

MINUTES
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

November 29, 2010

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 12:30 p.m., Monday, November 29, 2010. Board members in attendance at the university were Dr. Carol Gunn, Chair; Mr. Kenny Bryant, Ms. Jane Spears; and Student Regent David Reyna. Board members attending the meeting via teleconference connection were Mr. Shawn Hessing, Vice Chairman; Dr. Lynwood Givens, Secretary; Mr. Mike Bernhardt; Mrs. Tiffany Burks and Mr. Sam Sanchez. Mr. Charles Engelman was traveling and unable to participate.

Administrative staff members present at the university included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Alisa White, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Advancement and Student Affairs. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Dr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Charlie Carr, Director of Athletics; Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Mr. Barry Macha, Interim General Counsel; Dr. Jim Owen, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate; Mr. Randy Pruitt, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Advisor to *The Wichitan*; Ms. Janus Buss, Director of Public Information and Marketing; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Director of Board and Government Relations. Representing the news media were Mr. Chris Collins, managing editor of *The Wichitan*; Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the *Times Record News*; and Mr. Paul Harrop, reporter for KAUZ Channel 6.

Chair Gunn called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and Ms. Buss introduced the visitors.

Public Comment

Dr. Gunn 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. She noted that no one had signed up to speak.

Course Fee Increases Approved by Board of Regents November 5, 2010

11-42. Dr. Gunn reported that during the board meeting in early November the administration recommended increasing course fees for athletic training, dental hygiene, nursing, radiologic science (undergraduate only), and respiratory care courses effective with the spring 2011 semester. The board approved these increases as recommended. She asked Dr. Rogers to provide information regarding this matter.

Dr. Rogers stated that he had recently met with Student Government to discuss a number of issues. One of the issues that was raised by several students, and particularly those students from the College of Health Sciences and Human Services, dealt with the timing of the course fee increases. The students indicated that they understood the need for additional income for specific academic disciplines. However, the students expressed concern that they did not receive fair warning of the increase. Dr. Rogers stated that while the administration and board had previously raised fees at mid-year, this was the first time in recent memory that fees were raised in November for the spring semester. A

number of students explained that their financial aid packages and other financial arrangements had been determined for the year and the increase would create a hardship for them. Dr. Rogers discussed the matter with the vice presidents and determined that the students made a valid point. It was determined that additional board action would be required to change the effective date of the fee increases. Dr. Rogers recommended that the course fee increases that were approved by the board November 5 be implemented in the fall 2011 rather than spring 2011.

Dr. Rogers asked Dr. White to comment on the nature of course fees. Dr. White reported that course fees are intended to support instruction and can be used to fund equipment, supplies, software, data base programs, as well as various forms of student success programming. Dr. Rogers added that the administration is listening to the concerns of the students.

Dr. Gunn noted that the administration had recommended that the course fee increases previously approved be effective with the fall 2011 semester rather than the spring 2011 semester. Mr. Bryant moved approval of this recommendation and Ms. Spears seconded the motion.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the administration informed the board in November that the funds generated by the new course fees were needed in the spring semester. He asked if the additional funds were no longer needed. Dr. Rogers responded that the administration would have to make cuts to make up for the lost revenue. Dr. White added that the reason she recommended the increases in health science course fees was because of the program expansion with the new surgi-center location. The new facility will allow the addition of another surgical unit, as well as an additional "sim man." She noted that the university may not optimize the space initially, but existing programs should not be cut.

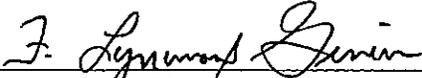
It was noted that in November the budget was increased by \$60,000 through the revenue generated by increased course fees. Mr. Sanchez asked that the administration provide a list of any reductions necessary due to the deferral of the fee increases. Mr. Hessing agreed and asked that the administration prepare a brief analysis prior to the February board meeting so that board members can fully understand the phase in process.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents will be held February 10 and 11, 2011.

I, F. Lynwood Givens, the fully appointed 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 November 29, 2010.



F. Lynwood Givens, Secretary