

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Minutes

November 15, 2018

Billingsly Student Center, Room 310

The November 15, 2018 meeting of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors was called to order at 1 o'clock by Bill Gipson, Chair. Governors in attendance were T. Mark Elliott, Tracy Flanigan, Mike Franks, Bill Gipson, Carlos Haley, Alison Hershewe, Anita Oplotnik, and Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg. Others in attendance were Dr. Alan Marble, Dr. Paula Carson, Dr. Brad Hodson, Darren Fullerton, Rob Yust, Jared Bruggeman, Jon Dermott, Grant Lathrom, Angela Bennett, Jacob Layne, Linda Eis and Laura Boyd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gipson called the meeting to order at 1 o'clock and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Chair Gipson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Board meeting; none were noted.

A motion was made by Carlos Haley and seconded by Alison Hershewe to approve minutes of the September 20, 2018 Board meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book).

REPORTS

Treasurer (Ms. Linda Eis):

Linda noted financial statements for September 30, 2018 and October 31, 2018 were included in the Board packet but would be reporting information from the October statement.

Cash Graph:

Linda noted in reviewing the statements for the period ending October 31, 2018, the Cash Graph reflects cash at \$16.4M an increase of \$2.0M over the previous year.

Statement of Net Position:

Total Assets of \$172M, Total Liabilities of \$99M, which gives us a Total Net Asset of \$73M. Linda noted a semi-annual bond payment was made in September 2018.

Comparative Statement of Revenues Expenses and Changes in Net Position:

Looking at the "difference" column:

- **Total Operating Revenue** increased by \$172k over the prior year.
- **Total Operating Expenses** increased by \$376k.
- **Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)** decreased \$(31k). Linda noted the decrease is due to a one-time money appropriation from the state and a decrease due to some students not meeting the requirements for the Federal Pell Grant.
- **Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues** reflects the current year increase of \$6.0M and the prior year increase of \$6.2M reflecting a decrease of (\$234k).

Other items from the Treasurer's office:

- Linda noted BKD has been on campus the past week to perform the NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures review of Athletic activity, which is done every three years.

Treasurer (continued):

A motion was made by Tracy Flanigan and seconded by Mike Franks to approve the October 31, 2018 financial statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (A copy of the financial statements for October 31, 2018 is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book).

Vice President for Business Affairs (Mr. Rob Yust):

Note: Highlights of Rob's report are as follows:

Nixon Hall

Mr. Yust noted much of Nixon Hall is in its final stages of construction and the office and student furniture should be delivered by mid-December. This project should be completed by late fall with classes beginning in the spring of 2019.

Residence Hall

Southern is continuing to meet with architects on a possible design of the facility, which will determine if the residence hall will be a single, multi-story facility or multiple facilities similar to the quads on campus.

Trail project with the City of Joplin

The city of Joplin and Missouri Southern are finalizing the agreement for maintenance of the trail and the surrounding property of Missouri Southern and should go before the City Council November 19, 2018. When approved, and the mall/theatre executes the easement documents, and the City seeks clearance from MODOT, a bid will go out for this project. The mall/theatre management will deed the property to the City who will in turn, deed the property to MSSU. Mr. Yust anticipates construction to begin soon.

Great Game of Education (GGOE)

Jeff Gibson and MaryAnn Mitts presented the GGOE concept at the CACUBO (Central Association of College and University Business Officers) conference in Chicago, IL in October 2018. MSSU received Honorable Mention in the Best Practices category along with University of Nebraska and Kansas State University. Jeff and MaryAnn have submitted applications to present at the NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers) conference in Austin next summer.

