

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Governors
Minutes

February 20, 2015 – 1:00 pm
Billingsly Student Center, Room 310

The February 20, 2015 meeting of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors was called to order by Jim Fleischaker, Chair. Governors in attendance were Rod Anderson, Dr. Sherry Buchanan, Lynn Ewing, Tracy Flanigan, Jim Fleischaker, Keith Hankins, and Mitch McCumber; Bill Gipson was in non-attendance. Others in attendance were Dr. Alan Marble, Jared Bruggeman, Darren Fullerton, Dr. Brad Hodson, (newly appointed Executive Vice President), Dr. Pat Lipira, Rob Yust, Dr. Michael Garoutte, Robert Frossard, Kristen Blanchard (for Jon Dermott), Linda Eis, and Sharon Odem; Jon Dermott and Jake Messer were in non-attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fleischaker welcomed everyone and noted Kristen Blanchard was in attendance on behalf of Jon Dermott (Board attorney), Hayley Hanson, Husch Blackwell, was in attendance to conduct Title IX training for the Board and Dr. Brad Hodson was in attendance as the new Executive Vice President of Missouri Southern.

MINUTES

Chair Fleischaker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 16, 2015 Board meeting; none were noted.

A motion was made by Rod Anderson and seconded by Mitch McCumber to approve minutes of the January 16, 2015 Board meeting as submitted. Motion passed. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book.)

REPORTS

Treasurer (Ms. Linda Eis):

Financial Statements ending on January 31, 2015 were presented as follows:

- Cash Graph
- Statement of Net Position
- Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Cash Flow Statement

Cash Graph: The Cash Graph as of January 31, 2015 shows cash at \$19.5 million reflecting a decrease of \$1.4 million compared to the prior year. Linda noted of the \$19.5 million, \$6.5 million is Board designated cash and investments.

Statement of Net Position: As of January 31, 2015, Total Assets are \$146 million and Total Liabilities are \$47 million making Total Net Position as of January 31, 2015 at \$99 million.

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: In looking at the “difference column”, Total Operating Revenues increased by \$1.9 million. Total Operating Expenses increased by \$2.8 million. Total Non-operating Revenues increased \$853,000.

Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues: As of January 31, 2015, the current year reflects an increase of \$10.22 million. The prior year shows an increase of \$10.25 million resulting in a comparative decrease between the two years of \$30,000.

Other Revenues increased by \$1.5 million due to contributions to the new Baseball Stadium.

A motion was made by Tracy Flanigan and seconded by Lynn Ewing to approve the January 31, 2015 financial statements as presented. Motion passed. (A copy of the financial statements for January 31, 2015 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.

- ✓ **Baseball Stadium** – Even though construction is not yet entirely complete on the new stadium, MSSU was able to host its first games last weekend. Rob noted the games were very well attended with a capacity plus crowd. Construction is anticipated to be complete in March and a formal dedication is being planned for April.
- ✓ **Field House** – The steel erection for this building was delayed due to delayed delivery of the steel, but is now complete. Masonry work is complete on the exterior and interior walls on the 1st floor and installation of the roof has begun. Completion of this project is anticipated in late summer.
- ✓ **FEMA Shelter** – Work is underway on the studs and sheetrock for the restrooms and utility rooms. Installation of the roof and interior fixtures has begun and interior painting will begin next week. Possession of the Shelter is anticipated in late March.
- ✓ **Residence Hall** – Framing and the roofs on all six buildings are complete. Two of the six buildings are scheduled to be complete on the inside by the end of February with appliances being delivered by the end of March. The transformers are in place and heat is in all of the buildings to allow for finish work.
- ✓ **Temporary Labs** – MSSU recently had the opportunity to purchase, for very low cost, 15 temporary lab trailers that were used by Joplin High School after the tornado. These labs contain valuable equipment that will be utilized during and after the remodel of Reynolds Hall. Bids are currently being sought to set, support and tie down the trailers as well as hook up utilities and repair the roofs and floors where the trailers connect.
- ✓ **New HR Director** – Rob introduced and welcomed Evan Jewsbury, MSSU alum and new Human Resource Director, at Missouri Southern. Evan noted he is very appreciative to be back at MSSU and is looking forward to his new role.

Director of Athletics (Mr. Jared Bruggeman):

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.

