

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Governors
Minutes

February 19, 2010 – 1:00 pm
Billingsly Student Center, Room 310

The February 19th meeting of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors was called to order by Chair, Rod Anderson. Governors in attendance were Rod Anderson, David Ansley, Sherry Buchanan, Dwight Douglas, David Jones, Dr. Charles McGinty, Nancy Perry, and Richard Walter. Others in attendance were Dr. Bruce Speck, Dr. Brad Kleindl, Dr. Mark Parsons, Rob Yust, Dr. Roger Chelf, Darren Fullerton, Linda Eis, Jon Dermott, and Sharon Odem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rod Anderson welcomed the Board and noted a Retreat is scheduled to begin after today's Board meeting and will continue on Saturday.

MINUTES

A motion was made by David Ansley and seconded by Sherry Buchanan to approve minutes of the January 15, 2010 Board meeting. Motion passed. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book.)

REPORTS

Financial (Linda Eis, Treasurer):

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

A motion was made by Charles McGinty and seconded by Richard Walter to approve the January 31, 2010 financial statements. Motion passed. (A copy of the financial statements for January, 2010 are attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.)

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

- **Beimdiek Student Recreation Center**
 - Only punch list items remain.
 - The main signage for the offices, directories, etc. is scheduled to be installed next week.

Dr. McGinty requested a summary of expenses for this project. Rob replied a full report to the Board will be provided once this project is complete.

- **Health Sciences Building**
 - This project is progressing well. The exterior work is almost complete and work on the interior is quickly progressing.
 - Work on the front drive & parking spaces has resumed.
 - As of this date, approximately \$13 million has been requested and reimbursed (in a timely manner) from the state Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative funds.
- **Mansion Renovation**
 - All demolition at the mansion site is complete.
 - All interior plumbing & wiring is complete. Masons are installing new block walls on both the inside and outside.
 - Estimated completion date is mid April, 2010.

VP for Development/Executive Director of the Foundation (Dr. Mark Parsons):

- **Alumni**
 - Legacy Day, held on February 6th, was a great success with over 85 legacies in attendance.
 - An “All Athletes Reunion” is scheduled for February 20th with over 45 athlete alumni expected.
 - A reception in conjunction with the MIAA post season basketball tournament scheduled March 4th – 7th in Kansas City is planned for the KC Alumni Chapter.
- **University Relations & Marketing (URM)**
 - A new link to YouTube has been added to the Home page. This site features promotional videos, a virtual tour of the Biemdiek Recreation Center and videos produced by Lifelong Learning featuring several MSSU faculty members.
 - The YouTube site is a compliment to other social networking efforts managed by URM and is a compliment to Facebook and Twitter already available.
- **Development**
 - Due to a donation, an endowment of over \$20,000 for International Studies has been established.
 - A \$20,000 donation has been received by athletics for football scholarships.
 - Documentation has been received of a charitable remainder interest Trust valued at \$910,000. Missouri Southern is the income beneficiary of half of this Trust.
 - The 28th annual phonathon is underway with many students working to help make it a great success. Alumni and community people are being contacted.
 - Two new hires are in place: JoAnn Graffam for Major Gifts and Michael Fontana for Annual Fund/Scholarships. Dr. Parsons noted a search committee comprised of a cross section of the Southern community did a thorough search to find these individuals who were both the first choice of the committee.

Faculty Liaison (Dr. Roger Chelf – Faculty Senate, President):

- The first Faculty Senate meeting for the spring semester was held on February 1. Dr. Chelf reported that Dr. Speck updated the Senate on the financial state of Missouri Southern and reported updates from Jefferson City.
- Due to the Personnel committee being restructured last fall, terms of committee members on various committees were adjusted so terms would expire at the same time.
- After the Administration was dismissed from the Senate meeting, Dr. Chelf updated the Senate on the January Board meeting and information from the Executive Budget committee (that he serves on). They also discussed reports from Dr. Kleindl, the Deans and Department Heads. Dr. Chelf noted the Senate is very active and interested in the direction the campus is taking and that he is working very hard to keep the Senate updated.
- Dr. Chelf noted the campus has great expectations regarding the outcome of the Board Retreat planned for this weekend and very pleased that various faculty will be making presentations during the Retreat. Dr. Chelf noted he will attend the Retreat Friday night and that Cheryl Ciffeli, the new incoming Faculty Senate President, will attend on Saturday.

Staff Liaison (Mr. Darren Fullerton – Staff Senate, President):

- Dr. Mark Parsons and Mr. Rob Yust made presentations to the Staff Senate at the February meeting. Darren noted these reports updated staff on changes in the Development/Foundation office and also gave updates on decreased state funding and its impact on MSSU.
- Committee reports during the February meeting included the proposed Catastrophic Leave policy. The Staff Senate is waiting on Faculty Welfare to make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate on this policy.
- A Special Events committee has been established to review Staff recognition events, appreciation events and/or awards.
- Darren (in addition to Rob Yust’s comments) updated the Senate on issues that had been discussed by the Executive Budget committee on which Darren serves.

Student Representative (Ms. Lindi Todd, Student Senate President):

(Lindi, was not able to attend the Board meeting due to being ill. Darren Fullerton presented her report.)