Director of Athletics (Mr. Jared Bruggeman):

Note: Highlights of Jared's report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Sport Program Report

The Missouri Southern men and women's cross-country programs will host the 2018 Division II Central Region Championships. The men won the 2018 MIAA Title with 31 points, placing seven runners in the top-20 and each runner earning All-MIAA status. Freshman Gideon Kumutai won the individual title for the men and the Southern women placed third as a team with Ashlee Kuykendall placing fifth individually. Head Coach Jamie Burnham was named the MIAA Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

MIAA

- ✓ **Webcasting Taskforce** - Missouri Southern has finalized the agreed upon standards guide and the CEO's have approved.
- ✓ **Football Taskforce** - The Commissioner created a taskforce to analyze MIAA's current Football schedules. The chair of the committee is President Steven Scott of Pittsburg State University. The taskforce submitted its proposals to the Athletic Administrators Counsel (AAC), Institutional Representational Counsel (IRC), and was approved by the CEO Council. With a wide variety of scenarios on membership, all but one schedule will

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include non-conference games. This is being revisited per the Commissioner based on the changes in membership for football.

- ✓ **Membership Taskforce** – The Commissioner also created a taskforce to analyze Southern’s current MIAA membership and membership requirements. The Taskforce submitted its proposals to the AAC, IRC, and it was approved by the CEO Council. The major change would potentially allow institutions into the conference that do not play football.
- ✓ **Departmental Positional Searches**
- ✓ Jeff Sims was selected as Missouri Southern’s new Head Football Coach. Mr. Sims comes to us from Garden City Community College where he is currently undefeated this season and will be coaching in the National Championship Game on Thursday, November 29 in Pittsburg, KS.
- ✓ Hallie Blackney has been selected as Missouri Southern’s new Head Softball coach.
- ✓ Jakki Schneider who was Head Coach at Joplin High School for two years filled the Assistant Softball Coach position. Jakki played four years at UCM where she still holds many records.
- ✓ Southern’s Athletic Sales and Corporate Relations position was filled by Shonte Clay-Fulgham. She comes to us from Pittsburg, KS where she was the general manager of the Comfort Inn and has extensive experience in sales. Shonte is also an MSSU alum and previous basketball player for Southern.

SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee)

- ✓ Souls Harbor was the recipient of the “Trick or Treat so others can eat” campaign, sponsored by Southern students. There were over 6100 non-perishable food items collected. Mr. Bruggeman noted the pantry at Souls Harbor is completely full and should assist many in need through July 2019.
- ✓ Southern students will perform in a “Talent Show” this week and all proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

Executive Vice President (Dr. Brad Hodson):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Hodson’s report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Fundraising**Major Gifts –**

Dr. Hodson noted that since the last Board of Governors meeting in September, the following major gifts have been received:

- \$1 million pledge for a new Center for Healthcare Leadership;
- \$200,000 cash for the Center for Healthcare Leadership;
- \$120,000 cash for renovations in Taylor Performing Arts Center;
- \$50,000 pledge for renovations in Taylor Performing Arts Center;
- \$30,000 pledge for a new baseball/softball indoor practice facility;
- \$10,000 pledge for a golf indoor practice facility in Young Gym.

Endowment Reports

Over 200 donors who have established endowments with the Missouri Southern Foundation will receive a customized report on the performance of their funds this month. The endowment reports have been designed to ensure donors how their funds were invested and distributed.

Admissions

Dr. Hodson noted, for the third year in a row, Admissions has produced an Annual Enrollment Report for Southern employees detailing incoming freshmen and transfer students. This document

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also contains facts about the world in which these students grew up, having been born in 2000, providing a cultural frame of reference for faculty and staff. A copy of this report was shared during the meeting.

University Relations and Marketing

The fall 2018 edition of Crossroads Magazine were mailed out in October. The cover story featured NASA's Janet Kavandi, a "1980" Missouri Southern alum. University of Relations and Marketing (URM) will increase production of Crossroads to three times per year. The next edition will arrive in early February 2019. A copy of this magazine was shared during the meeting.

