

**MINUTES  
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Executive Committee  
August 8, 2013**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in the J. S. Bridwell Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 2:20 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2013. Executive Committee members in attendance were Mr. Shawn Hessing, Chairman; Mr. Mike Bernhardt, Vice Chairman; Mr. Kenny Bryant, Secretary; and Ms. Jane Carnes, Member-at-Large. Other regents attending the meeting were Ms. Tiffany Burks, Mr. Charles Engelman, Mr. Jeff Gregg, Mr. Sam Sanchez, and Student Regent Shelby Davis.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Betty Stewart, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Marilyn Fowlé, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance; Dr. Keith Lamb, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Advancement and Public Affairs; and Dr. Robert Clark, Vice President for Administration and Institutional Effectiveness. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Dr. Deborah Garrison, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School; Mr. Kyle Owen, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services; Mr. Matt Park, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dr. James Johnston, Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services. Additional university personnel attending were Dr. Jim Owen, outgoing Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Dr. David Carlston, incoming Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Mr. Dirk Welch, Chairman of the Staff Senate; Mr. Charlie Carr, Director of Athletics; Mr. Barry Macha, General Counsel; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Mr. Dan Williams, Chief of Police; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Director of Marketing and Public Information; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Executive Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Director of Board and Government Relations. Representing the news media were Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the *Times Record News*; Ms. Mechell Dixon and Mr. Rod Schnetzer, KFDX-TV III; and Mr. James Parish, KAUZ.

Chairman Hessing called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

13-134. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting May 9, 2013 were approved by the committee as presented.

Construction Update

13-135. Mr. Hessing reported that information regarding major construction projects and an update on smaller projects were included in the agenda. Mr. Owen reviewed the information included in the agenda document (a copy of the corrected Gantt chart is shown as Attachment 1). Dr. Rogers added a special thank you to the Fain Foundation,

the Bryant Edwards Foundation, and the J.S. Bridwell Foundation for their support of the Museum project.

#### Drought Recovery Efforts

13-136. Mr. Hessing noted that Dr. Rogers and Mr. Owen would present information regarding the current water well project, as well as possible future projects. Dr. Rogers reported that the campus water wells are providing water that can be used on the football practice fields. He reminded the board that the water is very salty and, therefore, cannot be used on the other fields and grass on campus. The football practice fields were built with a sand understructure that allows the water to soak through the mat of grass with no resulting salt build-up. Dr. Rogers stated that when the City of Wichita Falls moves to Stage Four of the Drought Management Plan, outdoor use of water will be prohibited. He noted the importance of keeping the soccer and softball fields alive for the safety of the student athletes and to protect the investment of donors and the institution. Consequently, the administration is investigating every possibility to address this situation. He added that a small amount of sub-surface water could be used on the fields. However, large amounts of this type of water would eventually kill the fields owing to the salt content.

Dr. Rogers reported that Sikes Lake covers 17 acres and has a large water shed. He noted that the administration wants to maintain Sikes Lake for the university and for the city. He added that using water from Sikes Lake to mix with the university's ground water was a possible consideration. He reported that Mr. Owen had researched the matter and found that removing two inches of water per month per year would provide 3.6 million gallons of water to the university. Dr. Rogers stated that the institution must think creatively and must also be certain not to damage or cause a problem with the lake in the future.

Mr. Owen reported that water cannot be pumped from the lake without permission from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). He noted that the university submitted a temporary permit request earlier in the summer and will submit an application for permanent access to the water. He stated that if the administration and board decide to move forward with using this water, there would be a cost to pump the water out of the lake. Mrs. Carnes asked what the cost would be. Mr. Owen responded that it would likely cost approximately \$40,000. Piping would have to be placed from the spillway, under Midwestern Parkway, and to the north end of the soccer field. Two or three pump stations would also need to be installed. Dr. Rogers asked if additional storage tanks would be needed. Mr. Owen responded that the project would require an additional smaller tank for surge capacity.

Mr. Hessing noted that this item was presented as information only and no action was necessary at this time.

Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University Advisory Board

13-137. Mr. Hessing noted that the MSU Board of Regents is responsible for the appointment of individuals to serve on the Museum Advisory Board. The following individuals were recommended to serve:

Ann Marie Leimer (2013-2016)  
Lynn Moran (Reappointment – 2013-2016)  
Lola Pitzer (Reappointment – 2013-2016)  
Eric Robb (2013-2014)  
Alice West (Reappointment – 2013-2016)

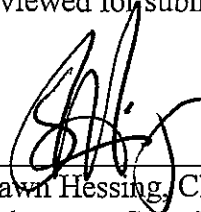
Dr. Rogers indicated that he was pleased that these individuals had agreed to serve if appointed and recommended them for approval.