- ✓ **Daryl Daye**, Head Football Coach, announced his resignation during a press conference yesterday. Coach Daye has taken a position as the Defensive Coordinator at Division I Northwestern State University in order to be closer to his parents who both have cancer. Jared noted a national search for a new football head coach is beginning immediately.
- ✓ The **Pride 4 Pink Basketball** event was held during a home basketball game on February 14th. Jared noted so far this year's campaign (that is still underway) has raised over \$15,000 to donate to the Freeman Foundation in support of its cancer efforts.
- ✓ **Baseball** opened the new Baseball Complex with an over capacity crowd of 600 plus last weekend as they swept a double-header from Upper Iowa. Jared gave each Governor a special commemorative hat that was distributed during the opening games to mark this special occasion.

Executive Vice President (Dr. Brad Hodson):

Mr. Fleischaker welcomed Dr. Brad Hodson to the Board meeting and to the campus. Dr. Hodson, MSSU alum, expressed appreciation for the warm welcome he has received and the opportunity to be back at MSSU.

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.

- ✓ **Enrollment Update** – Enrollment comparisons between Spring 2014 and Spring 2015 have held steady and show only a loss of four students which is a decrease of less than one percent (-.08%). Credit hours in this same timeframe have increased just over one percent (1%). International student enrollment has increased 17.72% in the last twelve months from 158 students to the current 186.

Executive Vice President (continued):

- ✓ **Licensing Revenue** has increased by 19% compared to last year and the URM team was recognized by SMA, collegiate licensing company, as the top artwork reviewer in 2014. These efforts have resulted in more MSSU apparel and merchandise being sold at local retailers.
- ✓ During its meeting two weeks ago, the Foundation Board approved a **new program** to match newly-created scholarship endowments up to \$10,000 per endowment. \$200,000 from the Evans Trust can be used for this purpose. Marketing materials are currently being developed to promote this new program.

Vice President for Academic Affairs (Dr. Pat Lipira):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Lipira'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.

- ✓ **MDHE** has given provisional approval to offer three new programs: Master of Science in Education, School Administration, Master of Science in Education, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and off-site delivery of our Master of Science in Education, Curriculum & Instruction (for delivery at Nevada, McDonald County, Jane and Webb City). Approval is also being sought from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
- ✓ **Missouri Region 6 History Day**, hosted by MSSU's Social Sciences Department, is scheduled for March 6th. This year marks the 25th year Dr. Paul Teverow has served as the coordinator. Students from area high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools will participate with approximately 200 entries anticipated. Judges will include MSSU faculty as well as volunteers from the community.
- ✓ The annual **Higher Learning Commission (HLC)** Conference will be held March 28th – 31st in Chicago. Several representatives from MSSU plan to attend including Dr. Marble, Darren Fullerton, and Dr. Lipira. Over 100 institutional presentations will provide valuable information in preparation for HLC's comprehensive evaluation of MSSU scheduled in 2018.
- ✓ Over 100 applications have been received for the **Honors Program** with interviews currently underway. Typically 35 to 40 students are admitted into this program annually.
- ✓ Group meeting sessions with each **Academic Department Chair** have recently been completed by Dr. Marble. These meetings provided an opportunity for Dr. Marble to meet each Department Chair, become acquainted and to learn about the current status of their departments as well as their plans and visions for the future.
- ✓ Dr. Lipira shared a handout from Julie Wengert, **Dual Credit** Coordinator, showing increases from last academic year of 13.97% in credit hours and 6.85% in students participating in this program. Dr. Lipira noted Julie has had remarkable success in increasing Dual Credit participation at MSSU since she began her current position two years ago.
- ✓ **New hires:** (effective August 1, 2015)
 - Mr. Mikh Gunderman – Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
 - Dr. Renee White – Associate Professor, Social Work
- ✓ **Retirees:** (effective June 30, 2015)
 - Mr. Keith Robertson – Director of Clinical Field Experiences, Teacher Education

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

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

- ✓ The Division of Student Affairs has been going through the **Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) Review** which Darren noted is equal to Program Review. Darren has worked with each department during this process and each program is in the final stage of their review process. All reports should be complete by May 1, 2015.
- ✓ **Title IX Training** for the campus continues with currently 618 members of faculty and staff having completed this federally mandated training. Training for students has begun and will take place electronically via Blackboard.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (continued):

