

**MINUTES
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Student Services Committee
November 9, 2006**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in regular session in the Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 2:52 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2006. Student Services Committee members in attendance were Ms. Pat Haywood, Chairperson, and Mr. Ben Wible. In accordance with Board of Regents By-Laws, Policy 2.22, Article VIII, Section 1, Mr. Cannedy included Mr. John Bridgman as a voting member of the committee on this date to assure a quorum. Other regents attending the meeting were 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. Robert Redmon, 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. 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 Vice President and SGA Observer, also attended the meeting. Representing the news media was Ms. Ann Work, reporter for the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*.

Chairperson Haywood called the meeting to order at 2:52 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

07-24. The minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting August 3, 2006, were approved as presented.

Student Government Report

07-25. Mr. Jason York, vice president of the Student Government Association reported on the following SGA activities.

- A. The Student Senate and Student Government Association are having a banner year with better participation and attendance at the meetings. He thanked Sofia Rodriguez, Director of the Clark Student Center and Student Development, and Matt Park, Director of Student Activities and Orientation, for their help with student participation in student government.
- B. Following a request by the Student Government Association, Moffett Library hours have been extended, with two hours added on Saturdays. Additionally, the week before finals and during finals the library will be opened until 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. respectively.

- C. Work still continues with the City of Wichita Falls Transportation and Planning Department to improve the city's bus service to the MSU campus.
- D. The Senate plans to address the possibility of keeping the computer labs open during holiday breaks so that students who do not have computers and are unable to go home for the holidays can still have computer access.
- E. The Student Senate recently discussed whether students preferred the four-day or five-day summer schedule. The Senate overwhelmingly lent its support to the four-day class schedule.
- F. The SGA officers have been approached about expanding the campus recycling program. Students are very concerned about the environment and would like to see more recycling and the elimination of waste on campus.
- G. SGA President Will Morefield recently announced that Student Government would reintroduce the Student Endowment Fund Referendum. While the referendum did not pass in the spring of 2006, it is hoped that a better education program will help the referendum pass in the spring of 2007.
- H. The SGA officers recently attended the John Ben Shepherd Leadership Conference in Austin. Additionally, Jason York and SGA Secretary Binta Thomas attended the National Conference on Student Leadership in San Diego. They learned a great deal about running senate meetings and also about organizational planning.
- I. Students have expressed appreciation to the Board and administration for their support in making the Dillard Building a reality on campus.
- J. Mr. York mentioned some areas on campus that need attention:
 - a. The area between Pierce and Killingsworth tends to have problems with standing water.
 - b. The parking lots and the area around Sunwatcher Plaza are often littered.
 - c. The round donor plaques around the Sunwatcher Statue need to be cleaned.
 - d. There is a problem with bird debris around Prothro Yeager Hall and on the roof.
 - e. Campus elevator service placards have not been changed in two years.
- K. He thanked the administration and the Board of Regents for their care and concern for the students.

Mr. Morefield added that there has been a 20 percent increase in the number of registered student organizations this year as compared to last year. He added that his term as a Student Regent would expire in February and he would graduate in May. Student regents are appointed for a one-year term and cannot be reappointed. He noted that five individuals were recommended by the Student Senate to the president for consideration

as student regent nominees. The president will recommend at least two students to the governor. A new student regent should be appointed by February 1.

Mr. Bridgman asked about the computer labs being closed when school is not in session. Mr. Lamb stated that funds are not currently available to keep the labs open between semesters. Mr. Bridgman asked if the Clark Student Center was open during this time. Mr. Lamb responded that administrative offices are open. He added that the matter would be reviewed and hopefully resolved satisfactorily.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Report

07-26. Ms. Haywood reviewed with the Board the ADA report that was included in the agenda document. She then asked about the elevator safety inspections in light of Mr. York's report. Mr. Goldapp indicated that while the elevators are inspected on a regular basis, the state is taking a long time to issue state certification notices. He added that several of the university's elevators need to be replaced. Mr. Malone stated that perhaps the university could develop and utilize its own labeling system. Mr. Goldapp responded that he would look into that possibility.

Adjournment

The Student Services Committee discussion concluded at 3:20 p.m.

Reviewed for submission:

Original Minutes Signed _____
Patricia A. Haywood, Chairperson
Midwestern State University
Board of Regents Student Services Committee