Mr. Bryant moved approval of these individuals as presented. Mrs. Carnes seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment

The Executive Committee discussion concluded at 2:35 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:



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Shawn Hessing, Chairman  
Midwestern State University  
Board of Regents Executive Committee

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Construction Update Gantt Chart (CORRECTED)



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The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the J. S. Bridwell Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 2:35 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2013. Academic and Student Affairs Committee members in attendance were Mr. Kenny Bryant, Acting Chairman; Mrs. Tiffany Burks; and Mr. Sam Sanchez. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Mike Bernhardt, Mrs. Jane Carnes, Mr. Charles Engelman, Mr. Jeff Gregg, Mr. Shawn Hessing, and Student Regent Shelby Davis.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Dr. Betty Stewart, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Marilyn Fowlé, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance; Dr. Keith Lamb, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Dr. Howard Farrell, Vice President for University Advancement and Public Affairs; and Dr. Robert Clark, Vice President for Administration and Institutional Effectiveness. Other university personnel attending the meeting included Dr. Deborah Garrison, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School; Mr. Kyle Owen, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services; Mr. Matt Park, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dr. James Johnston, Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services. Additional university personnel attending were Dr. Jim Owen, outgoing Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Dr. David Carlston, incoming Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Mr. Dirk Welch, Chairman of the Staff Senate; Mr. Charlie Carr, Director of Athletics; Mr. Barry Macha, General Counsel; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Mr. Dan Williams, Chief of Police; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Director of Marketing and Public Information; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Executive Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Director of Board and Government Relations. Representing the news media were Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the *Times Record News*, Ms. Mechell Dixon and Mr. Rod Schnetzer, with KFDX-TV III; and Mr. James Parish with KAUZ-TV.

Acting Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

13-138. The minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting May 9, 2013, were approved by the committee as presented.

Faculty Report

13-139. Dr. Jim Owen, Chairman of the MSU Faculty Senate, reviewed the information contained in his written report (see Attachment 1). He noted that the report was quite short as the Senate had not met since May. He announced the new officers for the 2013-2014 academic year as follows: Dr. David Carlston, Chairman; Ms. Laura Fidelie, Vice

Chair; Dr. Jeremy Duff, Secretary; Dr. Chuck Bultena, Treasurer, and Dr. Ruth Morrow, Parliamentarian. Dr. Owen reported that he had heard favorable comments from faculty regarding their salary increases.

Mr. Bryant thanked Dr. Owen for his service to the faculty and to the university. He thanked Dr. Carlston for agreeing to serve in this capacity and indicated that the board looked forward to working with him and the Faculty Senate in the coming year.

#### Staff Report

13-140. Mr. Dirk Welch, Chairman of the MSU Staff Senate, distributed a listing of the 2013-2014 senators (see Attachment 2). He also reported on the following.

- a. Senators Peggy Brennan, Patricia Lowry, Ernest Cooper, Lucy Davis, and Mike Deming are concluding their service on the Staff Senate and he acknowledged them for their dedication, commitment, and excellent service.
- b. New Staff Senate officers will be elected during the upcoming August meeting.
- c. "You Make a Difference" Award recipients this summer include:
  1. Ms. Sue Witherspoon, Administrative Assistant, Student Development and Orientation
  2. Mr. Jim Hall, PC/Network Services Manager, Information Technology
  3. Ms. Julie Allison, Custodian, Facilities Services

#### Student Government Report

13-141. Mr. Bryant noted that Student Government Association (SGA) President, Melody Coffee, was concluding her summer engineering internship and could not attend the meeting. She asked Mr. Matt Park, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the report. Mr. Park commented on the following.

- a. The SGA continues to work on campus recycling and sustainability efforts. Five hydration stations are now located throughout campus and 10,216 plastic water bottles have been saved through this effort. A clothing and shoe recycling bin is now located behind Pierce and Killingsworth Halls and an athletic shoe recycling bin is available in the Student Wellness Center. The SGA members plan to continue working with the administration to enhance these efforts during the school year.
- b. Ms. Coffee asked Mr. Park to convey to the board the students' appreciation that tuition and fees were not increased for the upcoming year. The students are also thankful for the technological upgrades to the infrastructure in housing and residence life, particularly the wireless internet and enhanced cable television service.

