

**MSSU Board of Governors Meeting  
Vice President for Business Affairs  
November 17, 2017**

**Construction**

**Nixon Hall** – On November 7, we held a pre-bid conference for the subs who wish to bid on the project. Bids are due back from the subs on November 30 and construction will start in December. This facility will mainly house Math classrooms and offices. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2018 with classes starting in the spring 2019.

Budget – HB 2017 \$1.5M, HB 2018 \$5M; Fundraised \$1.5M, = \$8M

Architect – Paragon (Spfd.)

Contractor - Crossland

**Trail project w/City of Joplin** –The City is scheduled to put the project out to bid in January and will take it to the City Council for final approval in February. Construction should begin within 60 days with completion in the spring or summer.

FEMA has finally approved the City's CLOMR (Conditional Letter of Map Revision) application and letters have been sent to the 3 property owners (MSSU, Northpark Mall & Spring River Christian Village) notifying them of the change on the flood plain.

Budget - \$80K (lighting)

**GGOE Distribution** – If you recall, last month the Board voted to distribute a portion of the FY 2017 excess cash generated over the GGOE critical number. Last week, we distributed over 530 checks to our employees. We have heard very positive comments to that effort and the campus very much appreciates the Board's decision to share the excess cash.

**Southern Summit** – This week we held our first ever "Southern Summit" which is a two day professional development event for our employees. There were 30 break-out sessions each day in five different categories (student success/retention, academics, leadership, safety/security and all things MOSO). Speakers came from inside and outside the University and approximately 200 employees attended the sessions.

Thanks go out to all of the speakers, CIGNA who sponsored the lunch both days and specifically to the HR office who spearheaded the event.