three in total offense and number four in scoring offense in NCAA Division II, averaging 436.5 yards a game and 35.8 points an outing. The Mustangs had the seventh-best rushing offense, averaging 242.0 yards a game.
- The 10 wins tied the MSU school record for victories in a season. It was also the sixth time in the last seven years that the football team has had seven or more wins.
- C Tony Burson was named second-team Daktronics All-America and third-team Associated Press Little All-America.
- C Tony Burson and K Kristian Foster were selected to the Daktronics All-Southwest Region First Team, with SS Devon Campbell chosen to the All-Southwest Region Second Team. Burson was selected second-team D2Football.com All-Southwest Region.
- A total of 13 student-athletes were named All-Lone Star Conference South. First Team: K Kristian Foster; DT Justin Williams; DE Donial Arps; S Devon Campbell. Second Team: QB Daniel Polk; RB Ross Harrison; OT Immanuel Sennett; ;

OT Matt Hebert; LB Lance Gardner; CB Dezmond Sherrer;

DE Todd Zoglmann; S Darron Harbert

Honorable Mention: LB Cody Thompson.

- P Ben White was named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.
- QB Daniel Polk rushed for 1,199 yards on the season, the third-best single-season performance in MSU history.

- Polk, a junior, has 2,521 career rushing yards and needs only 21 to break the MSU career rushing mark of 2,451 yards held by current Indianapolis Colts running back Dominic Rhodes (1999-2000).
- RB Ross Harrison finished his career with 2,418 rushing yards, third on the all-time list. Harrison has missed three games and played sparingly in several others over the last part games due to an injury.

MEN'S SOCCER

- Finished the season 18-2-2, champions of the Southwest Soccer Conference
- At 7-1, MSU won the Southwest Soccer Conference regular season cup
- · Hosted and won the Southwest Soccer Conference Tournament
- Team finished the season ranked 10th in the NSCAA National Rankings
- Coach Doug Elder was named the NSCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year
- D Daniel Woolard was selected a first-team NSCAA All-American. F Brandon Swartzendruber was named second-team NSCAA All-America.
- Woolard and Swartzendruber were named first-team NSCAA All-Midwest Region.
- D Daniel Woolard was taken by the Chicago Fire in the fourth round of the Major League Soccer's supplemental draft. He is the second MSU player drafted by the MLS (Jake Joy was selected in the 1997 MLS College Draft).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Finished the season 10-8-1 overall
- Finished with a 5-3-1 Lone Star Conference record, tied for third

VOLLEYBALL

- Finished the season 16-14, posting the first back-to-back winning seasons since MSU became a member of NCAA Division II
- Recorded a 5-7 Lone Star Conference North record, tied for fourth in the division

CROSS COUNTRY

• Placed eighth at the Lone Star Conference Championships

TENNIS

- MSU Men are ranked 19th nationally in the last rankings issued Nov. 20, 2006
- Men's team ranked 3rd in the Central Region.
- Men's Doubles team of Brett Emerson and Zach Dillard are ranked second nationally.
- Brett Emerson is ranked 14th nationally and Stefan McKinney 47th nationally in singles
- MSU Women's Team ranked 37th nationally
- Women's ranked 5th in the Central Region
- Cilia Muller ranked 15th in the region in singles
- Women's spring season begins Monday, Feb. 12 at Central Oklahoma
- Men's spring season begins Friday, Feb. 16 at the Ouachita Baptist Quadrangular in Arkadelphia, Ark.

