

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Governors Minutes
June 18, 2020
Billingsly Student Center,
Ball Room

The June 18, 2020 meeting of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors was called to order by Bill Gipson, Chair. Governors in attendance were T. Mark Elliott, Bill Gipson, Carlos Haley, Alison Hershewe, Mariann Morgan, Anita Oplotnik, Ron Richard, and Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg. Others in attendance were Jared Bruggeman, Dr. Paula Carson, Jon Dermott, Darren Fullerton, Dr. Mikh Gunderman, Dr. Brad Hodson, Dr. Alan Marble, Sarah Schultz, Debra Schow-Smith, Rob Yust, Linda Eis, and Laura Boyd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gipson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Chair Gipson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 30th, 2020 Board meeting; none were noted.

A motion was made by Mariann Morgan and seconded T. Mark Elliott to approve minutes of the April 30, 2020 Board meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book).

REPORTS

Treasurer (Ms. Linda Eis):

Cash Graph:

Linda noted in reviewing the statements for the period ending May 31, 2020, the Cash Graph reflects cash at \$14.310M, a decrease over the prior year of \$16k. Year-end cash will be down primarily due to the state appropriation reductions in the last quarter of this year. Linda also noted the Cash balance fluctuates daily but, as of today, the balance is \$17.3M.

Statement of Net Position:

Total Assets

As of May 31, 2020, Total Assets are \$185M and Total Liabilities are \$124M. Total Net Assets of \$61M.

• **Comparative Statement of Revenues Expenses and Changes in Net Position:**

Looking at the “difference” column:

- **Total Operating Revenue** has increased over the prior year by \$45k. Federal grants include CARES Act (COVID) funding of \$2.1M for students and \$839k for the institution.
- **Total Operating Expenses** reflect an increase of \$909k. Scholarships include the CARES Act activity of student payments \$2.1M.
- **Non-Operating Revenue** decreased (\$1.6M). Appropriations reflect state restrictions for April and May. The June statements will reflect additional state restrictions for total withholdings of \$3.1M. This was offset by one-time funding of STEM and MoExcels appropriations of \$1.9M.
- **Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues** reflects a decrease in the current year (\$1.3M), and an increase in the prior year at \$1.2M reflecting a decrease of (\$2.5M) from the prior year.

Treasurer (continued):**Other:**

Linda noted BKD would be working next week (combination of remote and on-campus field work) to begin the annual audit and will start with SFA (Student Financial Aid) and some Finance. The intent is to present the annual audit at the November Board meeting. However, BKD has noted that the Federal Supplemental Compliance guidance that is provided each year is not yet out. It is expected soon, however; BKD is expecting a supplement to the supplement for review of the CARES Act federal funding. It is a separate major program that will stand alone and is not part of the student financial aid cluster.

Linda also reminded the campus that year end is June 30, 2020 and requests the assistance of the campus to provide any final year end items by Monday, July 6th, 2020.

Linda's final comment was appreciation to Dr. Marble for his leadership, guidance and kindness both personally and to the campus.

A motion was made by Carlos Haley and seconded by Anita Oplotnik to approve the May 2020 financial statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (A copy of the financial statements for May 2020 are 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:

Residence Hall

Mr. Yust noted the under-slab plumbing is complete in all sections and floor slabs have been poured. The installation of the pre-fab wood framing sections and ceiling trusses have begun. The block elevator/stair tower is approximately 50% complete. The residence hall will be approximately 92,000 square feet, four story facility, and house approximately 300 students. Mr. Yust noted the project is scheduled for completion by Summer 2021 with occupancy in the Fall 2021.

Trail project with the City of Joplin

Mr. Yust noted the City held a pre-construction meeting on Monday, June 15th, 2020. The contractor has begun construction on the trail. Anticipated completion of this project is mid-September 2020.

Note* This project was initiated in February 2013.

