

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Governors
Minutes

February 21, 2014 – 1:00 pm
Billingsly Student Center, Room 310

The February 21st meeting of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors was called to order by Lynn Ewing, Vice Chair. Governors in attendance were Dr. Sherry Buchanan, Lynn Ewing, Tracy Flanigan, Jim Fleischaker, Keith Hankins and Mitch McCumber; Rod Anderson was absent. Others in attendance were Dr. Alan Marble, Dr. Pat Lipira, JoAnn Graffam, Rob Yust, Darren Fullerton, Jared Bruggeman, Dr. Joy Dworkin, Alicia Hughes, Brittney Lampe, Ron Mitchell (for Jon Dermott who was absent), Linda Eis and Sharon Odem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Lynn Ewing welcomed everyone to the February Board meeting and called the meeting to order. Mr. Ewing noted Governor Anderson was absent due to a medical procedure being performed on his wife.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Keith Hankins to approve minutes of the January 17, 2014 Board meeting. Motion passed. (Minutes are archived in the permanent record book.)

REPORTS

Treasurer (Ms. Linda Eis):

Linda presented the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2014 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, 2014 shows cash at \$20.97 million reflecting an increase of \$182,000 compared to the prior year. Linda noted as is typical, cash increases at the beginning of a semester when payment of fees are received.

Statement of Net Position: As of January 31, 2014, Total Assets are \$128 million which includes the maturing \$5M CDARS. Linda noted timing of account receivables this year was a little unusual due to both the increase and decrease in student account receivables happening in January, 2014; charges were booked in January, 2014 and Financial Aid Disbursement and students payments also occurred in January, 2014. The first Financial Aid disbursement of the semester was over \$18.3 million which included \$5.3 million Pell; \$9.8 million Direct Loans; \$578,000 Access Missouri with \$7.2 million provided back to students in refund checks.

Total Liabilities are \$29 million. The semi-annual bond payment of \$882,000 will be made at the end of March. Total Net Position as of January 31, 2014 is at \$99 million.

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: In looking at the “difference column”, Total Operating Revenues increased by \$855,000. Total Operating Expenses increased by \$1.6 million. Total Non-operating Revenues decreased by \$61,000. Appropriations reflect an increase of \$329,000 over the prior year from performance funding dollars.

Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues: As of January 31, 2014, the current year reflects an increase of \$10.3 million. The prior year shows an increase of \$11.1 million resulting in a comparative decrease between the two years of \$822,000.

A motion was made by Jim Fleischaker and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to approve the January 31, 2014 financial statements as presented. Motion passed. (A copy of the financial statements for January 31, 2014 is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.)

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

Highlights of Rob's report are as follows:

- Construction drawings and specs are complete for the new FEMA shelter and will be sent to FEMA for review and approval which is anticipated to take 60 to 90 days. When approval is received, this project will go out for bid. Concessions have been made to keep this project within budget.
- Design development is complete and construction drawings are being finalized for the new residence hall. Work is being done to keep this project within budget. A pre-bid meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10 with a tentative bid opening scheduled for March 21.
- Work continues on the design and scope of an athletic support facility with the architects, construction manager, and MSSU staff. This project is currently coming in over budget and ways are being looked at to reduce cost. This project will not go out for bid until the budget can be met either through cuts or an increased budget through donor donations.
- Design and fundraising efforts continue on the baseball stadium project. Fundraising efforts will determine the design of this project and when it will be able to move forward and go out for bid.
- Work on the FY2015 budget continues. Information from the state continues to be received regarding future state appropriations for higher education.

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.

