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Board of Governors Minutes
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Vice Chair Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg called the June 11, 2026, meeting of the Board of Governors to order and welcomed those in attendance. Governors in attendance were Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg, Anita Oplotnik, Alison Hershewe, Mariann Morgan, Rod Hendricks, T. Mark Elliott, Michael Seibert, Christopher Dumm, and Yulissa Gomez-Delgado.

Others in attendance included Dr. Dean Van Galen, Dr. Lisa Toms, Dr. Shellie Hewitt, Linda Eis, Michelle Wood, Rob Mallory, Dr. Zackary Rice, Dr. Stephanie Goad, Peter Edwards, and Diana Follmer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Recognition of Governor Carlos Haley

The Board recognized Mr. Carlos Haley for his years of service to Missouri Southern State University and the Board of Governors. Board members shared remarks regarding Governor Haley's leadership, service, mentorship, and contributions to the university and community.

President Dean Van Galen read a formal resolution commending Mr. Haley for his distinguished service to Missouri Southern State University. The resolution highlighted Governor Haley's appointment to the Board in April 2017, his service on several Board committees, his educational background as a Missouri Southern alumnus, his professional accomplishments in healthcare leadership, and his extensive community involvement.

A motion was made by Governor Rodney Hendricks and seconded by Governor Alison Hershewe to approve the resolution honoring Mr. Carlos Haley for his service to Missouri Southern State University and the Board of Governors. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haley thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for Missouri Southern, stating that the university has been an important part of his life and that he will always remain a Lion.

Introduction of Governor Christopher Dumm

Vice Chair Rosenberg introduced newly appointed Board member Christopher Dumm. Mr. Dumm was appointed to the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors by Governor Kehoe on April 30, 2026.

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Vice Chair Rosenberg shared that Governor Dumm is an attorney with more than 30 years of legal experience and holds degrees from the University of Missouri and Regent University School of Law. He also highlighted Governor Dumm's prior service with several community and university-related organizations.

Governor Dumm addressed the Board and stated that he looks forward to serving the university, listening, learning, and contributing where possible.

Emeritus Status Recommendations

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Governor Mariann Morgan presented recommendations for emeritus status for Dr. Dorothy Bay, Dr. Elke Howe, and Dr. Steve Wagner.

A motion was made by Governor Mariann Morgan and seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik to approve emeritus status for Dr. Dorothy Bay, Dr. Elke Howe, and Dr. Steve Wagner. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jason Willand introduced Dr. Dorothy Bay and recognized her years of service, expertise in plant taxonomy, contributions to the university herbarium and greenhouse operations, and continued support of faculty and students following her retirement.

Dr. Megan Bever introduced Dr. Steve Wagner and highlighted his 25 years of service to Missouri Southern, excellence in teaching, scholarship and publication record, mentorship of faculty and students, and contributions to community history initiatives and K-12 educator development.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Lisa Toms noted that Dr. Elke Howe was unable to attend due to travel abroad and stated that she would be recognized at a later date.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Alison Hershowe to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2026, Board of Governors meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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President's Report - Dr. Dean Van Galen

Note: Highlights of Dr. Van Galen's report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Spring 2026 Commencement

President Dean Van Galen reported that Missouri Southern celebrated 587 graduates during Spring 2026 commencement ceremonies. He noted that commencement returned to the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center following completion of the facility \$3.2 million renovation project.

Dr. Van Galen further reported that the university conferred 39 master's degrees, representing the highest number in university history.

State Higher Education Funding

Dr. Van Galen reported that the Missouri House proposed a formula-based redistribution of higher education funding during the legislative session that would have reduced Missouri Southern's state support by approximately \$6.4 million. He stated that the Missouri Senate and legislative conference committee ultimately supported the Governor's recommendation for flat funding.

He also reported that the budget includes approximately \$1.1 million in restricted-use funding for continuation of the Science to Jobs program, with Missouri Southern receiving approximately half of the total allocation to support middle and high school student engagement and the Missouri 3D Printing Center for Precision Health.