Data Health Scorecard

Dr. Hodson noted recently the Office of Development, Foundation, received good news. Raisers Edge, the Foundation's constituent and gift management software, periodically issues a "Data Health Scorecard." This score measures the reliability of all donor addresses, demographic, and financial data housed in Raisers Edge. At the time of conversion from Banner to Raisers Edge in 2017, the Foundation's data health score was a C-. Efforts to update invalid mailing addresses, deceased constituents, missing phone numbers, emails, etc., has resulted in the university's most recent data health score of a B. Dr. Hodson congratulated his team for making this data reliability possible.

Dr. Hodson noted Cassie Mathes, Director of University Relations and Marketing, has accepted a position as Director of University Relations at the University of Northern Iowa. Cassie will begin her new position late November, 2018. Dr. Hodson noted his gratitude for her leadership in URM and congratulated Cassie on her new endeavor. Chair Gipson, on behalf of the Board of Governors, also noted appreciation for Cassie's service to Missouri Southern and wished her well with her new venture.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Dr. Paula Carson):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Carson's report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

National Student Exchange

Dr. Carson noted Dr. Chad Stebbins, Director of International Studies, submitted an application several months ago regarding the National Student Exchange. This organization has over 165 universities in 49 states, Guam, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Carson noted Missouri Southern students would have a choice in attending any of the selected universities for no additional money, a wonderful opportunity for students due to MSSU having one of the lowest tuition rates in the country. If accepted, Southern will be the only university in the state of Missouri to be part of the NSE. Dr. Carson also noted this is a recruiting tool for faculty and staff. Southern employee's children could attend Missouri Southern, tuition free and go to another university of their choice for no additional cost. Recently the university earned a visit from the National Student Exchange as part of the process in evaluating Southern. Dr. Carson thanked everyone on the team for helping with the visit and noted Dr. Stebbins should hear about a decision regarding acceptance soon.

MSSU-KCU Research Consortium

Dr. Carson noted the first Missouri Southern State University-Kansas City University research collaboration was held on October 1, 2018 in Plaster Auditorium. Missouri Southern faculty shared various research projects with KCU's instructors. Dr. Carson noted it was beneficial and anticipates a second research collaboration before the end of the academic year. Dr. Carson noted there would be a ribbon cutting soon for the KCU research lab housed in Reynolds Annex and is looking forward to further partnerships with KCU.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (continued):
Accreditation Visits (NASM and ACBSP)

There have been two accreditation visits from NASM, (national accrediting agency for music and music-related disciplines) since the last Board meeting. Dr. Carson noted this is a voluntary accreditation that very few organizations are able to achieve. With the help of Dr. Talley's leadership, Southern had a very positive visit. A NASM reviewer with more than 25 years' experience noted the first visit with Southern was one of the best she has ever encountered. Dr. Carson noted at this time there are more music students than facilities, and anticipates finding resolution so accommodations can be met for those students. Southern is one of the few universities in the state that is accredited in Music.

Dr. Carson reminded the Board of the Choral Flourish coming up on November 30, 2018.

Dr. Carson noted the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) recently visited Southern's Masters of Accounting program due to it being relatively new. Dr. Carson noted the accreditation went well and only a few items were needed for responses.

Lion Cub Academy

Dr. Carson noted the Lion Cub Academy is now operating in the black due to the collective effort of Nikki Tappana, Director of Child Development Center of the Lion Cub Academy, and Lorinda Hackett, Dean of Teacher Education. Dr. Carson noted gratitude for all their work with this program in the last couple of years. Dr. Carson noted the importance of educating the lion cubs to form an academic alignment with the states program, but also noted the importance of co-curricular activities without pressuring other academic service or support leaders on campus. Dr. Carson noted some examples of co-curricular collaborations include the lion cubs learning a dance and performing during a halftime football game with the Missouri Southern dance team, participating in "Trunk or Treat" during Halloween, and dental hygiene interaction. Dr. Carson noted appreciation of the lion cub's parents who entrust Missouri Southern with the educational lives of their children.