▪ **Athletic Department Updates and Events:**

- Men's basketball is currently ranked 3rd in the region and the women are currently ranked 9th. Jared noted the top eight schools qualify to play in the MIAA post-season tournament.
- Upcoming Lion Pride lunches are scheduled for Monday, March 3rd and Friday, April 11th.
- Many events are scheduled during MSSU's last home basketball game on February 22nd against Pitt State. Highlights of the evening will include honoring Coach Corn for his 25 year coaching career at MSSU, Senior basketball players, and student athletes who have received the MIAA Academic Success Achievement award. A pre-game appreciation lunch will be held for Lionbacker's and a basketball alumni recognition and social will be held post-game at the Alumni Center.
- A pre-game social is planned before the away basketball game at Lindenwood in St. Charles on February 27th. Jared noted this event last year was well attended.
- The MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held on February 28th, March 1st and 2nd at MSSU's Leggett and Platt Field House. Approximately 700 student athletes and 1200 spectators will take part in this event which will be a great way to highlight MSSU and Joplin.
- Items approved during the MIAA Conference meetings held in January, in conjunction with the NCAA National Convention, include increasing fees officials receive in all sports, continuing the television contract and increasing the per-institution fee, agreeing to be the budget custodian for the NCAA DII National Football Championship in Kansas City and increasing the per-diem rate for hosting Cross Country Track and Field MIAA Championships (which will be good for MSSU).
- Missouri Southern Athletics has received the MIAA Academic Success award. This award is given for having the largest percentage Student-Athlete Graduation Rate compared to the overall student body graduation rate; at MSSU this percentage is almost double. Jared noted congratulations to MSSU's student-athletes, dedicated faculty, staff and coaches who made receiving this award possible.
- Approximately 76% of Lionbacker memberships from last year have been renewed. Retention and recruitment will be this year's focus for Lionbacker memberships.

Vice President for Development/Executive Director of the Foundation (Ms. JoAnn Graffam):

Note: Highlights of JoAnn'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.

▪ **Alumni Association**

- The project to raise funds for a scholarship in honor of Coach Corn's 25th year of coaching at Missouri Southern is a great success! The original goal of \$100,000 has already been surpassed and donations continue to be received. This money will permanently endow and fund two scholarships: one for a post-eligibility student-athlete and one for a member of the pep band.
- The "History Book", part of MSSU's 75th anniversary celebration, has finally arrived. JoAnn distributed a copy of the book to each Board member; additional copies are available to purchase for \$28 each.

▪ **Development**

- The W. Robert Corley Dental Hygiene Clinic dedication ceremony was held on February 17th. JoAnn noted Mr. Corley is a unique friend of MSSU. Even though Mr. Corley is not a MSSU alum, he has had a strong interest in MSSU for many years. Mr. Corley has made two very significant donations to the University over the years; the first for scholarships and the second for capital improvements. JoAnn expressed gratitude to Mr. Corley for his very generous contributions and support of the University.
- A pledge has been received to name one of the suites for the future baseball stadium. Additional gift prospects continue to be explored to fund this project.
- The Annual Fund began in January and the phonathon portion is currently underway. After the first five days of calling, 83 new donors made pledges and a total of \$23,850 has already been raised. Other upcoming portions of the campaign will include contacting the Alumni Board, MSSU faculty, staff and area businesses.
- Four new scholarships were begun last month. One of the scholarships will provide text book assistance to students.

Interim 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.

▪ **Updates**

- Provisional approval has been received from CBHE to offer a Business Administration – Management degree in Jane, Missouri (offered at Crowder's new facility) and for MSSU to offer its Elementary Education degree in Pineville (offered at Hometown Bank).
- An agreement to offer MSSU's Environmental Health and Safety degree in partnership with St. Charles Community College (SCC) has recently been completed. This agreement will enable students from SCC to complete their baccalaureate degree through internet delivery of courses from MSSU. A formal signing ceremony at SCC is planned in March.
- The first annual World Music Festival and International Food Feast will be held the evening of March 28th in Billingsly Student Center. The new Steele Drum ensemble and Dr. Dworkin's African marimba band among others will be performing. International food will be prepared by MSSU international faculty and students.
- Missouri Southern's Spiva Library is one of the few select institutions in the country that has been awarded the "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" grant. This grant will enable the library to present four documentary films chronicling the history of the Civil Rights movement.
- As part of the continued revision process of the Faculty Handbook, special Focus Groups are being formed. These groups will be organized by content and include Academic Statements/Faculty Policies and Responsibilities; Faculty Appointments; Tenure; Evaluation; and Promotion. An intranet site will be established to track the progress of each group.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs (continued):