Dr. Van Galen stated that higher education institutions are anticipating several years of constrained state funding and noted that discussions regarding a future higher education funding formula are ongoing.

University Progress and Facilities

Dr. Van Galen highlighted progress made during the academic year in the areas of fundraising, facilities planning and improvements, statewide mission implementation, and athletic success.

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He reported that planning continues for the August 13, 2026, grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center. Senator Roy Blunt and Governor Kehoe are expected to attend.

Global Education

Dr. Van Galen reported that the Office of Global Education will relocate to the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center this summer.

He further reported that 50 Missouri Southern students are participating in faculty-led study abroad programs this summer in Ghana, Italy, Sweden, and Belize. The Fall 2026 theme semester will focus on Vietnam, with a student study abroad program planned for January 2027.

Future theme semester locations include Portugal in 2027, Argentina in 2028, and Singapore in 2029.

Recognition of Faculty and Staff

Dr. Van Galen concluded his report by emphasizing the impact of Missouri Southern faculty and staff on students and the broader community. The photos in his report highlight some of the icons of Missouri Southern – Dr. Beverly Block, Dr. Conrad Gubrarra, and Sallie Beard.

He also recognized Michelle Wood for her service as Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the Missouri Southern Foundation during the previous 11 months.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Report – Dr. Lisa Toms

Note: Highlights of Dr. Toms' report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Lisa Toms reported that the Plaster School of Business partnered with CPA volunteers to host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program during February, March, and April. Tax students provided tax preparation services to community members and the program

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experienced a 28% increase in participation over the previous year, with 301 accepted tax returns and approximately \$327,000 in refunds generated.

She further reported that the IRS estimated the program generated approximately \$3.2 million in economic impact for the Joplin community.

Pitch Palooza

Dr. Toms updated the board that the Missouri Small Business Development Center and the Plaster School of Business hosted the annual Pitch Palooza entrepreneurship competition in April.

The event included high school, college, startup, and scalability categories and awarded nearly \$10,000 in sponsored funding to participants.

Anatomical Research Recognition

Two student-led anatomical research projects were selected as finalists for the American Association for Anatomy Undergraduate Student Poster Presentation Award during the Anatomy Connected annual meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

World Music and Cuisine Festival

Dr. Toms announced that the World Music and Cuisine Festival held on April 18, 2026, attracted approximately 650 community and campus attendees and included participation from 130 volunteers, cooks, and performers.

The event featured 25 countries represented across 38 tables with approximately 80 food and beverage offerings and raised approximately \$5,900 for the International Club.

University Police Department Updates

Since March 1, 2026, the University Police Department implemented a formal field training program for newly hired officers, finalized an agreement with the Joplin Police Department for dispatch services at no cost to the university, and secured a donation of five public safety radios valued at approximately \$37,500 from JASCO Board of Emergency Services.

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She noted that the radio donation allows full integration into the county-wide emergency communications system.

Dr. Toms intended to introduce Dr. Greg Dagnan as the new University Police Chief, but he was unable to attend. He will be introduced at a future time.

Introduction of Dean of Students

Dr. Toms introduced Dr. David Mayes as the university's new Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator. She noted that Dr. Mayes has more than 30 years of experience in student affairs and student services.

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Report - Ms. Linda Eis

Note: Highlights of Ms. Eis's report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

FY27 Budget

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Eis reported that the FY27 budget had been reviewed by the Budget and Audit Committee and would be presented later in the meeting for formal approval. The budget reflects a positive cash balance for the third year in a row. The budget includes tuition rate increases, changes in enrolled credit hours, incorporates the flat base appropriation allocation as well as compensation changes, MOSERS retirement increases, and other expenditure costs or savings.

FY26 Audit

Ms. Eis also reported that FY26 audit preparations are in the final month, and audit preparations are moving along at a fast pace as we prepare for the annual audit. Forvis Mazars (external audit firm) will be on site in July to begin the compliance fieldwork that primarily centers around student financial aid and federal grants. They will begin the walkthrough evaluations. The auditors will return to campus again for two weeks in August for additional fieldwork that focuses on the university's fiscal year financial transactions.