Higher Learning Commission

Dr. Carson noted the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) accreditation team would be on campus February 4 and 5, 2019. The team would like to meet with the Missouri Southern State University's Board of Governors as part of the accreditation. A luncheon has been scheduled for that meeting on February 4 at noon in Billingsly Hall. Dr. Carson also shared a handout regarding HLC Criteria for the Accreditation.

Vice President for Student Affairs (Mr. Darren Fullerton):

Note: Highlights of Mr. Fullerton's report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Georgianne Porter Professional Services Award

Mr. Fullerton noted Cheryl Dobson, Registrar, was awarded the 2018 Georgianne Porter Professional Services Award by the Missouri Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers (MACRAO). This award is given to the individual who has demonstrated a dedication and commitment to serving students over a period of years. Mrs. Dobson has experience working directly with MSSU students since 1990, including Academic Affairs, Financial Aid, and currently the Registrar's Office. In addition, she has served as an officer in the Missouri Council on Transfer Articulation, and the Missouri Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers.

Student Success Center

The Missouri Southern Student Success Center won first place for the 2018 Website Excellence Awards sponsored by the National College Learning Center Association/Learning

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Support Centers in Higher Education. This award is given as a national recognition for outstanding student support in the area of technology.

Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) held a ceremony on November 4 inducting 33 students. This organization is a national leadership honor society with chapters at more than three hundred college campuses. The society recognizes achievement in five areas: scholarship, athletics, campus and community service, social or religious activities and campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts.

Priority Registration

Registration for the Spring 2019 term is underway for current MSSU students. To date there are 3,300 students enrolled with an anticipated increase due to registrations continuing through the end of semester.

Financial Aid

- ✓ The process of importing FAFSA's for 2019-2020 has begun. As of November 1, 2018, Missouri Southern has received over 1800 FAFSA's for the upcoming AY.
- ✓ Presidential and Excellence Scholarship notifications will be going out soon for Southern's first round of admitted students who will be enrolling for Fall 2019.

Faculty Senate President (Dr. Grant Lathrom):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Lathrom's report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Dr. Lathrom noted the Faculty Senate has met twice since the last Board meeting October 1 and November 5 of 2018. New business from the October 1 meeting included the Faculty Senate committees holding their first meetings with reports being given by Academic Policies, the Library committee, Teaching and Learning, General Education, Graduate Council, the GGOE Culture committee and the Insurance committee. Dr. Lathrom noted the Insurance committee report was extensive due to most of the committee meetings taking place over the summer. The membership of the Insurance committee was expanded to include five new faculty and five new staff members. Dr. Lathrom noted the desire was to increase the number of avenues of communication from the Insurance committee to the general population of faculty and staff. Other changes include moving most of the meeting times from the summer to the spring semester eliminating the inability of faculty members to attend Insurance committee meetings due to being away from campus over the summer.

Dr. Lathrom noted new business from the November 5 meeting was an extensive discussion regarding the timeline from when changes are accepted from Academic Policies to when the meeting documents are delivered to Senators prior to the meeting. In addition, Committee on Committees has been charged with looking at the relationship between the role of the Academic Affairs committee and the School Curriculum Oversight committees in order to provide an additional check on curricular changes and to reduce the burden on Faculty Senate.

Two items discussed individually and approved by the Faculty Senate were the Academic Rigor and Certificate Policies. Dr. Lathrom noted two subcommittees have been formed by the Academic Policies committee to further consider each of these policies.

Staff Senate President (Mrs. Angela Bennett):

Mrs. Bennett noted six staff members were elected for the Service Champ awards for the last two quarters and the recipients will be notified shortly. The awards recognize staff members having six characteristics including; respect to campus, positive attitude, pride in work, exemplary service, dependability, and excellence in customer service.

Staff Senate President (continued):

Mrs. Bennett noted the Strategic Planning Sub-Goals project has been completed by Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and Al Stadler, and has been presented to the President's Cabinet for review.