MEN'S GOLF

- Intercollegiate golf returned to Midwestern State this fall
- MSU is rated 39th in NCAA Division II in the latest Golfstat rankings, 6th in the South Central Region
- MSU begins the spring schedule at the St. Edward's Invitational at the Circle C Golf Ranch on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 19-20.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Have a record of 16-4 overall and lead the Lone Star Conference South with a 5-1 record
- Team is ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II South Central Region
- Team received votes in the latest NABC Division II Top 25. By point totals, would be 28th in the poll.
- This is the best record for the men's team since the Regional Finalist squad of 1999-2000.
- Four different players have been selected as the LSC South Player of the Week this year G Drew Coffman on Jan. 3 G Chris Davis on Jan. 22 G Chad Rickett on Jan. 29
 - C Eric Devices on Esh. 5
 - C Eric Dawson on Feb. 5
- Dawson leads the LSC and is sixth nationally with 3.16 blocked shots per game
- Dawson is fourth in the LSC and ninth nationally with 10.7 rebounds per game
- Dawson ranks 22nd nationally with his .599 field goal percentage
- Coffman leads the LSC and is 17th nationally in assists per game (5.60)
- Coffman is 32nd nationally in three-point field goal percentage (.442) and his LSC leading free throw percentage (.859).
- MSU is at Angelo State on Saturday, then has its final regular season home games with Tarleton State next Tuesday (Feb. 13) and Texas A&M-Kingsville next Saturday (Feb. 17).
- Since it is the LSC South's turn to host the conference tournament, that is a possibility for Ligon Coliseum. A first round game would be Tuesday, Feb. 27, with the semifinals and finals on Friday and Saturday, March 2-3.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Have a record of 10-10 overall, 3-5 in the LSC South
- Team is two wins away from the most victories since 2003-04 when it won 19 games.
- Team lost starting center junior Tiffany Cook with a knee injury in the first game of the season.
- Senior Sonya Calhoun-Courtney leads the team with 14.6 points a game and 5.6 rebounds a contest

SOFTBALL

- Opened the season last weekend at the St. Mary's Collegiate Classic, going 3-2
- Junior third-team All-American Kristen Stonecipher was named the Lone Star Conferece North Hitter of the Week for batting .600 for the tournament (9-of-15). She hit three homeruns, two of them grand slams in the tourney.
- Stonecipher and freshman OF Cheyanne Paschal (hit .471, 8-of-17) were named to the All-Tournament Team.
- Freshman P Katie Petersen went 2-2 on the mound, with 19 strikeouts in 19.0 innings, with three complete games.

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TEAM GPA'S ----FALL 2006

MENS BASKETBALL	2.72
WOMENS BASKETBALL	2.76
MENS SOCCER	2.67
WOMENS SOCCER	2.75
MENS TENNIS	2.86
WOMENS TENNIS	3.09
VOLLEYBALL	3.18
FOOTBALL	2.23
CROSS COUNTRY .	2.85
SOFTBALL	2.74
GOLF	2.01

OVERALL TEAM GPA FALL, 2006 2.54

MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee of the Whole February 8, 2007

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Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and Ms. Buss introduced the guests. Mr. Cannedy then asked the three new Board members to introduce themselves. Ms. Farris stated that she has practiced law in Wichita County since 1953. She noted that her son received his bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. She indicated she was pleased to be a member of the Board and looked forward to serving. Mr. York stated that he is a native Wichitan and currently serves as vice president of the Student Government Association. He noted that his father has worked at the university since 1975. He stated that he was honored to receive this appointment and looked forward to working with the Board. Dr. Gunn stated that she had marked her life by her associations with MSU; she was a student in 1962 and in 1987, and she spent a brief time teaching at MSU. She noted that she and her husband Bob had worked with the President's Excellence Circle and she indicated her hope that she could continue to be of service to the university.

Public Comment

07-39. Mr. Cannedy stated that in accordance with the Board of Regents By-Laws, MSU Policy 2.22, members of the public are invited to address the Board of Regents through written

and oral testimony. A sign-up sheet was available to record those who wanted to address the Board. Mr. Cannedy noted that no one signed up to speak during this time.

Board of Regents Committee Appointments

07-40. Mr. Cannedy made committee appointments as shown in the agenda. He noted that these committees would serve for the remainder of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Resolutions of Appreciation

07-40a. Resolutions of Appreciations were presented for Mr. John Bridgman, Mr. David Stephens, and Mr. Will Morefield (see Attachment 07-40a). Mr. Lalani moved approval of these resolutions as presented. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion and it was approved.