- The interview process for candidates for the Honors Program has begun. Currently 106 applications have been received which is a large increase over the 70 received last year. Typically 35 to 40 students are accepted into this program each year.
- MSSU will again be participating in Joplin High Schools' Teacher Appreciation program. Each high school teacher will be provided a "goodie bag" with MSSU items.
- Mrs. Kathrine Corum – Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene (also noted during the January Board meeting) and Ms. Xiaocan (Lucy) Wang – Associate Professor, Emerging Technologies Librarian have been hired as new faculty members.
- Dr. Dorothy Bay – Professor, Biology has announced her retirement.

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 a handout distributed to the Board that is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

▪ Updates

- Tentative funding levels for campus-based aid from the Department of Education for 2014-2015 have been received as follows:
 - ✓ \$148,968 for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), an increase from 2013-2014, is awarded to students who have a significant need for financial aid.
 - ✓ \$167,178 for Federal Work-Study (FWS), an increase from 2013-2014, enables part-time employment funds for students.
 - ✓ \$996,622 in Federal Perkins Loans, a decrease from 2013-2014, are low-interest federal student loans for undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need.

Darren noted all of these funds are vital to provide financial support to students and not all Universities in the state receive all of these different types of funds. Darren also noted student employees are a vital part of the University.

- Several staff members from Student Affairs recently attended a Council on Transfer Articulation meeting in Jefferson City.
- A light bar is being installed on the police car recently obtained through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (MSSU's contribution, \$1,000) and will be operational on campus soon.
- MSSU's Southern Welcome program will change from a full day of programming to a half-day with more material and information being presented online for the convenience of participants. This new half-day format is designed to not overwhelm participants and will give a good opportunity for increased follow-ups by MSSU staff.
- The 2nd annual TRIO Collaboration day is scheduled for February 28th with 25 other universities sending their staff to take part in this unique event developed by MSSU.
- MSSU is again going to be a regional site for FAFSA Frenzy scheduled for March 2nd.
- Many interactions and presentations to area public schools are taking place involving Upward Bound, Talent Search, Financial Aid, and Career Services.

Faculty Liaison (Dr. Joy Dworkin - Faculty Senate, President):

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

- The semester is well underway, but the extreme weather has had an impact not only at Missouri Southern, but across the country. Faculty are concerned about days that have been missed due to the weather which can have a negative impact on classes. (Dr. Lipira noted due to the snow, classes were held on February 19th, Sr. Assessment Day, when classes have, in the past, been dismissed. Dr. Lipira noted appreciation for this change being well received.)
- Faculty are actively engaged and providing input to Dr. Dworkin as requested for the presidential search process which Dr. Dworkin is conveying on to the search committee. Dr. Dworkin also noted confidence and appreciation for faculty input being conveyed to the Board when appropriate.

Faculty Liaison (continued):

- Dr. Dworkin recently attended the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) held in Jefferson City. Dr. Dworkin noted these meetings are always very interesting and informative. Key points covered during the meeting included learning about SARA, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, which would give CBHE authority to send Distance Learning classes across state lines and make cross-state online agreements. Other topics of discussion and concern during the MAFS meeting was anxiety expressed over the possibility of taxes being cut resulting in serious repercussions in reducing state funding for education; concern the legislature doesn't understand the real value, purpose, and role of higher education; "job training" being over-emphasized; making higher education more visible; and the negative impact of increased "adjunctivitis". Dr. Dworkin also noted while in Jefferson City she delivered a "Thank You" note to Governor Nixon for appointing Mrs. Tracy Flanigan to MSSU's Board of Governors and shared updates about MSSU with Senator Ron Richard.
- Serious collaborative work continues on revision of the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Dworkin noted faculty are very excited and involved in this process. The anticipated end result is a revised Handbook that will be three times as large as the current Handbook.
- Different searches for new faculty members are occurring across campus resulting in an exciting time for departments to recruit and attract new faculty.

