The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents met at 1 p.m. on December 14, 2017 in the Northwest Missouri State University Boardroom of the J.W. Jones Student Union pursuant to public notice given December 12, 2017.

The following members of the Board were present: Chair Dr. Patrick Harr, Vice Chair Gene Dorrel, Dr. Marilou Joyner, John Richmond and Richard Smith. Also present were University President Dr. John Jasinski and Attorney Hayley Hanson.

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A quorum being present, Regent Harr called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Dr. Jasinski presented a proclamation to Event Coordinator Gina Bradley for her completion of 75 commencement ceremonies at the university. Her exemplary work was applauded and December 14, 2017 has been named “Gina Bradley Day.”

Resolution #9614: It was moved by Regent Joyner and seconded by Regent Dorrel that the following item be approved:

To amend the agenda to include legal services contract renewal as agenda item: 3.05 and Various Reports becomes agenda item: 3.06

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

Resolution #9615: It was moved by Regent Smith and seconded by Regent Joyner that the following items be approved:

Accept the Consent agenda items – open minutes of the November 1, 2017 Board of Regents, open minutes of the November 20, 2017 Board of Regents and Candidates for Degree as presented in agenda items: 2.02, 2.03 and 2.04.

A voice vote was taken:

The motion carried.
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Resolution #9616: It was recommended by Provost Hooyman, endorsed by President Jasinski, approved by the Academic and Student Engagement committee, moved by Regent Joyner and seconded by Regent Dorrel that the following item be approved:

The faculty to be appointed for the Spring 2018 trimester as presented in agenda item: 3.01.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

Resolution #9617: It was recommended by Provost Hooyman, endorsed by President Jasinski, approved by the Academic and Student Engagement committee, moved by Regent Joyner and seconded by Regent Dorrel that the following item be approved:

The revision to Chapter 2 of the Faculty Handbook as presented in agenda item: 3.02.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

Resolution #9618: It was recommended by Vice Presidents Baker and Carrick, endorsed by President Jasinski, approved by the Academic and Student Engagement committee and the People, Finance and Operations committee, moved by Regent Dorrel and seconded by Regent Smith that the following item be approved:

The Franken Hall Renovation Project not to exceed $5 million dollars as presented in agenda item: 3.03.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.
Resolution #9619: It was recommended by Vice President Carrick, endorsed by President Jasinski, approved by the People, Finance and Operations committee, moved by Regent Richmond and seconded by Regent Smith that the following item be approved:

The FY17 Annual Financial Audit as presented by Audit Partner Chester Moyer of RubinBrown as presented in agenda item: 3.04.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

Resolution #9620: It was recommended by President Jasinski, moved by Regent Dorrel and seconded by Regent Richmond that the following item be approved:

The legal services contract renewal with HuschBlackwell from December 14, 2017 - December 14, 2020 as presented in agenda item: 3.05.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

REPORTS

Student Senate – Katie Brown
- Written report was provided.

Staff Council – Ashley Henggeler
- Written report was provided.

Faculty Senate – Dr. John Gallaher
- Written report was provided and the additional report below:
  Thank you for the opportunity to speak today, as well as at the board of regents work session on Monday.

  Faculty senate has been working on many things this fall that you will hear more about in the spring. Among them are the employee satisfaction survey outcomes and process, academic integrity policy and procedure, profession-based learning, assessment best practices, and, to highlight one, we continue to work on the issue of civility (along with staff and the administration), and are pleased with the progress and, personally, I’ve really enjoyed working with staff council and the DEI office. I don’t know how we functioned in the past without a staff council. We’ve a great group.
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Looking forward, my goal for faculty senate for the remainder of the school year, as president and spokesperson, is to continue to improve lines of communication within the faculty (on and off campus) as well as between faculty and staff, administration and the board of regents. As I said last month in my report, how we, faculty, staff, administration, and the board, work together, how we communicate, what our shared process is, is of fundamental importance. We will not always agree on each decision, such as the Chapter 2 changes, but through a shared commitment to the process, to collaboration, at the end of the day, we will remain united in our mission, vision and values. The faculty senate is strongly committed to continuing to work toward that end.

Because one should probably never allow poets to be faculty senate presidents, an aside:

Because we’re heading into winter break, and because I’ve long been a fan of charming anecdotes and flighty metaphors, I will close with this: this morning, I watched a charming little play put on by the Horace Mann 5th and 6th grade, about a moose with glowing antlers who guides Santa’s sleigh when Rudolph (masterfully played by my son) comes down with a cold. The question I posed to my son after, is, next year, when Rudolph is back to health, which of them, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer or Randy the Red-Horned Rainmoose, will guide Santa’s sleigh. He decided that maybe they will guide it together, as they’d make more light. So that is my wish for us, heading into next semester: more light.

President - Dr. John Jasinski

- A PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Resolution #9621: It was moved by Regent Richmond and seconded by Regent Joyner to go into closed session to consider matters pursuant to exemptions to the open meeting requirement as specified in R.S. MO 610.021(1)(2)(3)(13):

- Legal actions, cause of action, litigation or privileged communications between the Board/University’s representative and its attorney: §610.021(1) R.S. Mo.
- Lease, purchase or sale of real estate: §610.021(2) R.S. Mo.
- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees: §610.021(3) R.S. Mo.
- Individually identifiable personnel records: §610.021(13) R.S. Mo.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Dorrel voted yea.
Regent Joyner voted yea.
Regent Richmond voted yea.
Regent Smith voted yea.
Regent Harr voted yea.

The motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:11 p.m. to go into closed session.

Lynne Gilbert
Secretary to the Board of Regents
Northwest Missouri State University