This year there is another new accounting standard to implement from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The new standard is GASB103,

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Financial Reporting Model Improvements. This standard will include improvements to key components of financial reporting.

Facilities and Campus Projects

Ms. Eis reported that numerous campus projects are underway during the summer months, including continued work at the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center and completion of Phase I renovations at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Phase 2 of the Leggett & Platt project is moving forward due to a generous philanthropic gift for this facility. Phase 2 will include painting, restrooms upgrades and a new videoboard system.

She also reported that several campus relocations and facility transitions are taking place this summer as part of the university's five-year facilities roadmap and efforts to reduce the active campus footprint and improve energy efficiency. These include departments in Kuhn Hall/Annex moving to Webster Hall. University Relations and Marketing moving from the Mansion Annex to the first floor of Hearn Hall. Facilities and faculty in Ummel Hall moving to Plaster Hall - with a few moving to the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center. Young Gym Pool has been drained and secured. MOSO Caps is relocating to the Mills Anderson Justice Center. Mayes Student Life Center is under renovation. Taylor Performing Arts Center restrooms are being renovated, and parking lots/streets will be repaved.

Ms. Eis recognized Director of Facilities Services Jeff Boman, Chief Information Officer Jimmie Collins, and university faculty and staff for coordinating campus moves and facility transitions. This summer will see enormous efforts from numerous faculty and staff to ensure that all these projects are completed and ready to welcome students to campus for the fall 2026 semester.

Retiree Recognition

Ms. Eis reported that four retirees were recognized during the university's May 5, 2026, retirement celebration for their years of service and contributions to Missouri Southern. The four retirees recognized were Cindy Webb, Michelle Wood, Glenna Routledge, and John Harrison. Each supervisor shared a tribute that spoke to the impact and legacy each leaves behind.

Financial Statements

Ms. Eis reviewed the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2026.

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She reported that the university's cash balance was approximately \$22 million, representing a decrease of approximately \$800,000 compared to the prior year.

Ms. Eis further reported decreases in operating revenue, operating expenses, and non-operating revenues compared to the prior fiscal year.

She noted that other revenues continue to reflect contributions received for campus projects, including the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center and Leggett & Platt Athletic Center renovation.

Presentation of the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2026.

Cash Graph:

Ms. Eis noted the cash balance for May 31, 2026, was \$22M. This is a decrease over the previous year of \$800k.

Statement of Net Position:

Total Assets: \$223M

Total Liabilities: \$128M

Net Position: \$95M

Accounts Receivable: Reflects the activity at the beginning of the semester. Financial Aid is disbursed and student accounts are paid.

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (difference column):

- **Total Operating Revenues:** \$1M decrease.
- **Total Operating Expenses:** \$1.5M decrease. This includes Comp \$571k, Health Insurance from increased claim activity \$935k, other Benefits \$321k, Scholarships (\$1.3M)
- **Non-Operating Revenues:** \$928k decrease. This includes State appropriations of an additional \$417k offset by Pell (\$668k) and Non-op (\$557k) prior year claim reimbursement, number of international trips.
- **Loss Before Other Revenues:**

Current Year: \$3.1M decrease

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Prior Year: \$2.7 M decrease

Additional decrease: \$430k

Other Revenue decrease: (\$866k). This continues to reflect state capital appropriation and capital gifts for RBHSIC as well as gifts for the Leggett & Platt renovation.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Christopher Dumm to approve the May 31, 2026, financial statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (A copy of the financial statements for May 31, 2026, is attached to the minutes in the permanent record book).

Interim Vice President for University Advancement Report - Ms. Michelle Wood

Note: Highlights of Ms. Wood's report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Lions Forward Campaign

Interim Vice President for University Advancement Michelle Wood reported that the Lions Forward Capital Campaign has raised more than \$43.5 million with one year remaining in the campaign timeline.

Ms. Wood reported that third-quarter fundraising revenue increased 4.4% over the same period in the previous year.