Mrs. Bennett noted the Angel Tree applications from Pell-eligible students with children (high school age or younger) were due by October 26, 2018. The Angel Tree, on display in Hearn Hall, began with 103 Angels available for adoption and at this time 92 have been selected. Donations are due by November 28 and the event will conclude with the gift-wrapping event on December 3, 2018 in Billingsly, Connor Ballroom.

Student Senate President (Jacob Layne):

Mr. Layne noted four topics from the last student senate meeting, including:

- Social Media; there is now a Senator of the week on social media to highlight the duties and responsibilities of Student Senate. Mr. Layne anticipates by sending information weekly, additional students will be informed about what is happening on campus and Student Senate.
- The Staircase project; this staircase is between Plaster Hall and the Alumni Center. This project entails broadening the staircase so more than one person can cross at a time, making it convenient for those going across campus.
- Student Senate continues to fund RSO's (Registered Student Organizations). Mr. Layne noted at the last meeting the senate agreed to fund three clubs on campus including Caduceus, Psi Chi (International Honor Society in Psychology), and Psychology club. Mr. Layne noted supporting these clubs include sponsoring conference trips, which are very beneficial for MSSU. This opportunity gives students more knowledge and potentially job opportunities in their field of study.
- The student senate unanimously agreed to donate \$100 toward the Angel Tree project and will be serving in the gift-wrapping event.

Board Committees:**Academic Affairs Committee (Mike Franks)**

Mr. Franks noted the committee meeting went very well and addressed his excitement toward Dr. Schooler's presentation regarding the new Degree Program in Health Sciences. Mr. Franks noted this program fills a need here, and anticipates this will become a signature program for the university.

Mr. Franks noted Certificates are levels of completion that students can take advantage of outside of their direct major and provide the additional level of certificate value for students. Mr. Franks also noted the following Certificates have been approved by the School Curriculum Oversight Committees (SCOC), Academic Policies (AP) and Faculty Senate (FS) as of November 5, 2018.

On behalf of the Academic Affairs committee, Mr. Frank brought forward the following proposal in the form of a motion, for Board approval:

Undergraduate Certificates including: Publication Design, Illustration, Creative Writing, Exercise Science, Mathematics Tutor Levels I & II, Music: Ensemble Performance, Music: Conducting, Music: Music Instruction, Developmental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Latin American Studies, Public History, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Graduate Certificates including: Post-Baccalaureate Studies in Art, Music: Applied Pedagogy, and Music: Ensemble Pedagogy.

Majors and Minors: Bachelor of Science in History Degree.

Academic Affairs Committee (continued):

A motion was made by Mike Franks and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to approve the Undergraduate Certificates, Graduate Certificates, and the Major and Minors (Bachelor of Science in History Degree) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, on behalf of the Academic Affairs committee, Mr. Franks brought forward the following proposal in the form of a motion, for Board approval: Associate General Education Requirements. The requirements for Missouri Southern's Associates General Education Courses have been updated to reflect the CORE 42 categories and courses reflected in our baccalaureate degree general education/Core 42 requirements.

A motion was made by Mike Franks and seconded by T. Mark Elliott to approve the Associate General Education Requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

There was also discussion regarding the "No Grade Policy." Mr. Franks noted the committee is not comfortable with this proposal at this time and has sent this policy back for further review.

In addition, Mr. Franks brought forward the following proposal in the form of a motion, for Board approval: Moving the location of Missouri Southern's Teacher Education Program from Crowder College (Jane's campus) to the McDonald County High School Campus.

A motion was made by Mike Franks and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to change the location of Missouri Southern's Teacher Education Program from Crowder College (Jane's campus) to the McDonald County High School Campus. Motion passed unanimously.

In conclusion, Mr. Franks noted the committee has agreed to meet electronically for some of their meetings, "subject to council approval." This decision has been deferred until January 2019.