Staff Liaison (Ms. Alicia Hughes – Staff Senate, President):

Highlights of Alicia's report are as follows:

- Alicia noted staff members are being encouraged to be engaged in the presidential search and provide as much input as possible during this important process.
- Staff member Penny Richeson recently shared information with the Senate regarding the 2014 Relay for Life. This community fundraising event for cancer is being brought back to MSSU and is scheduled for June 14th. All members of the campus community are being encouraged to participate in this very worthwhile event. In support of this event, the fourth Tuesday of each month is being designated as a fundraising day at Pizza Huts; mention MSSU's Relay for Life to ensure proceeds are properly donated.
- Staff Senate's next meeting is scheduled for 9 o'clock on Wednesday, March 12.

Student Representative (Ms. Brittney Lampe - Student Senate Vice President)

Highlights of Brittney's report are as follows:

- As reported during previous Board meetings, Student Senate has been working on revising and amending its constitution. One very important change is the Attendance Policy which is anticipated to have a positive impact.
- March 12th, Student Senate is hosting the fourth annual St. Baldrick's event to benefit and bring awareness to childhood cancer. St. Baldrick's will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in Young Gym. Highlights of this family friendly fundraising event include games, a silent auction and the shaving of volunteers' heads (Dr. Scott Cragin and Donnie Goettel have both volunteered to be participants). Bracelets are also being sold for \$2 each as part of this fundraising effort.

Board Committees:**Academic Affairs Committee (Lynn Ewing, Chair):**

No report given.

Budget Audit Committee (Mitch McCumber, Chair)

Committee Chair Mitch McCumber reported the Board's Budget Audit committee met today at 10:30 a.m. to discuss tuition and fees for FY2015; all Board members were present except for Rod Anderson, who as noted earlier, was not able to attend the Board meeting. Mr. McCumber thanked members of the Board for attending

Budget Audit Committee (continued):

the committee meeting and also the staff for the very informative presentations they made. As a result of this meeting, Mr. McCumber brought three motions forward for Board approval as follows:

- (1) A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Jim Fleischaker to authorize the Administration to keep the in-state and Lion Pride tuition rate at \$173.20 for FY2015. This reflects level tuition and no increase to the students. Motion approved as presented.*
- (2) A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Tracy Flanigan to authorize the Administration to set the out-of-state tuition rate at \$353.00 for FY2015. This reflects an increase of \$6.60. Motion approved as presented.*
- (3) A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Keith Hankins to authorize the Administration to increase the technology (formerly equipment use) fee to \$60.00 for full-time and \$30.00 for part-time students for FY2015. Motion approved as presented.*

Lynn Ewing asked Darren to explain what the Technology Fee will be used for. Darren replied, the fee will be used for Broadband, Internet, and computer related costs. Dr. Marble noted this fee has not changed since 2002, but technology related expenses have increased significantly.

Mr. McCumber also recommended, on behalf of the Budget Audit committee, the Board approve a fourth item, a "Resolution of Official Intent toward the Issuance of Auxiliary Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, and Reimbursement of Expenditures for Auxiliary Enterprise Facilities from Proceeds of Bonds". Approval of this Resolution will enable the University "to issue Auxiliary Enterprise System Revenue Bonds of the University pursuant to the Act in principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 ("Principal Amount")" and "to reimburse itself, from proceeds of the Bonds, in one or more series, for such expenditures made not earlier than 60 days before the date of this resolution". The 60 day limit will not apply to expenditures such as architectural, engineering, surveying, etc. and brought forth a motion as follows:

A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Keith Hankins to approve the "Resolution of Official Intent toward the Issuance of Auxiliary Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, and Reimbursement of Expenditures for Auxiliary Enterprise Facilities from Proceeds of Bonds" as written and presented. Motion passed. (The Resolution is attached to the minutes in the permanent Board book.)

A fifth item pertaining to the Presidential Search, establishing a compensation range for the next President, was also brought forward for Board approval through Mr. McCumber on behalf of the Budget Audit committee. Dr. Buchanan noted compensation packages from sister institutions have been reviewed, budget comparisons made and anticipated changes in the next President's role in leading the University have all been considered. Based on this information, a total compensation package in the range of \$275,000 to \$350,000 was recommended to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Mitch McCumber and seconded by Jim Fleischaker to approve a total compensation package ranging from \$275,000 to \$350,000 for the next President of Missouri Southern. Motion approved.