She further reported that campaign goals related to enhancing student experience and fostering academic excellence have exceeded projections, while the "Campus of the Future" component currently stands at 91% of goal completion.

Ms. Wood stated that 34 naming opportunities within the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center have been secured, with 16 naming opportunities remaining available.

She also reported that 39% of campaign support consists of estate gifts.

Scholarship Dinner and Alumni Engagement

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Ms. Wood reported that more than 300 scholarship recipients and donors attended the annual scholarship dinner on March 10, 2026.

She also reported that the Lantern Society celebration held on April 17, 2026, welcomed 133 guests and recognized Dot Willcoxon and Arvest Bank as recipients of the Spirit of Philanthropy Award. Recognizing their lasting impact on Missouri Southern and the community.

Golden Grads and Health Sciences Summit

Ms. Wood reported that 15 Golden Grads returned to campus and participated in commencement activities on May 9, 2026, proudly leading the processional.

She further reported that the Willcoxon Innovation in Health Sciences Summit held on March 27, 2026, experienced increased participation with 535 registrations compared to 380 the previous year.

Ms. Wood concluded her report by thanking the Board, University Administration, donors, alumni, and Advancement staff for their support during her service as Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation.

Associate Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Report - Dr. Shellie Hewitt

Note: Highlights of Dr. Hewitt's report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Summer Recruitment and Engagement Initiatives

Associate Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Dr. Shellie Hewitt reported that summer recruitment efforts continue to focus on both converting admitted students and developing long-term enrollment pipelines through earlier student engagement.

Dr. Hewitt reported that Missouri Southern is hosting multiple summer recruitment and engagement opportunities, including Lion Pride Visit Days and individualized campus tours. She noted that Admissions and Student Success are collaborating on orientation and enrollment programming to support student transition and retention efforts.

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She further reported that the university is increasing engagement with middle school and high school students through partnerships with school districts, youth organizations, and community programs to build awareness earlier in the recruitment cycle.

Off-Campus Recruitment and Brand Awareness

Dr. Hewitt reported that Missouri Southern continues to participate in community events, college fairs, expos, and regional recruitment activities to strengthen visibility and community connections.

She highlighted recent participation in the Will's Place Block Party and the Acellus Homeschool Graduation and Recruitment Event in Kansas City. She also noted upcoming participation in the Bentonville Bike Fest and continued involvement in the Ignite College Fair in Bentonville.

Dr. Hewitt stated that these activities support brand awareness, showcase academic programs and student services, and strengthen regional partnerships.

Strategic Enrollment Council

Dr. Hewitt reported that the Strategic Enrollment Council continues to focus on institutional enrollment goals through initiatives related to campus visit experiences, transfer recruitment, dual credit students, rural populations, and private school recruitment.

She noted that the Council is utilizing CRM data and enrollment analytics to improve communication and outreach while expanding collaboration among Admissions, Academic Affairs, Marketing, and Student Success.

Dr. Hewitt further reported that additional focus areas include graduate enrollment growth and improving transfer student experiences.

Director of Athletics Report

Note: Highlights of Mr. Mallory's report are summarized below. Additional information is included in a handout attached to the minutes in the permanent record book.

Academic and Athletic Achievements

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Director of Athletics Rob Mallory reported that student-athletes earned a collective 3.29 GPA during the spring 2026 semester, increasing the department cumulative GPA to 3.365 and marking the 16th consecutive semester above a 3.0 GPA.

Mr. Mallory reported that 46% of student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher and nearly 20% earned a 4.0 GPA during the semester.

He further reported that five of six spring sports qualified for NCAA Division II postseason competition.

Golf, Baseball, Track and Field, and Softball

Mr. Mallory reported that women's golf qualified for the Central Region Tournament for the second consecutive year and that baseball advanced to the NCAA Central Region Tournament after finishing the season with a 34-19 record and a tie for second place in the MIAA.