Budget Audit Committee (Carlos Haley, Chair):

Mr. Haley reported the Budget Audit committee met before today's Board meeting to discuss an update on the budget impact for the fiscal year, Cash Policy, potential Cash Growth Strategy, and Investment Policy. Mr. Haley noted the committee would continue to address these issues and give updates to the Board as needed. In conclusion, Mr. Haley noted BKD reported the FY18 audit in detail during the Budget Audit committee meeting before today's Board meeting.

(more information regarding BKD below under "New Business")

President (Dr. Alan Marble):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Marble's report are as follows. Additional information can be found in a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Governor Parson

Governor Parson was on campus last month in the course of his tour around the state promoting Proposition D. The Governor was able to stay and join Senator Richard and Dr. Marble for lunch which, included discussion regarding the challenges currently facing higher education in Missouri.

Legislative Delegation

Dr. Marble noted all except for one nearby state office holders were term limited out of office this year and with the exception of Cody Smith in the House and Bill White in the Senate, the delegation will be made up of freshman legislators. Missouri Southern is planning a Legislative Day to make sure members know the programs that are offered, challenges the university encounters, and the opportunities Southern is trying to pursue.

Strategic Plan

A mouse pad designed with the Mission, Vision, Values, and five strategic goals that align with the Coordinating Board's plan "Preparing Missourians to Succeed, A Blueprint for Higher Education" was shared with each board member. Also, attached to Dr. Marble's report is a fleshed out version of the five strategic goals the Board of Governors adopted a few months ago. The development of the sub-goals started with the input from the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and

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the Great Game committee. The next step was the President's Cabinet, University Council, Dean's and Department Chairs for review and input. After going full circle to the Faculty and Staff Senates for a final review, currently the strategic sub-goals that cascade into the five guiding goals can further develop operational initiatives aimed at the realization and accomplishment of these goals within the strategy's five-year timeline. With of course periodic reporting to the University Council and the Board of Governors.

Great Game of Education (GGOE)

Dr. Marble noted as the Great Game continues to develop, Southern will be able to utilize the platform to not only identify and work toward improving the "critical number" but now the primary work of addressing the "critical purpose." Dr. Marble recalled from the planning sessions, the Mission Statement should define the "purpose for existing." The straightforward statement that the university will "educate and graduate knowledgeable, responsible, successful global citizens," describes Southern's purpose which is the foundation for the goals. If Missouri Southern hits those marks, the critical number will take care of itself.

Service

Dr. Marble noted service is one of the key values identified by faculty and staff during the Stakeholder sessions and confirmed by the Board of Governors during the planning sessions. Dr. Marble noted gratitude of the community service provided by Southern's campus community. The Greek organizations, athletes, and various other student organizations fan out across the community to provide all kinds of service throughout the year. The faculty and staff always step up when service opportunities are available. Whether it's "trunk or treat" for Halloween at the Lion Cub Academy, the Angel Tree project, or the Lion Co-op food pantry, Missouri Southern's people step up. Dr. Marble also noted that it is an honor and privilege to work with such fine people and as a Board of Governors, they are representing you and this university extraordinarily well.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**Emeritus Faculty Status (Dr. Paula Carson)**

Dr. Carson recognized two faculty members for their distinguished service to Missouri Southern, Dr. Laura Adkins and Dr. Larry Martin, who were being brought forward for consideration of being awarded Emeritus Faculty Status. Dr. Carson briefly shared eligibility requirements for this prestigious honor, which includes significant contributions in areas of teaching, job performance, scholarly, and creative activities. Faculty must hold the rank of associate or full professor and retire after a minimum of 15 years of service.

Dr. Kerry Johnson, Professor of Mathematics, spoke on behalf of Dr. Laura Adkins noting gratitude and admiration.

Chair Gipson entertained a motion to confirm Dr. Adkins for Emeritus Faculty Status.