- ✓ Esther Easter, the new **Sodexo General Manager**, began her new duties today. Darren also noted today is Mike Wonderly's last day and wished Mike the best as he relocates with Sodexo.
- ✓ Applications for **Foundation Scholarships** for the 2015-16 academic year are due by March 1. Darren noted the Financial Aid office can assist students with this process.
- ✓ **Dress for Success**, a joint effort between Career Services, the Alumni Association and the Young Professionals Network, will conduct a Professional Clothing Giveaway on March 31st in Billingsly Student Center. Darren noted several banks in the area are also involved in collecting clothing items for this event which will directly benefit MSSU students.

Faculty Liaison (Dr. Michael Garoutte - Faculty Senate, President):

Dr. Garoutte shared highlights from the report he made to the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates on February 4th as follows:

- ✓ Dr. Garoutte shared updates regarding the status of revising the **Faculty Handbook** on behalf of the Faculty Handbook Revision Oversight Committee. Dr. Garoutte noted this committee has met every Tuesday since last August and will now meet every Tuesday and Thursday in order to meet the timeline of presenting the revised Handbook to the administration on March 3rd and bringing it before the Senate during its April meeting. The Revised Handbook and a summary of the process and voting procedures will be made available to all faculty in early April and opportunities for Q & A sessions will also take place in preparation for a faculty vote during the "All Faculty" meeting scheduled on April 29th. Following the faculty vote, the Handbook will then come before the President and Board of Governors for final approval before it can take effect.
- ✓ As reported last fall, the Student Senate adopted a resolution promoting a "smoke, tobacco, and vapor-free" campus. As a result, a task force (including the VPAA, three faculty, three staff and two students) has proposed a draft of a **Tobacco-Free Campus Policy** based on a combination of policies adopted at Missouri Western and Pittsburg State.
- ✓ The campus visit of one of the candidates for the **VPAA/Provost** position was delayed due to inclement weather and has been re-scheduled for March 13th. Dr. Garoutte noted, the committee plans to make a final decision regarding filling this position as soon as possible after Spring break.
- ✓ Faculty Senate recently adopted a document defining **Domestic Partners** that will be brought before the administration for review and approval in anticipation of benefits for Domestic Partners being included in future bids for health insurance. Dr. Garoutte noted MOSERS does include Domestic Partners in its benefits.

Staff Liaison (Mr. Robert Frossard – Staff Senate, President):

Highlights from Robert's report are as follows.

- ✓ Staff Senate is undergoing Parliamentary procedure training that has proven to be very beneficial.
- ✓ Staff Senate's Welfare Committee is working on updating the reduced tuition benefit for employees to include Domestic Partners.

Student Representative (Mr. Jake Messer, Student Senate President):

Due to a scheduling conflict, Jake was unable to attend the Board meeting. On Jake's behalf, Darren Fullerton reported preparation for St. Baldrick's scheduled for March 25th is in full-swing. Various items are being sold to promote this event and individuals are still being sought who are willing to have their heads shaved for this fund raiser that benefits children with cancer.

Board Committees:

Academic Affairs Committee (Lynn Ewing, Chair):

Committee has not met; no report was given.

Board Committees (continued):

Budget Audit Committee (Mitch McCumber, Chair):

Committee Chair, Mitch McCumber, reported the Board's Budget Audit Committee met before today's Board meeting at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of setting in-state and out-of-state tuition for FY2016. Governor McCumber noted appreciation to members of the Board who were able to attend this committee meeting and thanked them for their time. Governor McCumber also noted MSSU staff shared very valuable information and thanked them for their efforts in assisting the Board in its decision process.

Governor McCumber brought forward proposals in the form of a motion setting in-state tuition and out-of-state tuition for FY16 as follows:

A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Rod Anderson to authorize the Administration to set the in-state tuition rate, the Lion Pride tuition rate, and the out-of-state tuition rate for FY2016 as follows: 1) Set the in-state and Lion Pride tuition rate at \$177.03 for FY2016; reflecting an increase of \$1.79 per-credit-hour. 2) Set the out-of-state tuition rate at \$354.06 for FY2016; reflecting an increase of \$1.06 per-credit-hour. Motion passed.