He reported that the men's and women's track and field teams both finished third nationally at the NCAA Championships, marking the highest national finish in program history for both programs. Twenty-five student-athletes qualified for nationals, with 10 earning First Team All-American honors.

Mr. Mallory highlighted national champions Cedric Pearson, Dailynn Van Deren, and Adrianne Casey in their respective events.

Mr. Mallory also reported that the softball team completed a record-setting season with 54 wins and advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series. The team won the MIAA regular season and tournament championships as well as the Central Region and Central Super Region championships.

He further reported that Kiki Pickens was named MIAA Pitcher of the Year for the second consecutive season, Emily Davis was named MIAA Freshman of the Year, and both Kiki Pickens and Bailey Dillon earned All-American honors.

Mr. Mallory recognized Carsen Tinkler for receiving both the MIAA Academic Scholar Award and the NCAA Division II Elite Scholar Athlete Award.

Women's Flag Football

Mr. Mallory reported that Sergio Reyes was hired as the inaugural women's flag football coach. He noted that Coach Reyes joins Missouri Southern from Gaithersburg

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High School in Maryland and has already secured several verbal commitments for the inaugural season.

Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

Mr. Mallory reported that the annual student-athlete awards banquet was held on May 4, 2026, and renamed "The Rory's" by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The event recognized student-athlete achievements, honored graduating spring athletes, inducted a new Chi Alpha Sigma honorary class, and presented departmental awards.

Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate President Dr. Zackary Rice reported that Faculty Senate concluded an active academic year with increased engagement from both senators and faculty members.

Dr. Rice reported that Faculty Senate collaborated with several campus departments, including Digital Learning on initiatives related to syllabus updates through Blackboard and improvements to academic petition processes.

He also reported increased transparency through implementation of a shared tracking document for faculty comment submissions and resulting actions.

Dr. Rice noted that Faculty Senate completed elections and welcomed new senators for the upcoming academic year.

Staff Senate Report

Staff Senate President Dr. Stephanie Goad reported that Staff Senate recognized three employees with Quarter One Service Champ Awards during the May meeting. Recipients included Aletha Snyder, Heather Ollie, and Reagan Crosser.

Dr. Goad reported that the Staff Senate Welfare Committee continues reviewing staff compensation and benefits and has submitted recommendations to the President's Cabinet through the Staff Senate Executive Committee.

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She also reported that the new Staff Senate term began June 10, 2026, with newly filled senate positions to be announced at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Goad concluded her report and announced that Ms. Leona Belk will serve as the incoming Staff Senate President.

Student Representative Report

Board of Governors Student Representative Yulissa Gomez-Delgado reported positive student response to recent campus events, including the World Cuisine and Music Festival, Food Truck Finale, and Late Night at the Rec.

Ms. Gomez-Delgado reported that students have expressed interest in increased attendance and engagement at football games, additional summer programming, and expanded promotion of campus resources, including the Recreational Center and Willcoxon Health Center.

She also reported continued student excitement surrounding the Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center and updates to Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Ms. Gomez-Delgado shared a recommendation received during a visit to Jefferson City regarding consideration of distinct emergency addresses for campus buildings to assist emergency response services.

Board Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Vibrancy and Engagement

Chair Michael Seibert reported that the committee met for a third time on May 26, 2026. He noted that the committee has reviewed seven initiatives related to campus vibrancy and engagement and will continue development of those initiatives.

Personnel and Compensation Committee

Chair T. Mark Elliott reported that the committee met in closed session to discuss the annual evaluation of President Van Galen. No action was taken during committee

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session, and discussion would continue in closed session following the Board meeting.

Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Mariann Morgan reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met and brought forward several recommendations for Board approval.

