

**MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

May 12, 2006

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 12, 2006. Regents in attendance at the university were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Mr. John Bridgman, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Pat Haywood, Secretary; Ms. Pam Gough; Mr. Stephen Gustafson; Mr. Munir Lalani; Mr. Don Ross Malone; Mr. Ben Wible; and Student Regent Will Morefield.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Friederike Wiedemann, Provost; Mr. Juan Sandoval, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Development and Student Affairs; Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Provost; and Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Dr. David Tucker, MSU Faculty Senate Chairman; Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Mr. Mike Snow, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Ms. Mitzi Lewis, Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Assistant to the President. Also attending the meeting was Student Government Association Observer Jason York. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*.

Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Farrell presented the invocation and Ms. Buss introduced the guests.

Public Comment

06-129. Mr. Cannedy noted that in accordance with the Board of Regents By-Laws, MSU Policy 2.22, members of the public were invited to address the Midwestern State University Board of Regents through written and oral testimony. Mr. Cannedy noted that no one signed up to speak during this time.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-130. The minutes of the regular Board meeting February 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-131. The minutes of the regular Board meeting February 10, 2006, were approved as presented.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Cannedy noted the items presented at the Executive Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-97. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

06-98. Dillard Building Tour

Executive Committee Consent Agenda

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

06-99. Student Recreation and Health Facility

- A. Approved proposed site of the facility on the northwest corner of the south campus property, between the lake and the practice fields as presented.
- B. Authorized the administration to initiate a Student Recreation and Health Facility fee in the amount of \$75 per student per semester during the spring 2007 semester, \$37.50 per student per semester during the summer 2007 semesters, and \$120 per student per semester beginning with the fall 2007. Subsequent fees in the summer would be \$60 per student per summer semester. Distance education students not enrolled in any courses on the MSU campus would not be assessed this fee.
- C. Authorized the administration to accept Requests for Proposals for a Construction Manager at Risk to oversee the project.

06-100. Campus Entrances and Corner Signs Project – approved the location and design of the campus entrances and corner signs as presented.

06-101. Possible Purchase of Property – authorized the purchase of the house and property located at 2514 Hampstead at a cost of \$147,000 from the Land Proceeds Fund, with the understanding that final approval of this purchase would be requested from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating 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 as presented. Ms. Haywood 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 May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-102. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented

Finance and Audit Committee Consent Agenda

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

06-103. Review and Acceptance of Financial Report – accepted the December 2005, and January, February, and March 2006, Financial Reports as presented.

06-104. Non-Resident Tuition – authorized that United States citizens from states other than Texas and Oklahoma pay tuition equal to Texas resident tuition plus \$30 per semester credit hour beginning with the fall 2006 as authorized by Texas Education Code 54.0601.

06-105. Writing Proficiency Exam Fee – approved a \$15.00 fee being charged to students who take the Writing Proficiency Exam at a site other than MSU or the Universities Center in Dallas.

06-106. Salary/Title/Position Changes in FY 05-06 Budget Approved per Board Authorization – ratified changes as presented.

06-107. FY 2005-2006 Item \$50,000 and Under Approved by President – ratified item as presented.

06-108. Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – approved the budget as presented.

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

Personnel and Curriculum Committee Report

Mr. Bridgman noted the items presented at the Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting held May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-109. Committee Minutes, 5/11/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Items Presented for Information Only

06-110. Faculty Report

06-111. Review of Personnel Reports for FY 05-06 Budget

From the Rank of Associate Professor to Professor:

Roberto Fuertes-Manjon, Ph.D.	Spanish
Catherine Stringfellow, Ph.D.	Computer Science
Donna Wright, Ed.D.	Radiologic Sciences

06-119. Faculty Tenure – approved granting tenure to the following faculty:

Patricia Andersen, Ed.D.	Education
Sharon Arnoult, Ph.D.	History
Martha Burger, Ed.D.	Education
Peter Fields, Ph.D.	English
Roland Glean, Ph.D.	Political Science
Christopher Hansen, Ph.D.	Chemistry
Gail Kaciuba, Ph.D.	Accounting
Stephen Lunce, Ph.D.	Management Information Systems
Nathan Moran, Ph.D.	Criminal Justice
Chris Shao, Ph.D.	Marketing
Pamela Stephens, Ph.D.	Geosciences

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. Mr. Malone seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Student Services Committee Report

Ms. Haywood noted the items presented at the Student Services Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the Student Services Committee Meeting held May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-120. Committee Minutes, 2/9/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Item Presented for Information Only

06-121. Student Government Report

Student Services Committee Consent Agenda

The following item was approved by the Student Services Committee and was placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board:

06-122. Name/Title Change – Office of Student Activities – approved the Office of Student Activities being renamed the Office of Student Activities and Orientation. Further approved changing the title of the director of that office to Director of Student Activities and Orientation as presented.