A motion was made by Anita Oplotnik and seconded by Alison Hershewe to approve Emeritus Faculty Status for Dr. Laura Atkins as requested. Motion passed unanimously. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book).

Dr. Charles Curtis, Professor of Mathematics, spoke on behalf of Dr. Larry Martin expressing respect and appreciation.

Chair Gipson entertained a motion to confirm Dr. Adkins for Emeritus Faculty Status.

NEW BUSINESS

Emeritus Faculty Status (continued):

A motion was made by Mike Franks and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to approve Emeritus Faculty Status for Dr. Larry Martin as requested. Motion passed unanimously. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book).

Lobbyist Report, Mr. Gary Burton (Dr. Alan Marble)

Dr. Marble introduced Gary Burton of Burton & Liese Government Relations, Missouri Government Lobbyist. Mr. Burton introduced Jim Foley, who brings experience as a Legislature and has worked with Mr. Burton for nearly 17 years. Mr. Foley shared briefly information regarding the 2018 Mid Term Elections and Missouri's Amendment regarding a Gift Ban.

Mr. Burton noted at this time one of two individuals will be Budget Chair, Senator Dan Hageman or Senator David Sater (who is vice chair at this time). Scott Fitzpatrick will remain Budget Chair in the House and Cody Smith will be Vice Chair.

Mr. Burton noted last year, Missouri Southern requested \$3 million for the dental program connected with the University of Missouri, who backed out due to Missouri Southern only receiving \$2 million in appropriations. Mr. Burton noted the monies are being withheld with expectations of getting them re-appropriated. Mr. Burton noted Senator Hageman was very responsive to potentially re-appropriating the funds for either a dental or a nursing program. Dr. Marble and Mr. Burton will be meeting before the next session in January to discuss this matter.

Mr. Burton noted the Board of Higher Education recently sent their budget to the Governor asking for a 3% increase. Mr. Burton anticipates Higher Education to get larger appropriations next year due to Elementary and Secondary Education being fully funded. Mr. Burton noted it would depend on priorities for Governor Parsons once comments are brought to his attention in January.

Consideration of FY18 Audited Financial Statements (Ms. Linda Eis)

Linda introduced Kim Hamm, BKD partner who thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss the FY18 audit in detail during the Budget Audit committee meeting before today's Board meeting. Kim thanked Linda Eis as well as MSSU's finance and student teams for the quality of work they produce and for meeting BKD timelines in producing financial information and records promptly during the audit process. Kim noted an "Unmodified" or "Clean" (best) opinion audit has been issued by BKD for the FY18 audit. For the fifth year in a row, there were no findings in both the Finance and Financial Aid audits reflecting outstanding work done by all. The Board as well as Linda thanked the BKD team of Kim Hamm, Ryan Sivill, and Kyle Miller for the excellent work their team did on the audit. Linda also thanked her team including Becca Diskin, Director of Financial Aid, Alicia Hughes, Bursars office, and Michelle Arwood, Director of Accounting, for their excellent work in making the audit a success.

On behalf of the Boards Budget Audit committee, a motion to accept the BKD audit for FY2018 as presented was made by Carlos Haley and seconded by Anita Oplotnik. Motion passed. (The complete audit is included with the minutes in the permanent record book).

Consideration of Academic Policy Proposals (Dr. Paula Carson):

None at this time

Other

Chair Gipson noted a ribbon cutting and press conference would be held in the Julio S. Leon Health Sciences building immediately following the meeting.

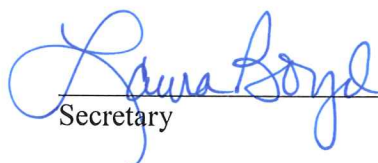
Adjournment:


Chair Gipson noted with no other business, to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Anita Oplotnik and seconded by Alison Hershewe to adjourn. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 1 o'clock.


Secretary


Chair