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

- *Track and Field:*

Southern's men's and women's indoor track and field teams picked up a total of 21 student-athletes who earned All-American honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association. Jasmine Deckard earned honors in three separate events, including the 60m, 200m, and 4x400m relay. Assistant Coach Brian Allen, who coaches the throwers, will be going into the Pittsburg State Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

- *Athletic Success:*

The Athletic Department had 23 MIAA Athletes of the Week throughout the year, including two National Players of the Week. There were 55 named All-MIAA, and 24 were named All-Region. Multiple student athletes earned All-American honors.

- *Grades*

Athletics posted its 5th consecutive semester with a department cumulative GPA above a 3.00 and a 3.16 GPA as of this spring. There were 199 students above a 3.00 GPA while 105 earned a 3.50 GPA or higher. Currently 9 students carry a 4.00 GPA.

Director of Athletics (continued):**MIAA News**

- The Webcasting Task Force continue to meet and have settled on Blue Frame for the vendor. Minimum standards have been set for broadcasting/webcasting.
- Jared serves on the Membership Committee, and will be doing site visits this summer with potential members – Rogers State and Newman University.
- The Scheduling Committee, Championships Committee, and the IRC (Institutional Representative Council) have met and sent final approval in reduction in championships, and MIAA sport schedules, to the CEO's. Those schedules were approved by the CEO's on Monday, July 15, 2020 and the entirety of the schedules will be released this week.

Departmental News

- Southern's Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) met by Zoom for the annual Summit with MIAA SAAC Rep. The initiative "WECARE" will continue through the 2021 academic year including the "Total Package Student Athlete" which incorporates mental health, diversity and inclusion, professional development, and "Love to Play" activities to encourage kids to avoid burn out and injuries due to specializing too early in sports.

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.

Admissions**Fall 2020 Applications/Admissions**

- Dr. Hodson shared a six-year comparison with first-time freshmen (FTF) applications, admits, and enrollment on census day (20th day of the fall semester). The first five columns (FY15-FY19) are final numbers on the 20th day. The last column (*) are numbers as of this morning (6/18/20). There are twelve weeks before the 20th day – census day on Friday, September 11, 2020:

| | Fall 2015 | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020* |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| FTF Applications | 2,344 | 2,608 | 2,689 | 2,173 | 2,305 | 1,794* |
| FTF Admissions | 2,215 | 2,476 | 2,608 | 2,124 | 2,253 | 1,784* |
| FTF on Census Day | 925 | 1,053 | 1,011 | 908 | 729 | ? |
| Yield | 41.7% | 42.5% | 38.77% | 42.75% | 32.36% | ? |

Incoming Freshmen Enrollment

- Dr. Hodson noted admissions is partnering with First Year Experience (FYE) and the Office of Advising Counseling and Testing (ACTS) to enroll as many freshmen as possible. An "Enroll-a-thon" is occurring today as a joint effort between Admissions, ACTS, and FYE. Admissions has sent over 4,000 text messages to admitted students encouraging them to enroll or register for a Southern Welcome event in June.

International Enrollment

- Dr. Hodson noted the numbers listed above are almost entirely domestic students. International enrollment is much more challenging in 2020. Three things are significantly impacting international students arriving on campus by the start date of August 17, 2020 including:
 - 1) Most U.S. embassies around the world are shut down until August;
 - 2) Some countries will not allow their citizens to travel outside their country;
 - 3) The U.S. has an incoming travel ban in place for China, countries in central Europe, the U.K., Ireland, and Brazil – all of which MSSU recruit's students.

*In the Fall 2019, Southern had 179 international students enrolled on census day.

Executive Vice President (continued):
University Relations and Marketing
Enrollment Marketing

- Dr. Hodson noted URM has undertaken the “Quality Education Close to Home” campaign. The aim of the digital and traditional marketing campaign is to ensure students 1) Southern plans to be open for face-to-face classes this fall; and 2) Southern is a quality option for students unsure about traveling to larger or distant campuses to start or continue their education. Billboards are being placed in two locations on I-44 (near Mercy and outside Springfield), on Rangeline road in Joplin, and in Neosho. Television ads featuring the message have been running on all four local networks and several cable channels (A&E, FX, Freeform, Lifetime, TLC, TBS, and FXX). Digital ads are being focused on social media within 60 miles of campus and in the 18-25 demographic range. Print ads are running in Joplin Globe and JMag.