#### Enrollment Report – Summer 2013

13.142. A copy of the summer enrollment report was presented as shown in Attachment 3. Dr. Lamb reported that the summer decline was anticipated following the smaller fall base

of students, the large May graduating class, and the changes to the federal Pell grant awards for summer. Mr. Bryant asked how MSU's summer enrollment compared to enrollment at other state universities. Dr. Lamb responded that everyone's summer enrollment was affected to some degree by the changes in the Pell grant, but enrollment levels were also dependent on the amount of online instruction offered by each institution.

#### Athletics Report

13-143. This item was postponed until later in the meeting.

#### Consideration of Baseball as Possible Additional Sport

13-144. Mr. Bryant stated that in May the board asked the administration to provide a five-year projected budget for the baseball team and proposed stadium. The analysis was previously sent to the board and is shown as Attachment 4. Dr. Rogers noted that the analysis was developed by Charlie Carr and Marilyn Fowlé, and included reasonable assumptions. He reported that 24 student athletes would make up the university's baseball traveling squad. He noted that the nine full scholarship equivalents that are allowed by the NCAA would likely be divided among these students. He added that other Lone Star Conference (LSC) schools have reported that at least 12 additional students walked on and practiced, in an effort to make the team. Dr. Rogers pointed out that the income expected to be generated by these students should exceed the cost of the baseball program. He added that each student athlete must pass 30 semester credit hours each year in order to stay eligible to play. He noted that it is impossible to estimate the number of students who will attend MSU because their friends came here to play baseball.

Dr. Rogers reported there was a great deal of community support for a baseball program and for constructing a baseball field on campus. Current pledges total approximately \$2.97 million. The cost of lights and a scoreboard should be paid for through advertising, which would add another \$1 million to the funds available. He noted that he intended to bring an estimate of cost to the board for consideration in November. The estimate will include the cost of site development as well as construction. He added that the cost of site development could vary greatly depending on the site that is selected. Dr. Rogers stated that the addition of baseball would be positive for the university. He added that he planned to meet with the Faculty Senate to answer any questions they might have about the possible addition of this sport.

Mr. Gregg noted that the assumption was made that none of the student athletes would attend MSU if the baseball program was not offered. He asked if perhaps the projections should be modified to allow for the possibility that a few of the students might attend MSU whether or not a team is started. Dr. Rogers responded that it is also difficult to estimate the number of students who will follow student athletes to MSU. He stated that there could be a number of variances, but that he was comfortable with the figures provided.

Mr. Sanchez asked how many schools in the LSC play baseball. Mr. Carr responded that all conference schools play baseball, with the exception of Texas Woman's University.

Mrs. Carnes asked if there were multiple site options. Dr. Rogers responded that the architects are considering two primary options, one on the north campus and one on the south campus.

Mr. Hessing commented that the discussions surrounding the placement of the baseball field had inspired him to think about future campus needs. He stated that as part of the process in deciding where a field should be placed, he thought the board should also consider where Midwestern State University will be in ten years. He noted that this had led to his stressing the need for a longer-term master plan.

#### August 2013 Graduating Class

13-145. Mr. Bryant reported that the administration had recommended approval of the list of candidates for August 2013 graduation as presented in the agenda. He noted that 176 students were on the list in 2013 compared to 214 students in 2012.

Mrs. Burks moved approval of the list as presented. Mr. Sanchez seconded the item and it was approved.

#### New 42 Hour Core Curriculum

13-146. Mr. Bryant reported that Dr. Stewart presented a complete overview of the newly required 42 hour core curriculum in May. Dr. Stewart reported that since May seven new classes have been proposed and added to the new core. The new core was recommended for approval. Dr. Stewart noted that once approved, it would be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for final review.

Mr. Sanchez moved approval of this item as presented. Mrs. Burks seconded the motion and it was approved.

#### Conversion of the Associate of Applied Science in Radiography to a Baccalaureate Program

13-147. Mr. Bryant noted that the administration recommended the conversion of this degree program as presented in the agenda. Dr. Stewart reported that Midwestern State University currently offers one associate degree, that being the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Radiography. She noted that MSU recruits approximately 40-45 students into this program each year. The administration recommends that this program be converted to the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology (BSRT) program. She stated that the time spent by students to attain the AAS is very close in years to the time it takes to earn the BSRT. Dr. Johnston reported that the demand for this program remains strong. He added that the program enrolls a maximum of 45 students, with this number limited by clinical space. He noted that the university must have hospital placement for each student admitted to the program.