

MINUTES
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

December 18, 2012

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in special session in the J. S. Bridwell Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 10:05 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Board members in attendance at the university were Mr. Mike Bernhardt, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charles Engelman; and Mr. Jeff Gregg. Regents attending the meeting via teleconference connection were Mr. Shawn Hessing, Chairman; Mr. Kenny Bryant, Secretary; Mrs. Tiffany Burks; and Mrs. Jane Carnes.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Betty Stewart, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Robert Clark, Vice President for Administration and Institutional Effectiveness; Mr. Barry Macha, General Counsel; Mr. Dirk Welch, Chairman of the MSU Staff Senate; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Director of Marketing and Public Information; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Director of Board and Government Relations. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, *Times Record News*.

Chairman Hessing called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Hessing stated that in accordance with the Board of Regents By-Laws, MSU Policy 2.22, members of the public are invited to address the Midwestern State University Board of Regents through written and oral testimony. He noted that no one had signed up to speak.

New Bachelor's Degree Program - Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ACCEL-RN)

13-46. The administration proposed approval of a new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program for individuals holding non-nursing baccalaureate degrees (see Attachment 1). Dr. Rogers reported that MSU has had authority to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing since the late 1970's. However, this program represents a new approach to offering the courses in the BSN. He noted that approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners will be required following approval by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Stewart reported that this is a 15 month accelerated program and added that students admitted to the program will have already earned a bachelor's degree in another discipline. Students will begin the program in the summer, take a full set of classes in the fall, spring, and summer, and will complete the degree at the conclusion of the summer. Dr. Stewart added that, if approved, the program would begin in the summer, 2013, with a cohort of 30 students.

Mr. Bernhardt moved approval of this item as presented. Mr. Engelman seconded the motion.

Mrs. Carnes asked about the profile of a student who would be interested in this program. Dr. Rogers responded that the high demand for baccalaureate prepared nurses makes nursing an attractive career field. He added that the program is designed for people who

want to change careers, work with people, and increase their income. Mr. Gregg noted that MSU has an outstanding nursing program and anything that can be done to accentuate the program will be good for the institution.


There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Deliberations about Real Property – 717 10th Street
13-47. This item was removed from the agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

I, J. Kenneth Bryant, 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 December 18, 2012.


J. Kenneth Bryant, Secretary

ATTACHMENT:

1. Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Proposal

Proposal of New Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program, effective Summer 2013

The MSU Wilson School of Nursing proposes the development and implementation of an accelerated second-degree pre-licensure BSN program (ACCEL-RN).

An innovative approach to nursing education is the accelerated second-degree program for non-nursing graduates. These programs build on previous learning and work experiences and transitions individuals with non-nursing undergraduate degrees to the discipline of nursing. Often called second-degree programs, these degree plans accomplish programmatic objectives in a shorter timeframe than traditional four-year programs. Courses are offered full-time in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Successful students in these programs are often described as “bright, inquisitive, and sophisticated consumers of higher education who are actively pursuing learning opportunities” (Alternative Nursing Careers & Services, 2011).

The implementation of the ACCEL-RN Program will allow the Wilson School of Nursing to increase enrollment by gaining access to needed clinical sites during the summer months, when clinical sites are available. In addition, ACCEL-RN students will be able to access the J.S. Bridwell Regional Simulation Center during the summer months when demand from other students and partners is lower.

Using the current MSU Core Curriculum, the proposed program will require 128 of semester credit hours for completion, the same as our pre-licensure BSN program. With the implementation of the new 42-hour core, the ACCEL-RN program will require no more than 121 hours for completion.

The proposed time line for implementation of this program is as follows:

1. Approval at all levels: Nursing Faculty Organization, College Council, Academic Council, Board of Regents, Texas Board of Nursing, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board – Fall 2012
2. Recruitment of potential students – Spring 2013
3. Analysis of student need for prerequisite courses to prepare for the nursing program – Spring 2013
4. Enroll first cohort (30 students) – Summer 2013
5. Enrollment in necessary prerequisite courses by students in the pipeline – Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014
6. Enrollment of second cohort in ACCEL-RN program (30 students) – Summer 2014
7. Graduation of first ACCEL-RN cohort – August 2014

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
ACCEL-RN DEGREE PLAN**

BIOL 1134 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	NURS 3203 Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 1234 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	NURS 3803 Theories and Concepts: Introduction to Health Care Systems	3
BIOL 2144 Microbiology	4	NURS 3811 Health Assessment Competencies Clinical	1
CHEMISTRY (no lab required)	3	NURS 3812 Health Assessment Competencies	2
MATH	3	NURS 3813 Concepts of Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	3
ENGL 1113 Rhetoric & Composition I	3	NURS 3821 Medical Terminology	1
ENGL 1123 Rhetoric & Composition II	3	NURS 3833 Foundations in Clinical Concepts and Competencies	3
PSYC 1103 General Psychology	3	NURS 3843 Foundations in Clinical Concepts and Competencies Clinical	3
SOCL 1133 Intro to Sociology	3	NURS 3853 Concepts in Caring for the Adult Client	3
PSYC 3233 Developmental Psychology	3	NURS 3863 Concepts in Caring for the Pediatric Client	3
PE Activity course	1		3
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Intro to Computers/Microcomputer	3		3
Humanities	6	NURS 3882 Service Learning I	2
ECON 1333 or 2333	3	NURS 4803 Concepts in Caring for the Acutely Ill Client	3
HIST 1133 American History to 1865	3	NURS 4813 Concepts in Leadership in Nursing	3
HIST 1233 American History since 1865	3	NURS 4823 Concepts in Community Health	3
Fine Arts	3	NURS 4833 Concepts in Caring for the Childbearing Family	3
POLS 1333 American Government I	3	NURS 4842 Concepts in Clinical Reasoning and Judgment	2
POLS 1433 American Government II	3	NURS 4852 Service Learning II	2
SPCH 1133 or 1233	3	NURS 4861 Critical Competency Integration	1
		NURS 4910 Critical Competency Integration Clinical	10
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 128			

Budget for New Accelerated Second-Degree BSN Program

<i>Position</i>	<i>Base Salary</i>	<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	<i>Total</i>
11 month faculty member	\$75,000	\$28,000	\$103,000
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12 month staff member, Secretary II	\$20,000	\$5,600	\$25,600
Adjunct faculty (as needed)	\$20,000	0	\$20,000
			\$251,600