

**MINUTES
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Student Services Committee
May 11, 2006**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 4:57 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2006. Student Services Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pat Haywood, Chairperson; Mr. Stephen Gustafson; Mr. Munir Lalani; and Mr. Ben Wible. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. John Bridgman, Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Pamela Gough, Mr. Don Ross Malone, 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 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. David Tucker, Chairperson of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Assistant to the President. Mr. Jason York, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting.

Chairperson Haywood called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-120. The minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting February 9, 2006, were approved as presented.

Student Government Report

06-121. Mr. Jason York, Student Government Observer, presented the following information to the Board.

1. He reported that the election of Student Government Association (SGA) officers was held in April with 647 students voting in the election. This was a record number for voter turnout. The officers elected for the 2006-2007 year are Will Morefield, President; Jason York, Vice President; and Binta Thomas, Secretary.
2. As part of the election process, students were given an opportunity to vote on the establishment of a Student Endowment Fund at MSU. While the referendum passed by a majority vote, it did not receive the two-thirds approval that was required to recommend initiation of a student fee for this purpose.
3. The Academic Honors Dinner was held in April with the Clark Scholar (Amber Kappel) and Hardin Scholar (Carlyne Carrette) being named. The Student Leadership Banquet was also held with Nhan Nguyen named Man of the Year and Laura Kair named Woman of the Year.

4. Student Government representatives were involved in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) site visit. He noted that the student representatives had a good visit with the group and that the students are very supportive of this affiliation by the university with this organization.
5. SGA recently held its annual tree planting ceremony honoring retiring faculty. This has become a tradition at MSU and is something the university community looks forward to each spring.
6. *The Wichitan* recently won Sweepstakes at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) annual meeting in San Antonio and MSU TV-2 Campus Watch was named the Top TV Newscast. He added that the 29th edition of *Voices* magazine was available on campus.
7. He noted that students are excited about the opening of the Dillard Building and the progress that is being made on the Student Recreation and Health Center.
8. Students have reacted very positively to the banners around campus and congratulated Ms. Buss on the design.
9. The MSU University Programming Board (UPB) put on a “Survivor MSU” competition. The winner, Sherry Jordan of the MSU Cycling Team, received a \$1,000 grand prize.

Name/Title Change – Office of Student Activities

06-122. Ms. Haywood presented the administration’s recommendation that the Office of Student Activities be renamed the Office of Student Activities and Orientation. She noted that the current Office of Student Activities is now responsible for the administration of all student orientation programs at MSU. The change would allow those not familiar with the university, e.g. potential students, to know who to contact with questions relative to orientation programs. Additionally, it was recommended that the title of the director also be changed to Director of Student Activities and Orientation to be consistent with departmental responsibilities. With approval, the appropriate changes would be made to the *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual*, the *MSU Student Handbook*, and other university publications and sites.

Mr. Gustafson moved approval of this item. Mr. Lalani seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment

The Student Services Committee discussion concluded at 5:05 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Patricia A. Haywood, Chairperson
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