> Mr. Cannedy indicated his appreciation to Mr. Bridgman, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Morefield for their service on the Board.

Mr. Morefield congratulated the new regents on their appointments, and particularly noted Jason York, the new student regent. He indicated that Jason is well respected by the student body. He thanked the administration and Board for their support. He noted that Midwestern State University would always be near and dear to his heart.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Patricia A. Haywood, Secretar Midwestern State University **Board of Regents**

Attachment:

Resolutions of Appreciation - Bridgman, Stephens, & Morefield 1.

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NOW THEREFORE BE II RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Regents and President of Midwestern State University hereby express their most sincere appreciation to David Stephens for his dedicated service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent minutes of this Board and that a copy be presented to Mr. Stephens as a token of the university's gratitude and appreciation.

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MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION February 8, 2007

WHEREAS, John C. Bridgman served with distinction as a member of the Midwestern State University Board of Regents from November 14, 2000 until December 4, 2006, and

WHEREAS, he served as Vice Chairperson (2005-2006), Secretary (2003-2005), and Chairperson of the Personnel and Curriculum Committee (2002-2006), and

WHEREAS, at various other times during his tenure on the Board of Regents, Mr. Bridgman served as a member of the Finance and Audit, Personnel and Curriculum, Student Services, and Athletics committees of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridgman's commitment to Midwestern State University and his reputation of fairness and integrity earned him the respect of his fellow Board members and the university community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT. RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Regents and President of Midwestern State University hereby express their most sincere appreciation to John Bridgman for his dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent minutes of this Board and that a copy be presented to Mr. Bridgman as a token of the university's gratitude and appreciation.

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MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION February 8, 2007

WHEREAS, James William "Will" Morefield was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry as Midwestern State University's first Student Regent, the highest position a student can be appointed to while enrolled in Texas public higher education, and

WHEREAS, Will has completed his one-year term, serving from February 1, 2006 until January 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, he represented the students of Midwestern State University in discussions of key issues in higher education and had input in decisions affecting the future of the university.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Regents and President of Midwestern State University hereby express their most sincere appreciation to James-William Will? Morefield for his service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent minutes of this Board and that a copy be presented to Mr. Morefield as a token of the university's gratitude and appreciation.

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MINUTES BOARD OF REGENTS MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

February 9, 2007

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, February 9, 2007. Regents in attendance were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Ms. Pat Haywood, Secretary; Ms. Charlye Farris; Ms. Pam Gough; Dr. Carol Gunn; Ms. Patricia Haywood; Mr. Don Ross Malone; Mr. Ben Wible; and Student Regent Jason York.

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 Advancement and Student Affairs; Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Provost; Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; and Mr. Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Gail Ferguson, Comptroller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Ms. Barbara Merkle, Director of Admissions; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Mr. Mike Snow, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate 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. Buss introduced the guests. Mr. Cannedy noted that Mr. Gustafson could not be at the meeting because he was attending a funeral.

Public Comment

07-69. Mr. Cannedy stated 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

07-70. The minutes of the regular Board meeting November 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-71. The minutes of the regular Board meeting November 10, 2006, were approved as presented.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Cannedy noted the item presented at the Executive Committee Meeting for committee approval only. Information concerning this item can be found in the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 8, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

07-41. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 - approved by the Committee as presented.

Executive Committee Consent Agenda

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

- 07-42. Student Recreation and Health Facility approved the design and scope of a student recreation and health facility to be constructed on the south campus at a cost of \$13.4 million as presented. Authorized the administration to pursue the issuance of 25-year bonds. Finally authorized the administration to work with the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents should the 25-year bond issue not be feasible, to recommend alternate revenue and budget sources and/or a lengthier bond issue (30-year).
- 07-43. Softball Field Construction approved a project budget of \$400,000 utilizing the following funding sources:

Balance from Board Quasi-Endowment Fund	\$247,722
Less Pre-Designed Work Already Accomplished	-7,628
Designated Tuition	75,000
Student Service Fees	50,000
Transfer from other Designated Funds	<u>34,906</u>
TOTAL BUDGET FINANCING	<u>\$400,000</u>

- 07-44. Fowler/Engineering Building Project Update authorized the administration to proceed with the \$7.2 million project with funding as outlined in the agenda document.
- 07-45. Student Housing Expansion authorized the administration to proceed with planning additional on-campus housing.

