

**MINUTES
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**Executive Committee
February 9, 2006**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 10:11 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2006. Executive Committee members in attendance were Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson; Ms. Patricia Haywood, Secretary; and Mr. Munir Lalani, Member-At-Large. Other regents attending the meeting were Mr. Stephen Gustafson, Mr. Don Ross Malone, and new 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 Ms. Gail Ferguson, Controller; Mr. David Spencer, Internal Auditor; Dr. David Tucker, Chairperson of the MSU Faculty Senate; Ms. Valarie Maxwell, Director of Budget and Management; Mr. Michael Dye, Director of Information Systems; Ms. Bobbie Tassinari, Director of Purchasing; Ms. Dianne Weakley, Director of Personnel; 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. Mr. Jason York, Student Government Association Observer, also attended the meeting. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*.

Chairperson Cannedy called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

06-51. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting November 3, 2005 were approved as presented.

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06-52. Minutes of the special Executive Committee meeting January 17, 2006 were approved as presented.

Tuition Revenue Bond Resubmission and Priorities

06-53. Mr. Cannedy reported that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) had requested that universities resubmit Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) requests by March 3, 2006. He noted that this resubmission would be utilized as THECB prioritizes the requests for possible submission and consideration during the anticipated special session of the Texas Legislature.

Dr. Rogers presented the administration's list of projects for submission as Midwestern State University's Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) Request. He noted that the items were listed in priority order.

1.	D. L. Ligon Renovation	\$ 8,700,000
2.	Instrumental Music Hall	2,000,000
3.	Fowler Hall/Engineering Building	3,000,000
4.	Bolin Science Hall	1,000,000
5.	Roofs	500,000
6.	Parking/Roads	1,500,000
7.	McGaha Hall Renovation	<u>300,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$17,000,000</u>

Dr. Rogers noted that TRBs have been issued by the state of Texas for approximately 50 years. In effect, universities pledge their local tuition to support the bonds and historically, with the exception of one year in the recent past, the state then assumes payment of the bond. He added that following the one time that the state did not assume responsibility for the TRB debt, the legislature reversed its decision and is now making the bond payments.

Dr. Rogers reported that MSU's TRB request during the last session of the legislature totaled \$10,394,500 as shown below.

1.	Chiller Replacement and Utility Tunnel	\$ 3,040,000
2.	University Lighting Retrofit	683,000
3.	Fowler Hall	1,785,000
4.	Instrumental Music Hall	420,000
5.	Bolin Science Hall	705,000
6.	D. L. Ligon Coliseum	2,956,500
7.	McGaha Hall Renovation	125,000
8.	Streets and Parking	<u>680,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$10,394,500</u>

He noted that when TRB funds were not forthcoming during the last legislative session, the university had to proceed with the chiller replacement, the utility tunnel, and the lighting retrofit projects. He added that the Fowler Building project continues to be a priority for the university. He indicated that when the Dillard College of Business

Administration faculty moves into the new building, the Fowler Building will need to be reconfigured to accommodate other academic programs. He added that the university recently received a significant financial commitment toward the construction of an engineering building and that person would allow the university to use these donated funds to add space to the Fowler Building to accommodate the engineering program. The cost to renovate the existing building would be approximately \$3 million. Any addition necessary to add engineering would be paid from private sources.

Dr. Rogers commented that the university band and music program has outgrown the Instrumental Music Building (Band Hall). There is no room for storage and air quality continues to be a problem in this facility. Dr. Rogers commented that the McGaha Building renovation project continues on the current TRB proposal, as does the renovation of Bolin Science Hall. Additionally, funds are always needed for better quality streets and parking lots.