Missouri Southern Foundation
Foundation Board members

- Dr. Hodson noted four new members have joined the Missouri Southern Foundation board of directors in May. The total number of directors is up 30 from 14 in 2015. The new board members include:
 - Mr. Scott Brothers (Class of 1972) – President, the Insurancenter
 - Mr. Larry Cowger (Class of 1972) – Former Vice President, Arvest Bank
 - Mrs. Tammy Trent (Class of 1987) – Senior Vice President, Leggett & Platt
 - Mr. Chris Dumm – Attorney (filling an unexpired term since 2018)

Members of the Foundation board are elected to three-year terms and may serve up to nine years total if subsequently re-elected. (No existing members of the board were cycling off this year due to term limits).

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.

Missouri “Return Strong” Campaign

- Dr. Carson noted in connection with Governor Parson’s “Show Me Strong” recovery plan, the Missouri Department of Higher Ed and Workforce Development launched its return Strong campaign to help assist with economic recovery efforts from COVID-19. The focus is to help Missourians skill up and get back to work, and to safely and responsibly reopen Missouri’s public workforce system. Missourians may be eligible to receive up to a \$4,000 training voucher to skill up and competitively re-enter the workforce. Southern is approved to offer two short-term programs (completed fully online in 180 days or less). The Plaster College of Business adjusted their schedule to make it possible to offer certificates in entrepreneurial Planning and Management and Entrepreneurial Operations that can be completed in one semester.

Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant

- Dr. Carson noted this adult financial aid program began with the 2019-20 academic year. It addresses workforce needs by helping adults pursue a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential in an area designated as high need. Recipients must maintain Missouri residency and work in Missouri for three years after graduation to prevent the grant from becoming a loan that must be paid back with interest. To be eligible individuals must be 25 years or older or individuals who have not been enrolled in any school within the last two years. The grant will serve students who have not earned a bachelor’s degree and are planning to enroll part time or full time. Individuals who make no more than \$80,000 filing jointly, or no more than \$40,000 per year, filing any other taxes. Southern has over 50 approved programs in this data base including Healthcare programs; numerous Criminal Justice certificates, associate and bachelor’s degrees; Social Work and Teacher Ed programs.

Academic Affairs (continued):**Missouri Eligible Training Provider System (ETPS)**

- Dr. Carson noted this program was established in compliance with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 to provide customer-focused employment training resources for adults and dislocated workers. Southern currently have 39 programs approved for the 2020-21 academic year and continue to add more.

Volunteer Tracers Solicitation Shared with Lions

- Dr. Carson noted the Joplin Health Department is asking for assistance (in making phone calls to individuals under quarantine) from faculty/staff/students, due to numbers of COVID-19 in the area spiking in the past several days.

Perkins 2020-21

- Dr. Carson noted MSSU was awarded \$80,000 in Perkins grants so far this year and have an opportunity to be awarded an additional \$40,000 for equipment. Approved requests include:
 - FAROLaser Scanner – high speed three-dimensional laser scanner for detailed measurement and documentation.
 - Avtrach with ventilator patented technology – ensures a fully immersive learning experience with a simulated tracheostomy patient.

KCU-Yours to Lose (YTL) Updates

- 15 YTL MSSU graduates starting KCU med school in July. An additional two accepted through partner program.
- 16 new students have been accepted into the 2020 cohort.
- YTL scholarships from KCU of between \$2,500 and \$10,000.
- Pinning and Green Coat ceremony being scheduled for July.

Gallery Grant

- MSSU Spiva Gallery selected to participate in collections assessment for preservation program. Spiva announces that it is one of 75 institutions in the US selected to participate in the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program. CAP helps museums improve the care of their collections by providing support for a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections and buildings.

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.

CARES Act Funding

Mr. Fullerton noted Southern has applied for funding under the Coronavirus Aid, relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These monies are separated into two separate funding opportunities. Higher Ed Emergency Relief Fund and Student Aid. The grant application was submitted on 4/15/20 in the amount of \$2,378,137.00. Currently Southern has awarded \$2,096,250.00 to 3,225 students (\$650 per student). The remaining \$281,887.00 will be disbursed by July 1, 2020.