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Dr. Gunn 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 February 9, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only 07-46. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 – approved by the Committee as presented.

Finance and Audit Committee Consent Agenda

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

- 07-47. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports accepted the August, September, October, and November 2006 Financial Reports as presented.
- 07-48. FY 2006-2007 Items \$50,000 & Under Approved by President ratified these items as presented.
- 07-49. Salary/Title/Position Changes in FY 06-07 Budget Approved per Board Authorization ratified changes as presented.
- 07-50. 2007-2008 Budget Discussion/Tuition and Fee Increase Review approved the following:
 - A. Authorized an increase to Board Designated Tuition for the fall 2007 semester in the amount of \$12 per semester credit hour, from the current \$66 to \$78.
 - B. Further authorized the administration to increase Board Designated Tuition by up to another \$6 per semester credit hour after determining what the state appropriation to Midwestern State University will be. Any increase above \$12 per semester credit hour would require approval of the board chairperson.
 - C. Authorized an increase of the Computer Use Fee for the fall 2007 semester in the amount of \$3 per semester credit hour, from \$12 to \$15.
 - D. Authorized an increase in Course Fees for the fall 2007 semester as presented below:

Course Fees/per SCH	Current	Proposed
Biology (BIOL)	\$10	\$20
Chemistry (CHEM)	\$10	\$20
Environmental Science (ENSC)	\$10	\$20
Geosciences (GEOS)	\$10	\$20
Physics (PHYS)	\$10	\$20
Art (ART)	\$9	\$12
Dental Hygiene (DNHY)	\$9	\$15
Nursing (NURS)	\$9	\$15
Manufacturing Engineering Technology (MENT)	\$7	\$25
Mechanical Engineering (MENG)	\$7	\$25
Computer Science (CMPS)	\$6	\$15

Mr. Cannedy asked if there were items any member wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lalani asked that Item 07-50 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mr. Wible moved approval of the Consent Agenda excluding Item 07-50. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion and it was approved.

2007-2008 Budget Discussion/Tuition and Fee Review

07-50. Dr. Rogers stated that following the committee meetings he considered further the idea of guaranteeing incoming students that tuition would not increase by more than 5% per year. He stated his opinion that it would be wise for the university to commit to such a program at this time, rather than waiting until May. He indicated that this would help with

planning by the students as well as the university. Dr. Rogers stated that the administration would need to work out the details of such a plan, but the general idea of guaranteeing incoming freshmen that they would not see more than a 5% tuition increase per year for a period of time was a good idea. He commented that the concept could be approved, with the understanding that the administration could work out the details and present them to the Board at the May meeting.

Mr. Lalani stated his support and commented that this would be a great incentive for students and parents. He stated that doing this one year at a time would allow the university to evaluate the program in the short-term and long-term. Dr. Rogers added that this would not mean the university would automatically increase tuition by 5% each year; rather, it would be more of a cap on tuition.

Mr. Cannedy recommended the following addition to the overall recommendation regarding Item 07-50:

E. Authorize the administration to plan the details of a tuition cap at 5% per year for entering students effective with the fall 2007 semester, with the plan to be finalized and presented to the Board of Regents in May.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of the recommendation with the addition of Item E as presented. He noted that timing is important and students are being recruited now to attend MSU in the fall 2007. Mr. Sandoval noted that there are a number of details that need to be worked out. Dr. Rogers mentioned that a decision would need to be made relative to transfer students and how long a guarantee would be given to them. Mr. Lalani stated that the concept calls for a student having four or five years after they begin higher education to complete their program. He applauded the administration for coming forward with this recommendation. Mr. Wible seconded the motion and it was approved.