A motion was made by Governor Mariann Morgan and seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik to approve the 2028-2029 Academic Calendar as presented and approved by the Academic Affairs Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Governor Mariann Morgan and seconded by Governor Alison Hershewe to approve the promotion and tenure recommendations presented by the Academic Affairs Committee. The recommendations for tenure are Dr. Betsy Adelizzi, Dr. Alicia Burris, Dr. Angie Durborow, and Ms. Whitney Hamm. The recommendations for promotion to Full Professor are Mr. Kyle McKenzie, Dr. Amber Mintert, Dr. Nicole Shoaf, and Mrs. Katherine Christian. For promotion to Associate Professor are Dr. Hannah Dow, Dr. Tonya Heavin, and Dr. Jody Jensen. For promotion of non-tenured faculty to Associate Clinical Instructor or Associate Master Instructor are Dr. Wendy Chrisenbery, Mrs. Kathleen Cowley, Mrs. Michelle Dawson, Mrs. Jannette Eldred, Mr. John Kilmer, Mr. Brian Mehrens, Mrs. Sherilyn Merritt, Dr. Aaron Moore, Ms. Melissah Perkins, Mrs. Stephanie Schiding, Mrs. Erin Taber, and Mrs. Jenifer Vieselmeyer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Governor Mariann Morgan and seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik to approve the Faculty Handbook updates as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget and Audit Committee

Chair Michael Seibert reported that the Budget and Audit Committee met and reviewed several FY27 budget items and recommendations.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor T. Mark Elliott to approve the FY27 tuition rates as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

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- o In-state/Lion Pride/Oceanic tuition rate at \$313.50 (\$13.50) per credit hour.
- o Out-of-state tuition rate at \$627.00 (\$27.00) per credit hour.
- o Distance Learning tuition rate at \$330.00 per credit hour. No change.
- o Graduate in-state/Lion Pride tuition rate at \$400.00 (\$15.00) per credit hour.
- o Graduate out of state tuition rate at \$701.75 (\$1.75) per credit hour.
- o Dual Credit tuition rate at \$75.00 (\$10.00) per credit hour.
- o Lion fee undergraduate fee \$30.00 per credit hour. No change.
- o Lion fee graduate fee \$42.00 per credit hour. No change.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Rodney Hendricks to authorize administration to increase compensation in the amount of approximately \$1,285,000 as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Rodney Hendricks to adopt a FY27 revenue budget of \$78 million as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seibert recognized members of the Facility Planning Advisory Task Force for their contributions and participation in planning the 5-year road map.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor T. Mark Elliott to authorize utilization of reserve funds in the amount of \$1,565,000 for HVAC in Webster, Fine Arts and Taylor Performing Arts and roof for Taylor Performing Arts Center, Black Box Theatre, Music, and Fine Arts as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Rodney Hendricks for the \$1,285,000 referenced compensation, to authorize utilization of \$740,000 in reserve funds for one-time compensation payments as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business

A motion was made by Governor Michael Seibert and seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik to amend the 2026-2027 Board meeting schedule to include March 11, 2027, and June 10, 2027. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Election of Officers

Governor Alison Hershewe nominated Governor Benjamin Rosenberg to serve as Chair of the Board of Governors. Governor Rodney Hendricks seconded the nomination. Governor Anita Oplotnik moved to cease nominations, seconded by Governor Rodney Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously. Governor Benjamin Rosenberg was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Governor Rodney Hendricks nominated Governor T. Mark Elliott to serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Governors. Governor Mariann Morgan seconded the nomination. Governor Alison Hershewe moved to cease nominations, seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik. Motion passed unanimously. Governor T. Mark Elliott was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Governor Anita Oplotnik nominated Ms. Linda Eis to serve as Treasurer. Governor Rodney Hendricks seconded the nomination. Governor Michael Seibert moved to cease nominations, seconded by Governor Mariann Morgan. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Linda Eis was elected Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Governor Mariann Morgan nominated Mrs. Diana Follmer to serve as Secretary. Governor Anita Oplotnik seconded the nomination. Governor Rodney Hendricks moved to cease nominations, seconded by Governor Anita Oplotnik. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Diana Follmer was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Governor Rodney Hendricks and seconded by Governor Mariann Morgan to enter closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3). A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

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The board moved into closed session and adjourned from that session.

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Governor Rosenberg
Chairman of the Board

X 
Diana Follmer
Board Secretary

X 9-11-26
Date