Project Stay

Mr. Fullerton noted due to the change in schedule during the Spring 2020 academic term, the Project Stay Program had to alter many of their activities and services. Southern was able to reallocate funds that were not spent on budgeted items to provide grants for summer school. Project Stay was able to provide grants of \$657 to a total of 37 students to assist them in paying their summer school tuition. Awards totaled \$24,309.00.

Residence Hall

Mr. Fullerton shared pictures of the Lion Village Residence Hall scheduled to open the Fall of 2021.

Vice President for Student Affairs (continued):**Spencer Bartlett Respect Award**

Mr. Fullerton noted since 1970, the Spencer-Bartlett Respect Award has been given to Southern students who have shown the greatest respect for God, the United States and their fellow man.

The recipient must be a May graduate maintaining above average grades. This year's winners include:

- First Place, (\$2,000) Sarah Schultz and Brennan Cummings
- Second Place, (\$1,400) Kelsey Martin and Spencer Dawson
- Third Place, (\$1,000) Emilee Curran and Jonathan Lenz

COVID-19

Mr. Fullerton noted Southern has a 21-member Task Force who meet regularly for a variety of factors following the CDC's guidelines concerning the pandemic. Governor Oplotnik questioned Southern's policy/procedures in the case a parent was to call about their child. Mr. Fullerton noted it would be a HIPAA violation to give any information regarding other students. Governor Morgan questioned incoming procedures, and Governor Hershewe questioned enrollment, and how people would know Southern is a safe place. Governor Gipson questioned what kind of communication is currently going out from the university. Governor Hershewe noted the university should get the general communication out, letting people know Southern is abiding by the CDC guidelines and staying on top of quarantine issues with accurate information. Mr. Fullerton noted plans are being worked out to fill all of the questions above. Mr. Fullerton also noted a policy/procedure is in the works and masks may be required in the fall for face-to-face classes.

Faculty Senate President (Dr. Mikh Gunderman):

Note: Highlights of Dr. Mouser's report are as follows.

Dr. Gunderman noted gratitude for the dedication to student success demonstrated by Southern's staff, faculty, and administration during the Spring 2020 semester. Dr. Gunderman noted during the 2020-21 term, the Faculty Senate will continue to work on a number of agenda items from last year including developing and refining the intellectual property agreement and policy language that allows for promotion in rank and protections for non-tenure track faculty. The Senate will also be working on updates to Chapter 8 of the Faculty handbook, pertaining to Grievance and Termination policies, and supporting diversity and inclusion through the creation of a preferred name policy for students, staff, and faculty.

Staff Senate President (Ms. Debra Schow-Smith):

Note: Highlights of Ms. Forsythe's report are as follows.

Staff Concerns Regarding COVID-19

Ms. Schow-Smith noted prior to campus reopening, the Staff Senate began receiving inquiries from staff about what to expect and how to stay protected during and after the reopening process. Questions and concerns were collected and provided to the President's Cabinet for comment. PC provided responses which were then shared by the Staff Senate to both staff and faculty.

Staff Senate Mask Project

Mrs. Schow-Smith noted appreciation to the Senate and staff volunteers who arranged for complimentary, handsewn cloth facemasks for all staff and faculty returning to campus on May 11, 2020. Over 350 masks have been distributed thru this project. Volunteer's include:

- ❖ Kandee Behnke, Administrative Assistant – English Department
- ❖ Liz Ebert, Business Manager – Foundation
- ❖ Sharon Fraser, Default Prevention Counselor – Financial Aid
- ❖ Martha Freeman, Administrative Assistant – Academic Outreach
- ❖ Teresa Shufflin, Database & Prospect Research Director - Foundation
- ❖ Celeste Tarrant, Early Childhood Teacher – Lion Cub Academy

Staff Senate President (continued):**Quarterly Service Champ**

Ms. Schow-Smith noted recognition is given to outstanding staff members through the Southern Service Champ Award. Awardees are nominated by peers and must meet the five pads of the Lion Paw. First Quarter recipients include:

- ❖ April Bunch, Custodian – East Hall
- ❖ Maghan Henson, Compliance Coordinator – Registrar's Office
- ❖ Debra Swearingen, Mental Health Counselor – ACTS

Staff Senate Bylaws Change

Ms. Schow-Smith noted the Governance Committee made a change to the bylaws, which were approved by Staff Senate and President's Cabinet. The change included modifying the Senate year to begin immediately following the conclusion of the scheduled June Senate meeting - allowing the incoming Senate body to hold a second meeting to elect officers and select committee chairs for the upcoming year.