Personnel and Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. Haywood 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 February 9, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only 07-51. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 – approved by the Committee as presented.

<u>Items Presented for Information Only</u> 07-52. Faculty Report

07-53. Enrollment Report - Spring 2007

07-54. Small Class Report - Spring 2007

- 07-55. Beginning and Last Day Enrollment Reports, Fall 2006 Semester
- 07-56. Review of Personnel Reports for FY 06-07 Budget

Personnel and Curriculum Committee Consent Agenda

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

- 07-57. Proposed Faculty Development Leave 2007-2008 approved a developmental leave during the spring 2008 semester for Dr. Dawn Slavens, Associate Professor of Mathematics, as presented.
- 07-58. Organization of University Administration approved the following changes to the organizational structure of the university:
 - A. Created a position of Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management. The mission of the Division of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management would be to formulate strategies and develop programs and services designed to achieve the enrollment, retention, and graduation goals of the university. The division would be comprised of the offices of institutional research and planning, admissions, financial aid, registrar, testing services, international services, and upward bound (the areas which previously reported to the associate provost, with the addition of institutional research and planning).
 - B. Changed the title of Director of Institutional Research and Planning to Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/Director of Institutional Research and Planning and moved this position to directly report to the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management.
 - C. Changed the Dean of Graduate Studies to Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies.
- 07-59. *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual* Changes approved changes to the following committees included in Policy 2.338 as presented:
 - A. Accident Review Board and Risk Management and Safety Committee
 - B. Computer Information Security Committee
 - C. Financial Aid Advisory Appeals Committee
 - D. Purchasing Vendor Appeals Committee
 - E. Student Traffic Review Board

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

Student Services Committee Report

Ms. Gough 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 February 9, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

07-60. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 – approved by the Committee as presented.

<u>Item Presented for Information Only</u> 07-61. Student Government Report

Student Services Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the Student Services Committee and were placed on the Consent Agenda for consideration by the Board.

- 07-62. Housing Rates approved housing rates for fall 2007, spring 2008, and summer 2008 as presented.
- 07-63. Food Service Rates approved food service rates for summer 2007, fall 2007, and spring 2008 as presented.

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

University Development Committee Report

Mr. Cannedy 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 February 9, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only 07-64. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Items Presented for Information Only 07-65. Summary of Gifts, Grants, and Pledges 9/1/06 – 1/12/07

University Development Committee Consent Agenda

The following item was approved by the University Development Committee and placed on the Consent Agenda for consideration by the Board.

07-66. Legacy Walk Recommendation – approved the addition of Joseph N. Sherrill Jr. to Legacy Walk.

Mr. Cannedy asked if any member wanted to remove this item from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Mr. Wible moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Farris seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Athletics Committee Report

Mr. Malone 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 February 9, 2007.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

07-67. Committee Minutes, 11/9/06 – approved by the Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

07-68. Athletics Status Report

Other Business

Nominating Committee for Board Officers for the 2007-2008/2008-2009 Biennium

- 07-72. Mr. Cannedy appointed a special Nominating Committee to make recommendations concerning the election of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents for the upcoming biennium.
 - The election of officers will take place at the May 2007 meeting of the Board in accordance with Section 2.22 of the *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual*. Mr. Cannedy appointed Mr. Wible, Mr. Gustafson, and Mr. Malone to the committee and asked Mr. Malone to serve as chairman.

University President's Annual Performance and Compensation Review and Contract

07-73. Mr. Cannedy noted that the special Presidential Performance and Compensation Review Committee appointed at the November Board meeting would review the President's performance and make recommendations concerning the university president's contract in accordance with Section 2.31 of the *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual*.