Executive Committee (Lynn Ewing, Chair)

No report given.

Personnel Committee (Lynn Ewing, Chair)

Committee Chair Lynn Ewing reported the Personnel committee met this morning with Dr. Marble in a closed session for the purpose of reviewing Dr. Marble's evaluation. Mr. Ewing noted the meeting was very productive.

Ad Hoc Program Prioritization Committee (Dr. Sherry Buchanan, Chair)

No report given.

Presidential Search Committee (Dr. Sherry Buchanan)

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

- Dr. Buchanan noted Richard Walter, Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, was in attendance at the Board meeting to assist in updating the Board on the search progress. Mr. Walter noted the campus and community share a sense of urgency to find the next President of MSSU. Mr. Walter encouraged the campus and community to share information and to give input to the search committee during this important process.
- Dr. Buchanan noted the 15 member search committee is getting acquainted with each other and the needs of the campus and has reviewed the Committee Charge approved by the Board during its January 17, 2014 meeting. Agendas and notices for the Search committee meetings are being distributed to campus, area news media and posted on the web to keep people informed about the search.
- A sub-committee has been formed to explore the option of hiring the services of an outside search firm. A parallel pathway is also being explored if a search firm is not used.
- A job description for the President is being developed and will be distributed electronically to the Board, the Search committee and other constituents for feedback. Due to the Board not meeting again until April, Dr. Buchanan requested the Board authorize her, Jim Fleischaker and Mr. Ewing to give final approval of the job description after it has been adequately circulated. The Board agreed and the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Dr. Buchanan and seconded by Jim Fleischaker for the Board to authorize Dr. Buchanan, Jim Fleischaker and Lynn Ewing to give final approval of the job description for the President once it has been adequately circulated for input. Motion approved.

Interim President (Dr. Alan D. Marble):

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

- Dr. Marble noted he missed the January Board meeting due to attending the annual NCAA convention on behalf of the University. Dr. Marble noted the convention was very informative and beneficial.
- As noted in Dr. Lipira's report, this year was the first time MSSU was closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day on January 20th. The campus participated in a week of service as a way to pay tribute to Dr. King.
- Continuous Quality Improvement, a multi-step process, continues to be worked on. Over 500 pages of voluntary changes have been submitted by departments and individuals. These voluntary changes have been consolidated into a spreadsheet containing 162 rows of detailed changes or modifications that will help speed the review process. Dr. Marble noted many items have already been implemented and accomplished and gave an example of a partnership agreement established between MSSU and St. Charles Community College (SCC) that is anticipated to double the enrollment in the Environmental Health program.
- State budget updates:
 - ✓ In January, the Governor called for a 3% increase in core funding plus a 5% increase distributed through performance funding (providing performance goals are met) for a total increase of 8% for higher education. In exchange, institutions were asked to not increase tuition. Since this first announcement, the total projected funding increases have dropped to a total of 5%. Dr. Marble noted an increase in state appropriations is still probable, but the increase will likely be in the 3% to 4% range.
 - ✓ Senate Bill 492, introduced by Senator Pearce and approved by a vote of 33 to 0 in the Senate, would create a statutory higher education funding formula. Performance measures, among others, would include graduation rates, retention rates and job placement rates.
 - ✓ The House Education Appropriations committee passed its version of the higher education funding bill that includes a 5% increase in funding that would be distributed based on the current performance funding model.