- Since the start of the spring semester, Student Senate has allocated a total of \$8,200 to a variety of student organizations. These funds have been primarily used to assist student groups in attending state, regional or national conferences and competitions in order to interact with other academic units.
- Student Senate secretary, Kisa Clark made and submitted a video for MSSU's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to a Day of Service Competition. The video has been selected as one of five national finalists with voting currently underway. Darren encouraged everyone to vote for this video and noted it could win national recognition for Missouri Southern.

BOARD COMMITTEES**Budget Audit (David Jones, Chair):**

This committee has not met since the last Board meeting. David Jones noted a presentation on the budget is scheduled during the upcoming Board Retreat.

Academic Affairs (Dr. Charles McGinty & Richard Walter Co-Chairs):

Dr. McGinty noted this committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but will meet again before the March Board meeting.

DO School Update (Dwight Douglas):

Dwight Douglas reported the Steering committee continues to contact prospective donors and the response continues to be positive. The committee is waiting on a response from KCUMB's Board regarding the status of the proposed medical school partnership with Missouri Southern.

resident (Dr. Bruce Speck):

- Dr. Speck congratulated Dr. William (Bill) Kumbier for receiving the Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award and Sherry Buchanan for being confirmed by the State Senate.
- Meetings with COPHE, CBHE and the Missouri House Budget committee were recently attended. Dr. Speck noted disappointment by the outcomes of these meetings.
 - ✓ CBHE voted to support Access Missouri which gives twice the amount of scholarship money to students at private institutions compared to students attending public institutions. Members of CBHE voted to **not** support HB 1812 which would equalize scholarship payments.
 - ✓ A member of the House Budget Committee for Higher Education sent a strong message that universities should not have given raises last year. Dr. Speck noted that if a university can manage its budget in difficult times to give employees raises, he thinks this should be an administrative decision at the local level. Dr. Speck also noted he and Rob Yust traveled to Jefferson City on February 16th where they testified before an Appropriations Committee Hearing on Higher Education. Dr. Speck noted each university was given 10 minutes and that Rob did an outstanding job explaining the financial state of Missouri Southern noting across-the-board raises have not been given in two years and that Missouri Southern has the lowest tuition rate in the state which is an ongoing problem.
- Positive Notes:
 - ✓ MSSU interns in Jefferson City are doing very well. MSSU's intern program is considered one of the best.
 - ✓ Both the headcount and credit hours for the spring semester have increased by 6.7% which amounts to 341 additional students and 4,028 additional credit hours. This is the fourth straight semester of enrollment increases.
 - ✓ The office of Development will be fully-staffed in a few weeks. Training for Deans and Department Heads in fundraising is expected to measurably improve external support.

President (continued):

- ✓ The newly formed Executive Budget committee is working diligently to increase revenues and decrease expenses. It is a collaborate effort between administrators, faculty and staff to communicate with the campus and work on budget issues together.
- ✓ Employees at Southern do recognize Missouri is experiencing a genuine fiscal crisis. Facing this crisis realistically will be a vital key for the future. Dr. Speck noted he is pleased Southern started working through this crisis earlier than a lot of institutions and applauded the campus for pulling together.
- ✓ During the current economic downturn, Southern has not laid off employees, instituted furloughs, or made across-the-board cuts in salaries. Dr. Speck noted one of his main goals is to keep everyone employed in order to continue to offer a quality education to our students.
- ✓ 2011 & 2012 are predicted to be difficult budget years, but Dr. Speck noted he is hopeful the changes that have been made in the last two years, as well as future changes, will position Missouri Southern to survive and even place Southern in a favorable position for the future.
- ✓ This year's Sweetheart banquet was a success as part of a plan to establish an endowment for scholarships. Dr. Speck thanked everyone who helped and attended the banquet for their support.

Dr. McGinty, Richard Walter and David Ansley asked for information about COPHE & CBHE along with the minutes of the February meetings. Dr. Speck told the Board he would research these groups and forward minutes of these meetings to the Board as they become available.

David Jones asked for an update on Senate Bill 389 and the agreement with Governor Nixon regarding tuition. Dr. Speck replied the agreement with Governor Nixon has not been ratified by the legislators, but that state colleges and universities have agreed to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Consideration of Appointments, Retirements, Resignations (Dr. Brad Kleindl, Interim V.P. Academic Affairs):**

- New Hires:
 - Ms. Stacie Scrivner (Dental Hygiene)
- Retirements:
 - Dr. Michael Yates (Effective August 1, 2010)
- Resignations:
 - Ms. Ruth Garner (Effective May 31, 2010)
 - Dr. Carla Walter (Effective July 31, 2010)
- Other Action:
 - None

A motion was made by Charles McGinty and seconded by Nancy Perry to approve Appointments, Retirements, Resignations and Other Action. Motion passed. (A personnel sheet is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.)

OTHER ITEMS:



None.

FUTURE DATES:

Rod Anderson noted the date for the June Board meeting is listed as TBD due to the university being on its summer four day work schedule in June. He noted a Thursday night meeting in June is an option and asked the Board to consider when they want to meet in June.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Buchanan and seconded by David Ansley. A closed session was not needed. Motion passed.


Secretary
Chair