Executive Session

Mr. Cannedy announced that the Board of Regents would go into closed session as allowed by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to consider Item 07-73. The closed session was properly announced at 9:30 a.m. Board members and Ms. Barrow remained for the discussion. Dr. Rogers joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Open Meeting Resumes

The closed session ended at 10:06 a.m. with an announcement by Mr. Cannedy that no action was taken during Executive Session. The open meeting immediately resumed.

University President's Annual Performance and Compensation Review and Contract

07-74. Mr. Lalani moved that Appendix A (Benefit Clauses) of Dr. Jesse Rogers' current contract be modified to include Dr. Rogers' using a university vehicle in the performance of official university business. He further recommended that in recognition of his outstanding work, Dr. Rogers' total salary for the 2007-2008 year (including benefit replacement and longevity pay) be \$237,560.00. Mr. Malone seconded the motion. Mr. Cannedy stated that the Board is very pleased with Dr. Rogers' performance. He continues to do an outstanding job. The motion was approved.

Dr. Rogers expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued confidence and support of Midwestern State University.

President's Report and Discussion

07-75. Dr. Rogers presented information to the Board concerning various university matters. He noted that a great deal of his report was covered during the discussions on Thursday and Friday.

A. Legislative Session Update – Dr. Rogers reported that during this legislative session there is a great deal of interest by the legislature, the lieutenant governor, and the governor in student financial aid. A number of proposals have been presented dealing with the Texas Grant program, the Be-On-Time grant program and others. He noted that the Texas Grant program has been a favorite of higher education. The Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors has gone on record recommending that this grant program be raised to full funding. He stated that there is a great deal of interest in getting universities to promote the Be-On-Time grant program. This is a zero interest loan, but if a student graduates from college in four years with a B average, the loan is forgiven.

Dr. Rogers stated that the legislature is also discussing a possible system of incentive funding. He added that he supports a program that would add new funds to be distributed to universities based on incentives that promote the needs of the state of Texas. He stated that his only concern about incentive funding is that it be additional, above the base, funding for institutions.

Dr. Rogers indicated that there would likely be changes in the way all 35 public senior institutions are funded for deferred maintenance projects. Additional changes are proposed with regard to Higher Education Assistance Funds (HEAF), campus capital improvements, and the structure of the Tuition Revenue Bond program.

Mr. Cannedy asked Dr. Rogers to tell the Board about his upcoming meetings in Austin. Dr. Rogers stated that he and Mr. Sandoval would leave Wichita Falls Sunday afternoon to travel to Austin. On Monday, he will testify before the House Higher Education Committee regarding MSU's access and affordability plan. On Tuesday, he will testify before the Senate Finance Committee regarding MSU's legislative request. On Wednesday, he will testify before the House Appropriations Committee Sub-Committee on Education regarding the university's legislative request. He indicated that he hoped to attend a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor while in Austin. He added that they would also visit with local legislators and others.

B. Out-of-State Recruiting Report – Dr. Rogers asked Ms. Merkle to present information to the Board relating to the university's new recruiting program targeted at out-of-state students. Ms. Merkle presented information regarding recruitment pieces that had been created for the university by Graphics II (see <u>Attachment 1)</u>. The items will be sent to out-of-state prospective students. The university is purchasing search lists and mailing these items to select high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. She noted that each envelope that goes to an out-of-state student will have a "Texas Bound" sticker on it.

Ms. Merkle reported that Mustangs Rally for prospective students will be held February 17. Currently 362 students and 670 parents have indicated they will attend. She added that application numbers are up compared to the same time last year. Dr. Rogers asked which states she is targeting. She indicated that the university is already getting students from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri. She added that students from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Missouri are planning to attend Mustangs Rally.

Dr. Rogers stated that this recruitment program was in addition to our in-state recruiting that continues. Dr. Clark stated that MSU is the only Texas state institution that has been authorized by the Coordinating Board and our Board of Regents to offer reduced tuition to students from anywhere in the United States.

