

**MINUTES
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Student Services Committee
August 3, 2006**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 4:15 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2006. Student Services Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pat Haywood, Chairperson; Mr. Munir Lalani; and Mr. Ben Wible. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. John Bridgman, Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Ms. Pamela Gough, Mr. David Stephens, 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; Mr. Allen Goldapp, Director of Physical Plant; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Personnel; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Public Information and Marketing Assistant; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Executive Assistant to the President. Mr. Jason York, Student Government Vice President and SGA Observer, and Ms. Binta Thomas, Student Government Secretary, also attended the meeting.

Chairperson Haywood called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-168. The minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting May 11, 2006, were approved as presented.

Student Government Report

06-169. Ms. Binta Thomas was introduced as the new Student Government Association Secretary. She informed the Board that she is an international student from the Caribbean. She came to MSU in the spring 2004 and is enrolled in the biological sciences program, planning to go into dentistry. She indicated that Mr. Will Morefield was reelected as SGA President for 2006-2007 and Mr. Jason York will serve as Vice President. She presented information on three goals that had been established by the SGA officers. She noted their belief that these goals are realistic and achievable.

1. Improving the campus shuttle and transportation system – Ms. Thomas reported that the SGA officers are working with the City of Wichita Falls Transportation and Planning Department and MSU Police to get a city bus stop on the MSU campus. She reported that as an international student she does not own a vehicle and is solely dependent on the campus shuttle to get to and from campus. Additionally, she must rely on friends to get transportation around town. She indicated that the shuttle is not always available when students need to get to and from campus and a city bus would offer an alternative for students needing to get to campus as well as other locations in town. She indicated

her feeling that a city bus would be utilized by international as well as other students living on or near the campus.

2. Extension of Moffett Library hours – Ms. Thomas reported that the library currently closes at midnight. She indicated her hope that the closing time could be extended to 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. if possible. She stated that this would be of assistance particularly to students who work during the day and take evening classes. She added that if this change cannot be made on a permanent basis, it would be of great assistance if the hours could be extended at least two weeks prior to the end of the semester. She noted that the SGA officers are working on this matter with Dr. Clara Latham, Moffett Library Director.
3. Greater student involvement – this continues to be a goal of student government. Ms. Thomas indicated that the participation and voter turnout for the spring election was a positive sign. Hopefully this will continue into the fall semester.

Ms. Thomas noted that she, Mr. Morefield and Mr. York would soon attend a leadership conference for student government officers in California. She added that she planned to work to revive the Student Update Newsletter in the fall so that students can know what is going on in SGA.

Mr. Lalani asked Ms. Thomas to follow up with the Board on how things progress with these goals. He added his thought that these goals were attainable and encouraged the administration to do whatever possible to help. Dr. Farrell indicated that the administration is also working with the city and helping with the transportation issue.

Adjournment

The Student Services Committee discussion concluded at 4:25 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Patricia A. Haywood, Chairperson
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Board of Regents Student Services Committee