Student Senate President (Ms. Sarah Schultz):

Ms. Schultz noted, due to the shortened time with Student Senate sessions on campus, and many businesses closed or changes in business hours, current projects became delayed. Ms. Schultz also noted while there have been delays, she is confident the upcoming Executive team will continue to implement those projects while improving the quality of student experience here at Southern.

Ms. Schultz noted this would be her last meeting and expressed appreciation toward Southern's administration. Ms. Schultz noted while the university is experiencing unprecedented times, she is optimistic for the future of Southern.

Board Committees:**Academic Affairs Committee (Anita Oplotnik):**

Note: Highlights of Governor Oplotnik's report are as follows.

Governor Oplotnik reported the Academic Affairs Committee communicated via email and voted digitally regarding the following items, which have been approved by the respective School Curriculum Oversight Committees (SCOC), Academic Policies (AP) and Faculty Senate (FS) as of May 4, 2020.

Governor Oplotnik brought forward the following proposal in a form of a motion, for Board approval:

- ❖ New Certificate – European Studies Certificate, Social Science Department
- ❖ New Certificate – Hazardous Material Management, Biology and Environment Health Department
- ❖ New Major – Bachelor of Science in International & Political Affairs (IPA) concentration in Social Science Education, Social Science Department

A motion was made by Anita Oplotnik and seconded by Alison Hershewe to approve two new Certificates and one new Major as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Audit Committee (Carlos Haley):

Note: Highlights of Governor Haley's report are as follows.

Governor Haley reported the Budget Audit committee met before today's Board meeting to discuss the status of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and withholdings from the state regarding the FY21 Budget. Historically the administration would set and approve the budget this month, but until appropriations are finalized by the State, the administration will need to wait to finalize the budget for FY21.

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.

President (continued):**Diversity & Inclusion**

Dr. Marble noted with all the challenges faced since the last meeting, state budget cuts, COVID, “stay at home order,” etc., nothing compares to the senseless death of George Floyd. Several members of this university will meet at 3:30pm this afternoon in front of this building for a photography session to demonstrate support for a public statement authored by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Budget

Dr. Marble noted the COVID-19 pandemic caused a major disruption in the economy nationwide and Missouri is no exception. As the “stay at home” orders took effect, the unemployment numbers skyrocketed from historic lows of around 3.5% to over 20%. This contraction in the workforce had a predictable and negative impact on state revenue as personal income tax withholdings dwindled, sales tax revenue declined, and even lottery proceeds fell. Additionally, the 2019 income tax filing deadline was moved to July 15, 2020, which made current year collections very difficult to predict. The Governor imposed restrictions (withholdings) that reduced Southern’s core budget amounting to almost two full months of our annual appropriation. Southern is fortunate to have built up reserves over the past few years to help manage this shortfall, and the CARES Act will help get the university through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020). Southern employees should take note that without further assistance from the federal government, it is near certainty that the FY20-21 budget will suffer very significant cuts (and/or withholdings). The problem is that since the Governor has not signed HB3, the university does not have a starting place to develop a budget for next year.

COVID-19

Dr. Marble noted due to the Governors order to re-open the state, the administration is encouraging individuals to continue to practice social distancing, avoid touching your face, wash hands frequently, wear masks when in groups where social distancing is impossible, and use the hand sanitizers that are located all over campus. Most importantly, when feeling ill, please stay home. If a person is immune compromised, or living with someone who is, Southern administration should know so alternate work arrangements can be made for employees or alternate schedules/course delivery can be made for students.