Other - Dr. Rogers informed the Board that a bronze sculpture of three mustangs C. would appear on campus in the next two to three years. He showed individuals attending the meeting a mock up of the sculpture. He indicated that local artist Jack Stevens had been commissioned to complete this sculpture for the university. Dr. Farrell reported that a benefactor has provided initial funding for the project and expect others to provide funding as well. He added that no state funds would be utilized for this project. Mr. Cannedy asked where the sculpture would be placed on campus. Dr. Farrell indicated that a decision had not yet been made. Ms. Haywood asked if the total cost was underwritten. Dr. Farrell noted that a part has been funded and one of the benefactors is seeking other friends to contribute to the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents will be Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, 2007.

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 February 9, 2007.

Patricia A. Haywood, Secretak

ATTACHMENT: 1. Out-of-State Recruiting Information

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MINUTES MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS April 24, 2007

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in special session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Board members in attendance at the university were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Dr. Carol Gunn; Mr. Stephen Gustafson; Mr. Munir Lalani; and Student Regent Jason York. Board members attending the meeting via teleconference connection were Ms. Charlye Farris and Mr. Ben Wible.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Mr. Juan Sandoval, Vice President for Administration and Finance (via teleconference connection); Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Advancement and Student Affairs; Dr. Robert Clark, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management; and Dr. Emerson Capps, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies. Other university personnel attending the meeting were: Dr. Robert Redmon, Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Associate to the President. Representing the news media was Ms. Ashley Sigman, reporter for KAUZ-TV 3.

Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Ms. Janus Buss introduced the visitors.

Public Comment

Mr. Cannedy stated 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 had come forward to speak on the issues before the Board.

Fowler Engineering Building Project

07-75. Mr. Cannedy reported that in February, the Board of Regents approved the following budget for the Fowler Engineering Building Project:

Tuition Revenue Bond funding	\$2.7 million
Funds committed from outside donors	\$3.0 million
Funds anticipated from outside donors	<u>\$1.5 million</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$7.2 million</u>

He noted that the administration had requested authorization to use local funds necessary to cover the additional cost of debt service payments for this project should the funding not be forthcoming from outside donors. Mr. Cannedy stated that this action was required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board since all of the funding had not yet been committed. Mr. Lalani asked if the administration was still hopeful that outside funding requests would be approved. Mr. Cannedy stated that the \$3 million in outside funding has already been committed. The administration is optimistic about the

remaining \$1.5 million. However, if it does not become available, the university would have the necessary funds for the debt service payment.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of the recommendation. Dr. Gunn seconded the motion and it was approved.

<u>Resolutions – D. L. Ligon and Fowler Engineering Building Bond Sales</u>

07-76. Mr. Cannedy presented two resolutions necessary with regard to bond sale funding for the D. L. Ligon and Fowler Engineering Building projects in an amount not to exceed \$10,400,000 as shown in the agenda document. Mr. Cannedy explained that the resolutions were as follows: A Resolution Authorizing a Request for Financing and the Execution and Delivery of Documents Required to Effect Such Financing and A Resolution Declaring Expectation to Reimburse Expenditures with Proceeds of Future Debt (see <u>Attachment 1</u>). He added that the approved project cost for the D. L. Ligon Renovation Project is limited to the total of state-approved Tuition Revenue Bonds at \$7.7 million.

Mr. Cannedy noted that while the Board had previously approved the construction projects, these specific resolutions were required to facilitate the selling of bonds to finance these projects. Dr. Rogers stated that these project bonds would be combined with the bonds for the Student Recreation Center. Mr. Cannedy noted that this action could not be delayed until the May Board meeting without delaying the project by up to two months. Dr. Rogers stated that a two-month delay on the engineering building would be particularly problematic. Mr. Sandoval added that by combining the bond issues the university would save money.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of these resolutions as presented. Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion.