Dr. Rogers stated that the university's top priority is the renovation of D. L. Ligon Coliseum. He added that other than renovating the swimming pool area into a fitness center several years ago, this facility has not been thoroughly renovated since it was built in the late 1960's. He noted that the plumbing is old, termite damage is extensive, and the heating and cooling systems are totally inadequate. He added that the facility needs a new roof and the cost of the roof alone is \$1.7 million. Dr. Rogers noted that the request submitted during the last legislative session included an estimated need of approximately \$3 million for the renovation of the Ligon Coliseum. He stated that this amount of money would have only stabilized the building. He commented that the new estimate of \$8.7 million was closer to the amount of money necessary to renovate and refurbish the building with new plumbing and electrical work, address air quality and safety issues, and provide a new roof. Mr. Lalani asked if this amount would take care of the facility for the next 20-30 years. Dr. Rogers responded that from an infrastructure standpoint it would. He added that there are some amenities, such as better pull-out seating, that are needed but these could only be paid for with private dollars. He noted that items in the building that relate specifically to athletics must be paid for with non-state resources. Therefore, funding specifically to increase fan seating would need to come from outside sources. Mr. Lalani indicated his feeling that because the university uses Ligon for so many academic and university activities it would be best to ask for a sum of money that would keep the facility in good repair for at least 15-20 years.

Dr. Rogers commented that when the university's proposal is submitted to THECB, each project will be judged independently from other projects and each individual project will be ranked for the entire state.

Mr. Lalani asked if the next legislative session might be better for higher education and the approval of TRBs with the increased sales tax revenue the state is generating. Dr. Rogers responded that the Texas economy appears to be doing better; however, increased demand for state matching funds for social services may decrease the overall resources available for other state services. He stated that the future is still uncertain, specifically since the legislature must deal with public school finance this spring. He stated his hope that funds are currently available for TRBs to be funded during the 2006 special session.

Mr. Lalani stated that he would like for the university to be bold in its request regarding Ligon. He noted that the entire campus utilizes this facility in one way or another and if the university is going to pursue funding, it should be adequate to address the building needs for another 15-20 years. Ms. Maxwell stated that the administration would be reviewing the project estimates during the next two or three weeks and flexibility in the specific amounts requested would be helpful as the final project list is determined.

Mr. Cannedy asked if the administration wanted to amend its recommendation to increase the total request by up to \$1 million depending on the final project estimates that are determined. Mr. Lalani indicated that perhaps the Board could approve an \$18 million total with the understanding that the administration would request up to that amount if it was justified. Mr. Sandoval requested the Board's flexibility as the administration works with architects to determine the best estimates for the various projects.

Mr. Cannedy stated that he would support whatever amount could be justified. He added that with the previous TRB proposal by MSU all of the projects were rated very high by THECB. He indicated his desire to maintain that same high standard with the current request.

Mr. Lalani moved approval of the following projects in priority order for submission as Midwestern State University's TRB Request, with the understanding that the administration would have flexibility on the final amounts to ensure the figures are justifiable and necessary:

1.	D. L. Ligon Renovation	\$10,700,000
2.	Instrumental Music Hall	2,000,000
3.	Fowler Hall/Engineering Building	3,000,000
4.	Bolin Science Hall	1,000,000
5.	Roofs	500,000
6.	Parking/Roads	1,500,000
7.	McGaha Hall Renovation	<u>300,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$19,000,000</u>

Ms. Haywood seconded the motion. Mr. Cannedy asked if the state was looking at a new methodology for funding building renovations and construction. Dr. Rogers indicated that while nothing has been formally proposed or agreed on, there have been numerous discussions about possible proposals that could be made in the future. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

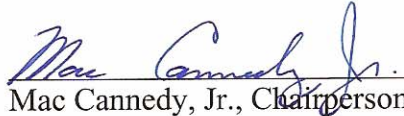
Possible Purchase of Property

06-54. This item was deleted from the agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee discussion concluded at 10:35 a.m.

Reviewed for submission:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mac Cannedy, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Mac Cannedy, Jr., Chairperson
Midwestern State University
Board of Regents Executive Committee