Executive Committee (Jim Fleischaker, Chair):

Committee has not met; no report was given.

Personnel Committee (Jim Fleischaker, Chair):

Committee has not met; no report was given.

President (Dr. Alan D. Marble):

Highlights of Dr. Marble's report are as follows:

- ✓ Dr. Marble **apologized** for being unable to attend the January Board meeting due to his mandatory attendance at the annual NCAA Convention. Dr. Marble noted this same conflict will occur again in 2016 and asked the Board to consider moving the January 2016 meeting to a different date, perhaps the 4th Friday in January to avoid this conflict. Chair Fleischaker asked the Board to consider an alternate date for the January Board meeting and noted a decision would be made closer to the date.
 - ✓ As a follow up to the January Board meeting, Dr. Marble noted **sabbatical requests** from Dr. Vickie Roettger, Professor of Biology (fall 2015); and, Dr. William Huffman, Professor of Accounting (spring 2016), that failed to be part of his report, were submitted last fall and completed the committee review and administrative approval process in November. Application materials for Dr. Roettger and Dr. Huffman were emailed to the Board earlier to ensure the Board was informed about the nature of these requests and the exciting projects each professor plans to undertake. Dr. Marble noted sabbaticals are a very efficient and affordable way to bring new teaching strategies, emerging technologies, and cutting edge research back to campus. The only true cost to the University for Sabbaticals is the cost to pay for adjunct instruction needed to cover the open course load.
- Board Chair, Mr. Fleischaker, noted the Board may in the future review MSSU's sabbatical policy and even though sabbatical leaves do not necessarily need Board approval, the Board may consider limiting the number of sabbaticals taken during a given time.
- ✓ The **Martin Luther King Jr. Service Celebration** that included a breakfast in Billingsly Student Center and featured speaker, Ms. Kelly Shoenbauer-Sales, Court Administrator of Jasper County 29th Judicial Circuit Juvenile/Adult Drug Diversion and Drug Court, was outstanding. Dr. Marble commended and thanked Faustina Abrahams who coordinated weeklong MLK events celebrating Dr. King's passion for service.
 - ✓ In January MSSU joined with the **Nutra Blend Corporation** in presenting \$80,000 in support to local school districts for their "back pack" programs. All of these funds were raised by employees of Nutra Blend and MSSU served as the fiscal agent and also hosted the check presentation ceremony. Mike Osborne, MSSU alum, is President and CEO of Nutra Blend and wanted to share this service opportunity with his Alma Mater.

President (continued):

- ✓ Meetings with all **Department Chairs** on campus have been completed for the purpose of learning about exciting things happening in each area and to also find out what Departments hope and dream to achieve in the future. Dr. Marble noted he learned a great deal of information through these meetings including ways MSSU's great faculty strive to go "the extra mile for our students". Providing adequate resources is an ongoing concern which Dr. Marble noted is a fundamental duty of the administration and an effort he is dedicated to.
- ✓ Dr. Marble's **testimony** before the House – Higher Education Appropriations Committee on February 2nd focused on needed resources and was basically the same presentation given to local legislators when they visited campus in December. Dr. Marble noted MSSU is primarily financed by two sources: 1) state appropriations; and, 2) tuition and fees. State appropriations have steadily declined over the years and tuition and fee income has been restricted by the law that links tuition increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). **The result of extraordinarily limited (very small) tuition increases and declining state support has resulted in MSSU receiving the lowest combined revenue per student of any public university in Missouri.** Dr. Marble noted he asked the committee to consider this problem and address it as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 (SCR9)** includes \$5,228,422 for "laboratory renovations in Reynolds Hall" at MSSU. Dr. Marble noted SCR9 was passed by the Senate and is now being considered by the House and he is confident the Governor will sign this legislation when it comes before him for approval.
- ✓ Great progress is being made with the **Great Game of Education**. Over 50 campus volunteers, who make up the Design Team, are working diligently on the elements of the "scoreboards" the campus will use to mark achievements. The Critical Number Task Force has identified the single figure that will be collectively monitored to measure results; Operating Cash. Several Departments are actively engaged in mini-games and several individuals will attend a workshop soon on High Impact Planning (the Great Game's version of Strategic Planning).
- ✓ The selection of a new **Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost** is a current pressing task of the campus and as previously reported, over 30 applications have been received. The field of applicants was narrowed to eight finalists who took part in phone interviews which enabled the committee to narrow the candidates to four. These four, very well qualified candidates, have been invited to campus for face-to-face meetings and open forum discussions with faculty and staff. Dr. Marble noted even with a delay in bringing one of the finalists to campus due to inclement weather, this search is still on schedule to name the next VPAA & Provost of Missouri Southern by mid-March.
- ✓ Dr. Marble noted pleasure in welcoming **Dr. Brad Hodson**, MSSU's new Executive Vice President. Dr. Hodson will be responsible for fund raising, grant writing, the Foundation and Alumni Offices, Admissions, Government and Community Relations, University Relations and Marketing, Sales, Sponsorships, and Intellectual Property agreements. Dr. Hodson, MSSU alum, is a seasoned professional and a highly motivated individual who Dr. Marble noted is a great addition to campus.
- ✓ Dr. Marble expressed gratitude and thanks to the community for supporting the opening of MSSU's new **Baseball Stadium** last week and for the generous donations that made the stadium possible.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**Consideration of Resolution for Delegation of Authority (Rob Yust and Hayley Hanson)**