Interim President (continued):

- ✓ Dr. Marble and Darren Fullerton testified on behalf of MSSU before the House Education Committee in late January and Dr. Marble testified before the Senate Appropriation committee last week. Dr. Marble noted by all indicators some sort of “funding formula” will be put into law. Dr. Marble noted it is very clear a greater assertion of the importance of higher education and what it can do for you as a person instead of it just being an avenue to get a job, needs to take place.
- The Financial Stability committee, charged with developing a sustainable financial model for MSSU, will visit Springfield on March 14th to meet with Jack Stack’s group (Jack Stack is the author of the book *The Great Game of Business* that the committee has read). The committee will discuss how Jack Stack’s “open book management” program might be implemented at MSSU.
- As noted in Jared’s report, Coach Robert Corn is being honored for his 25 year coaching career at MSSU. Dr. Marble noted Coach Corn’s outstanding career has enabled him to be one of the best coaches in the MIAA and is a tremendous asset to Missouri Southern.
- Even though the campus had to be closed for several days due to severe weather and one day due to electrical interruption, the faculty, staff, and students have pulled together to enable the semester to stay on track. Dr. Marble noted appreciation to the campus for their efforts to make this a great semester and a great time to be a Lion!

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

Dr. Lipira reported only one item is coming before the Board today for approval under Academic Policies; a change in a prerequisite for a class. This item has gone through the proper channels and received approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Sherry Buchanan and seconded by Mitch McCumber to approve the Reports and Curricular Proposals as presented. Motion passed.

MSSU Commercials (Dr. Alan Marble):

Dr. Marble noted he and Mr. Ewing wanted to share and highlight some of the new MSSU commercials produced by URM which include the light-hearted humorous Olympic commercials that feature an entertaining side of Missouri Southern faculty members as well as more serious commercials highlighting outstanding academics at MSSU.

Dr. Marble noted the concept of doing these commercials came about in the University, Relations and Marketing office through Cassie Mathes. Dr. Marble personally thanked and applauded Cassie and her staff for their great work. Cassie noted, in addition to herself, the following people were responsible for the production of the commercials: Brian Mehrens, Videographer; Curtis Almeter, Photographer; Ashley Eriksen, Graphic Designer; Scott Meeker, Script Writer; and Josh Boley, MSSU student and Multimedia Intern. Cassie noted in-house production of commercials began approximately two years ago when Brian Mehrens was hired as a Videographer. In-house production has saved the University a considerable amount of money while still producing a quality product.

Faculty members who also participated in the commercials were given an opportunity to speak and included Dr. David Smith, Department Chair of Accounting/Finance/Economics, and Dr. Jim Lile, Chair, Theatre; Dr. Jennifer Dennis, Interim Department Chair Biology and Environmental Health and Dr. John Groesbeck, Dean of Robert W. Plaster School of Business, were also featured in the commercials, but were unable to attend the Board meeting.

OTHER ITEMS:**Election of Board Chair (Jim Fleischaker):**

Governor Fleischaker noted due to Mr. Ewing being the Board's Vice Chair and currently serving in the capacity of Chair, if Mr. Ewing is unable to serve, there would not be a Vice Chair in place. Due to this situation Governor Fleischaker suggested the Board hold a special election and vote to make Mr. Ewing the official Chair of the Board to serve in that capacity until elections are held in June. The following motion was brought forth:

A motion to elect Lynn Ewing as Board Chair was made by Jim Fleischaker and seconded by Dr. Sherry Buchanan. Motion passed.

Governor Fleischaker also suggested electing a new Vice Chair. Mr. Ewing responded he would consider it.

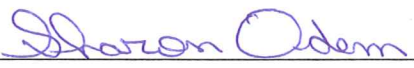
Future Board Meeting Dates:


The Board will not meet in March. The next meeting will be on April 18th. Mr. Ewing asked the Board to think about topics they would like to have presented in detail during its annual retreat and encouraged new Board members to submit topics. Mr. Ewing also asked the Board to consider dates they would like to meet during May and June due to the campus being on its summer four-day work schedule and closed on Fridays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Ewing noted a closed Executive Session of the Board was needed under RSMo 610.021, RSMo 610.021 (2); and RSMo.021 (3). Mr. Ewing requested Rob Yust and Ron Mitchell attend the closed Executive Session and requested a motion for the Board to go into a closed session.

Jim Fleischaker made a motion and Mitch McCumber seconded for the Board to go into a closed Executive Session. A roll-call vote was taken and it was noted Rod Anderson was absent. Motion passed.


Secretary


Chair