Mr. Cannedy asked about the schedule for the Fowler Building project. Dr. Rogers stated that construction would likely begin this summer and the building should be complete so that classes can be held there in the fall 2008. Mr. Cannedy asked about the schedule for the D.L. Ligon Project. Dr. Rogers stated that the scheduling of the D.L. Ligon construction would be much more complicated. He noted that the facility is used by so many groups, from basketball and volleyball to kinesiology classes and intramurals to graduation. He indicated that he had formed a committee to plan the order of construction.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Dr. Rogers thanked the Board members for being available to participate in this special Board meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents will be held May 10 and 11, 2007.

Mac W. Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson

I, Mac W. Cannedy, Jr., the fully appointed and qualified Chairperson 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 April 24, 2007.

Mac W. Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolutions - D. L. Ligon and Fowler Engineering Building Bond Sales

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR FINANCING AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EFFECT SUCH FINANCING

Whereas, the Texas Public Finance Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to issue revenue bonds to finance the cost of certain projects for the use and benefit of Midwestern State University ("University") pursuant to Texas Gov't. Code, Chapter 1232, and Texas Education Code, Chapter 55, particularly sections 55.13 and 55.1757, (collectively, the "Authorizing Law"); and

Whereas, the University desires and intends to request the Authority to finance the cost of the projects as permitted by the Authorizing Law; and

Whereas, the University recognizes that in order to finance the cost of the projects, the Authority may issue short term obligations, bonds, either or both ("Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to finance project costs in the estimated amount of \$10,400,000, plus the costs of issuance and related administrative costs, if any, which will be determined by the Authority at the time of issuance; and

Whereas, the form of a Request for Financing, dated as of April 24, 2007 (the "Request for Financing"), from the University to the Authority, which includes a detailed description of the projects to be financed for the University ("Projects" herein) and a proposed expenditure schedule, is presently before the Board of Regents of the University (the "Board");

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

<u>Section 1</u>. The purpose of the financing is to provide funds sufficient to complete the Projects, and the financing thereof is appropriate at this time. Accordingly, the execution and delivery of the Request for Financing to the Authority pursuant to the Authorizing Law is hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

<u>Section 2</u>. The President of the University or his designee is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to:

- a. sign and deliver a Request for Financing to the Authority;
- b. sign and deliver or cause to be delivered any and all documents necessary or desirable to effect the financing and provide the projects, including but not limited to the financing documents required by the Authority's rules;
- c. cooperate with the Authority and its consultants to prepare an Official Statement in connection with the sale of the Bonds; and
- d. take such other actions as are necessary and appropriate in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds.

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<u>Section 3</u>. All actions not inconsistent with provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the University, its officers, employees, agents or consultants, directed toward the financing of the Projects and the issuance of the Bonds, is hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

<u>Section 4</u>. This Resolution was adopted at a meeting open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Ch. 551, Texas Government Code.

Adopted by a vote of 4 yeas and 4 nays, on this 24th day of April, 2007.

W. anne Chairperson

Board of Regents Midwestern State University

Attested: INU

Staff Secretary Board of Regents Midwestern State University

RESOLUTION DECLARING EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT

Whereas, Midwestern State University ("University") intends to make a capital expenditure not to exceed \$10,400,000 to construct, renovate, equip, and furnish facilities, including the renovation of the D.L. Ligon and Fowler Engineering Buildings, (the "Project"), which is to be funded in part with proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority (the "Authority") as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 1232; and

Whereas, the University intends to expend an amount not to exceed \$10,400,000 (the "Expenditure") for Project costs and currently desires and intends the Expenditure to be reimbursed from proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Authority for the Project; and

Whereas, the University and the Authority desire to preserve the ability to reimburse the Expenditure with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds;

NOW THEREFORE THE UNIVERSITY HEREBY RESOLVES that it reasonably expects and intends to reimburse the Expenditure with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued hereafter by the Authority, and this Resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under applicable federal tax regulations.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of the April 24, 2007, meeting of the Board.

Adopted by a vote of 4 yeas and 2 nays, on this 24th day of April 2007.

Attested:

Chairperson

Board of Regents Midwestern State University

Staff Secretary Board of Regents Midwestern State University