Rob noted a draft copy of a Resolution and related policy, the "Policy with Regard to Authority to Execute Contracts and Approve Expenditures and Commitments of University Resources" authorizing the President and certain officers of the University to approve certain expenditures and commitments of University resources had recently been emailed to the Board for review and input. Due to Hayley Hanson, Husch Blackwell Law Firm, being in attendance to conduct Title IX training at the end of today's Board meeting, Rob noted it was a good

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution for Delegation of Authority (continued)

opportunity for the Board to ask questions and/or share concerns about this document. After a brief discussion, the Board expressed a desire to establish a threshold limit of \$100,000 for individuals delegated by the Board to make expenditures. Hayley responded there is not a “magic number” for the expenditure limit and each institution should choose a dollar amount they are comfortable with.

Governor McCumber noted he became comfortable with the proposed policy and \$100,000 expenditure limit when it was clarified all of the expenditures, associated with this policy, will come out of fiscal budgets already approved by the Board. Hayley noted an important function of this policy is to ensure only people who have authorization to sign contracts at the University, sign contracts on behalf of the University. Dr. Buchanan noted there has been a concern in the past that people who were not authorized to sign were signing contracts. Dr. Buchanan also asked if the University has a central repository for contracts or plans to establish one. Rob responded, his office through Connie Shelton, has made an effort to gather contracts from across campus this past year, but this process is ongoing. Hayley responded software is available that can determine renewal dates and tract contracts and this option will be explored in the future as a way to centralize and monitor all campus contracts.

Chair Fleischaker asked if the Board was ready to vote on the resolution and proposed policy as amended with a lower threshold of \$100,000 for expenditures or if more questions or concerns needed answers. The Board verbally agreed to bring these documents forward for a vote.

A motion was made by Rod Anderson and seconded by Mitch McCumber to approve the Resolution and “Policy with Regard to Authority to Execute Contracts and Approve Expenditures and Commitments of University Resources” as amended with a \$100,000 threshold for expenditures. Motion passed.

Consideration of Academic Policies Proposals (Dr. Pat Lipira):

Dr. Lipira noted one submission, a request to make a change in the BAS Degree, is being brought before the Board today for approval.

A motion was made by Lynn Ewing and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to approve the February 20, 2015 Reports and Curricular Proposals as presented. Motion passed. A copy of the Summary of the Reports and Curricular Proposals for February 20, 2015 are attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Board Retreat (Mr. Jim Fleischaker)

Mr. Fleischaker asked the Board’s thoughts regarding holding a retreat in April and suggested beginning early on a Friday morning for a one-day retreat. Mr. McCumber noted Board members already have Friday, April 17th reserved on their calendars for the April Board meeting and suggested that day as an option.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to begin a retreat early the morning of April 17th, recess for the April Board meeting at 1 o’clock, and then conclude the retreat following the Board meeting.

Mr. Fleischaker encouraged the submission of retreat topics to either himself or Dr. Marble as soon as possible.