Mr. Cannedy asked if any member wanted to remove this item from the Consent Agenda. There being no objection, Mr. Gustafson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Wible seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

University Development Committee Report

Mr. Malone noted the items presented at the University Development Committee Meeting for committee approval and information only. Information concerning these items can be found in the minutes of the University Development Committee Meeting held May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-123. Committee Minutes, 2/9/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Items Presented for Information Only

06-124. Report on Scholarship Support Provided by Wichita Falls Businesses 2005-2006

06-125. Summary of Gifts, Grants and Pledges 9/1/05 – 4/14/06

Athletics Committee Report

Ms. Gough 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 May 11, 2006.

Item Presented for Committee Approval Only

06-126. Committee Minutes, 2/9/06 – approved by Committee as presented.

Items Presented for Information Only

06-127. Lone Star Conference Report

06-128. Athletics Status Report

President's Report and Discussion

06-132. Dr. Rogers expressed his appreciation to the Board for their work on behalf of the university. He then presented information to the Board concerning various university matters.

- A. Status of Current Projects – Dr. Rogers reported that progress is being made on Louis J. Rodriguez Drive. He added that in a few years this boulevard will be a very beautiful spot on the campus and will lead into the new Student Recreation and Health Center. Ms. Haywood asked if the Savannah Holly trees being planted were evergreen trees. Dr. Rogers responded that they were. He added that they will have white blossoms in the spring and red berries in the summer. He noted that this project will be ongoing for another year.
- B. Legislative Report – Dr. Rogers reminded the Board that during the regular session of the legislature \$3 billion in requests for Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) funding were

presented. Funds available for this purpose totaled \$1 billion and the House and Senate could not come to an agreement on the matter. The Governor called a special session to deal with public school finance. He later included TRBs as part of the agenda for the special session. Dr. Rogers added that the session would conclude on Tuesday of the following week. MSU's request for TRBs totals \$20 million. He noted that in February the Board gave the administration some latitude in the projects that would be submitted. Dr. Rogers presented and reviewed the list that was submitted to the legislature for consideration. He noted that the Music Building item was increased from \$2 million to \$3 million because there is considerable interest in completing the music portion of the Fine Arts Building to include the construction of a Music Concert Hall. He added that no other changes were made to the listing approved in February.

1.	D. L. Ligon Renovation	\$10,700,000
2.	Music Building	3,000,000
3.	Fowler/Engineering Building	3,000,000
4.	Bolin Science Hall	1,000,000
5.	Roofs	500,000
6.	Parking/Roads	1,500,000
7.	McGaha Building Renovation	<u>300,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

C. Formula Recommendations and Potential State Appropriations – Dr. Rogers reported that he recently testified before the House Higher Education Committee regarding formula recommendations and he felt his testimony was well received. He added that the Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) supports an addition of \$650 million to higher education funding in the next session of the legislature. While the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors had hoped for a \$1 billion increase, it is likely that they will support the Commissioner's recommendation.

D. COPLAC Visit – Dr. Rogers mentioned that the university recently had a site visit by representatives of Council of Public Liberal Arts College (COPLAC). He indicated that the visit went very well and thanked everyone for their participation. He stated that the final decision on MSU's application would be made in June.

E. Dean of College of Science and Mathematics – Dr. Rogers announced that Dr. Betty Stewart, currently head of the Department of Chemistry at Austin College, has been named to replace Dr. Norman Horner beginning with the fall 2006. He reported that Dr. Stewart earned Ph.D. from one of the best chemistry schools in the United States which is Carnegie Mellon. He added that she is a teacher, a researcher and an administrator.

- F. Endowments – Dr. Rogers reported that he would be visiting with the Board in the future about university endowments. He stated that MSU holds approximately \$6 million in endowed funds on campus. These funds are used as intended for scholarships, research, professorships, and other areas as designated by the donors. He stated his belief that it would be wise to move these funds to the MSU Foundation, Inc. He added that the Foundation has a record of safe and sound investments. He indicated that this would be a matter of discussion at a future meeting of the Board.
- G. Softball Field – Dr. Rogers indicated that it was time for the university to build a softball facility on campus. He noted that while the softball team has been able to use the Sunrise Optimist Club facilities during the last two seasons, it would be better if the games could be played on campus. He noted that the administration had begun planning and looking at funding for this purpose. Dr. Rogers added that lighting is a concern because of the cost. He noted that the soccer field is also in need of additional lighting and that will be considered as the overall project is reviewed. Mr. Bridgman asked where the softball field might be located. Dr. Rogers responded that the administration is looking at the southwest corner of the north portion of the campus, at the corner of Louis J. Rodriguez Drive and Midwestern Parkway. He stated that it would be in close proximity to the new Student Recreation and Health Center. Dr. Rogers added that he and Dr. Farrell had visited bleacher companies about this possible project. He noted that the field would also be open for free play and softball class instruction. Dr. Rogers added that at some time in the future the administration and Board will have to determine how to best utilize the university property located on Southwest Parkway. He indicated his belief that this land should be developed into recreational sports areas, open play areas, and sports facilities. He stated that with the development of that land MSU could possibly consider adding a baseball team at some point in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents will be Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4, 2006.

Original Signed

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 May 12, 2006.

Original Signed

Patricia A. Haywood, Secretary