Thank you

Dr. Marble noted he has been talking about “last times” throughout the year, the last Homecoming, the last commencement, and now, the last Board of Governors meeting. Dr. Marble thanked various people including the Board of Governors for the opportunity to serve this great university. Dr. Marble noted it had been the privilege of a lifetime, and he and Lori (his wife) are very grateful.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A**NEW BUSINESS****Consideration of Academic Policies Proposals (Dr. Paula Carson) – N/A****Election of Board Officers (Chair Gipson):**

Chair Gipson noted it is time for the Board to hold its yearly election of officers for Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and asked for nominations as follows:

Secretary:

A motion was made by Anita Oplotnik and seconded by Alison Hershewe to nominate Laura Boyd for Board Secretary. No additional nominations were made, the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer:

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg and seconded by Ron Richard to nominate Linda Eis for Treasurer. No additional nominations were made, the motion was approved unanimously.

Election of Board Officers (continued):

Vice Chair:

A motion was made by Mariann Morgan and seconded by Dr. Rosenberg to nominate Anita Oplotnik for Board Vice Chair. No additional nominations were made, the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair:

A motion was made by T. Mark Elliott and seconded by Ron Richard to nominate Alison Hershewe for Board Chair. No additional nominations were made, the motion was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Dr. Marble (Chair Gipson):

Chair Gipson noted the intention was to have many events to recognize Dr. Marble for his 7 years of service to the university months ago, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it did not happen. At this time, Chair Gipson presented Dr. Marble with various awards including the below:

Resolution

Chair Gipson read aloud the Resolution Establishing Scholarship for Dr. Marble:

WHEREAS Dr. Alan Marble has served, nobly and with distinction, as President of Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors wishes to establish the Dr. Alan Marble Presidential Scholarship to honor Dr. Marble for his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Governors authorizes Mr. William Gipson to solicit, on behalf of the Board of Governors, individual contributions from current and past members of the Board of Governors, the Missouri Southern Foundation board of directors, the Missouri Southern Alumni Association board of directors and the Lionbackers Steering Committee members; and friends of Missouri Southern State University. Contributions shall be deposited with the Missouri Southern Foundation, Dr. Alan Marble Presidential Scholarship. The Board of Governors authorizes Mr. Gipson to request of the Missouri Southern Foundation that a scholarship agreement be developed for the Dr. Alan Marble Presidential Scholarship. Said agreement shall be written according to the desires of Dr. Marble as to scholarship award criteria.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Board of Governors.

ADOPTED by the Board of Governors of Missouri Southern State University this 18th day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Alison Hershewe and seconded by Mariann Morgan to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Various Recognition for Dr. Marble included:

- Governor Rosenberg introduced Ryan Stanley, Mayor of Joplin, MO. Mr. Stanley presented Dr. Marble with a proclamation from the City of Joplin for his leadership both on campus and in the community.
- On behalf of the Student Senate, Sarah Schultz, Student Senate President, presented a proclamation to Dr. Marble for acknowledgment in a distinguished career, service and leadership to Missouri Southern.
- On behalf of Senator Bill White, Missouri State Senate, Governor Richard presented Dr. Marble with a proclamation regarding a unanimous vote from the Senate recognizing Dr. Marble's involvement and efforts and actions at the university and in the community.
- Governor Elliott introduced Missouri State Representative Ben Baker. On behalf of other state representatives, Mr. Baker presented Dr. Marble with a proclamation for his elite citizenship and admiral leadership.
- On behalf of Congressman Billy Long's office, Mike Landis presented Dr. Marble with a United States flag that has been flown from the capital.

Various Recognition (continued):

- A video of Senator Roy Blunt was presented to Dr. Marble expressing gratitude for the work and accomplishments toward higher education during his tenure and his sincere dedication to making lives of students, campus community, and Southwest Missouri better.

Chair Gipson thanked Dr. Marble for his hard work, leadership, and friendship and noted he would be sorely missed.

Future Meeting Date:


The next meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 1 o'clock.

Adjournment:

Chair Gipson noted the Board did not need to go into a closed Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Anita Oplotnik and seconded by Ron Richard to adjourn. Motion passed.


Chair


Secretary