Prairie Land Update (Mr. Rob Yust, Dr. Teresa Boman, Dr. Jason Willand & Mr. Randy Haas)

Rob presented a PowerPoint highlighting two different tracts of Prairie Land owned by the University and a proposal for management of this land. The presentation included information about MSSU’s Native Tallgrass Prairie which appears to have never been plowed due to Mima mounds and what appear to be buffalo wallows that are visible during the spring. This approximate 38 acre tract of Native Tallgrass Prairie has very diverse vegetation, several species of high-quality tallgrass prairie, and a variety of different species of birds that enables this land to be a unique highly educational outdoor classroom. The second tract of prairie land (non-Native Tallgrass) is 10 acres and located east of the softball fields. Detailed aerial photos and maps showing the location of these tracks of land and also a 3.85 acre tract owned by the Catholic Church located in one corner of MSSU’s Tallgrass Prairie were included in the presentation.

Dr. Teresa Boman and Dr. Jason Willand, MSSU Biology Department, shared information about current uses of MSSU’s prairie land and how it provides unique hands-on learning experience for Biology and

Prairie Land Update (continued)

Environmental Health majors that cannot be found at other Universities. Rob noted MSSU is the only university in the state and maybe in the nation that owns Native Tallgrass Prairie within walking distance of campus.

Mr. Randy Haas, Missouri Conservation and Land Management Specialist, shared information about managing the prairie and the possibility of obtaining grant funds to assist MSSU personnel, faculty and students in maintaining its prairie according to Missouri Conservation standards.

In order to preserve and protect the prairie land owned by the University, Rob brought forward the following proposal: (1) Permanently set aside and preserve 14.35 acres of Native Tallgrass Prairie for students and faculty to use as a natural outdoor laboratory. These 14.35 acres will remain undeveloped, but will be actively managed in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Conservation. (2) Designate 23.48 acres of the Native Tallgrass Prairie for future development by MSSU as opportunities occur. Until this land is developed, it will remain protected and be managed in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Conservation. When this land is developed, efforts will be made to preserve and incorporate the prairie in whatever development does occur. (3) Continue the use of the 10 acre non-Native Tallgrass Prairie (east of the softball fields) by cross-country track and use for research while managing it in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was brought forward for Board approval:

A motion was made by Dr. Sherry Buchanan and seconded by Mitch McCumber to set aside and preserve 14.35 acres of Native Tallgrass Prairie owned by Missouri Southern State University for non-development and use for research as a natural laboratory. Management and preservation of these 14.35 acres will be done in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Motion passed unanimously.

Governor Ewing did note even though he would vote for approval to designate 14.35 acres of Tallgrass Prairie to be preserved for non-development, his personal preference is to protect all of the acres of prairie owned by MSSU from non-development.

Mr. Fleischaker asked Kristen Blanchard, acting Board attorney, to research whether or not the Board's approval today to preserve 14.35 of Native Tallgrass Prairie from development, is permanent or if a future Board could over-turn this decision. Ms. Blanchard responded, she would need to research Mr. Fleischaker's question and respond at a later date.

Title IX Training for Board of Governors (Mr. Darren Fullerton & Hayley Hanson)

The Board agreed to take a short recess before the Title IX training began and to allow non-Board members to leave the meeting if desired.

OTHER

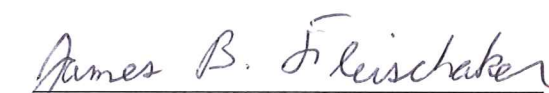
Mr. Fleischaker asked the Board whether or not a March Board meeting was needed due to the regular meeting date falling during Spring break when the campus is scheduled to be closed. Dr. Buchanan asked if Board committees should still meet as needed; specifically the Academic Affairs and the Budget Audit committees. Dr. Buchanan also asked if conflicts with Board meeting dates and Spring break will continue and noted alternate dates for Board meetings may need to be considered in the future.

Mr. Fleischaker noted due to the campus being on its four day work schedule during the time of the regularly scheduled May and June Board meetings, alternate dates for these meetings are needed and asked Sharon and Dr. Marble to research date options and availability of facilities for these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

After completion of the Board's Title IX training, a motion was duly made and seconded for the meeting to adjourn. An Executive Session of the Board was not needed.


Secretary


Chair