Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Open Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents met at 3:30 p.m. on September 7, 2023, pursuant to public notice given August 31, 2023.

The following members of the Board were present: Steve Coppinger, Shanda Durbin, John Moore, Elizabeth Motazedi, Debbie Roach, Roxanna Swaney and Mel Tjeerdsma. Also present were: President Dr. Lance Tatum, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Matt Baker, Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick, Vice President of Culture Dr. Clarence Green, Vice President of Advancement Mitzi Marchant, Athletic Director Andy Peterson, and Legal Counsel Hayley Hanson.

A quorum being present, Chair Swaney called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Resolution #24-007: It was endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Durbin and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma that the following item as presented in agenda item 2.02 be approved:

Adopt the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0) by voice vote.

Resolution #24-008: It was moved by Regent Coppinger and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following consent agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 be approved:

- August 3, 2023 Board of Regents Open Work Session Meeting Minutes (on file)
- August 3, 2023 Board of Regents Open Meeting Minutes (on file)

The motion carried by unanimously (6-0) by voice vote.

RECOGNITION

- Academic Impact Award Recipients: Jeff Bradley, Christian Dixon, Dr. Shantel Farnan, Terra Feick, Dr. Tamara Lynn, Kait Miller, Dixie Piel, Matt Tritten (Dr. Mike Steiner)
- Faculty Excellence Award Winners and Governor's Award Recipient: Daniel Biegelson, Dr. Cindy Tu, Dr. Ethan Bottone, Diana Linville, Dr. Debbie Brown, Dr. Nate Eloe (Dr. Allison Hoffmann)
- Multi-Disciplinary Team re: Student Account Issue: Dr. Matt Baker, Stacy Carrick, Mary Collins, Dr. Allison Hoffmann, Brennan Lehman (Dr. Clarence Green)
- Dr. Melissa Van Buren - Employee Wellness Initiative (AVP Krista Barcus)
- Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity National Recognition – Herbert L. Brown Outstanding Chapter Award: Dillon Davis, Garrison Kennedy, Dale Schaeffer, Taylor Stein (Dr. Matt Baker)

Resolution #24-009: It was recommended by Chief Green, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma that the following item as presented in agenda item 4.02 be approved:

to approve the appointment of the officer Michael Logan.

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Moore voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Vice President Carrick presented for awareness the list of FY25 State Appropriation Requests submitted to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to be approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and forwarded to the Office of Administration. No Board action taken. (List on file)

Resolution #24-010: It was recommended by Vice President Carrick, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following item as presented in agenda item 4.04 be approved:

the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Project and hereby authorize the President and Vice President of Finance & Administration to execute contracts to the selected bidders with a total project cost not-to-exceed $105,000,000 aligned with funding sources.

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Moore voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Verbal reports were presented by the following individuals:

- Ms. Elizabeth Motazedi, Student Regent/Student Senate President
    - Currently, as the 101st Student Senate, we are trying to get all students registered to vote. We have done this by hosting booths in the Student Union, presenting to classes, and voter registration seminars and we are brainstorming a lot more.

- Mr. Duane Havard, Staff Council Chair-Elect
    - The Northwest Missouri State University Staff Council has been busy with a T-shirt fundraiser which is continuing through Oct. 8th. Over $ 1,045 has been raised to help with annual scholarships for Northwest family members.
    - Our group did not meet in August due to the beginning of the school year and everyone being so busy.
    - We are preparing to work with HR on the Employee Satisfaction Survey that will be coming out soon.
    - Look for appreciation events coming this fall and more information as soon as it is available.

- Dr. Rhonda Beemer, Faculty Senate President

- The 50th year of faculty senate began with the first meeting of the year on 9/6/2023 with a change of leadership. The meeting included a discussion of programs Wellness Services offer our Faculty, Staff, and students, as well as a discussion of the Compensation Study. Faculty have concerns regarding the compensation study and are eager to learn more about the results and have a clearer understanding of the new philosophy that may be developed, specifically regarding the salary matrix that has been utilized in years past.
- Some announcements to note:
  - a reminder that Missouri Hope Emergency Disaster Training will occur October 13th -15th and they are needing people to play the role of victim (if anyone would like to do that, contact Peter Adam).
  - In addition, it should be noted that Northwest is now a registered Exercise is Medicine Campus from the American Council on Exercise (ACSM). This initiative was organized by faculty in the School of Health Science and Wellness and calls upon universities to promote physical activity as a vital sign of health by completing various activities. October is a big month for these activities, so stay tuned for fun events geared towards improving the health of our campus community.
  - Finally, in preparation for the academic year, faculty senate committees have been formed and will begin working on various charges. A few examples of charges for the semester that highlight faculty on campus include the Teaching and Learning committee planning the Professional Development Days and the Research committee advertising and choosing recipients for the Faculty Research Grants.

- Mr. Pat Pijanowski, Northwest Foundation Liaison
  - FY24 fundraising through Aug. 31, 2023: $866,729
    - This includes a $300,000 gift from The Goppert Foundation in support of Martindale Hall (they had previously given $200,000 for Martindale's third-floor renovations); want to thank Foundation Board member and Northwest alum Corey Strider for his assistance with this gift
  - Martindale project funding as of Aug. 31, 2023:
    - Estimated project cost: $17 Million
      - Matching requirement: $8.5 Million
        - Fundraising to date: $1,816,360
        - University funded: $300,000
  - Events are being planned in three cities to introduce Dr. and Mrs. Tatum to Northwest alumni and friends. These will be invitation-only events in the evening: Kansas City, Oct. 10; Omaha, Nov. 2; Des Moines, Nov. 14. These events are still in the planning stages, so more information will be shared as it becomes available, but each Regent and NLT member will soon be receiving an invitation.
  - Dr. Tatum has met (or has meetings scheduled) with more than 35 of Northwest's top donors and has reached out via an introductory letter to more than 60 additional donors (with an invitation to schedule a phone call meeting if desired).
  - As mentioned in my last report, the Foundation board will be meeting with a consultant later this month to provide our board members and staff with a strong understanding of all of the steps involved in a comprehensive campaign. Additional training may take place in the future for university leaders and others who may play a role in successfully launching a campaign.
  - Powering Dreams, the annual event that celebrates scholarship donors and recipients, is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Agricultural Learning Center and we are expecting about 250 people in attendance. We appreciate Dr. Tatum and Dr. Hooyman (pronounced Hoy-men) agreeing to make remarks at this event.

- The call center located in the basement of the Faust Center for Alumni and Friends, now referred to as the Outreach Center, is staffed by Northwest students who make phone calls to support the Northwest Fund and other initiatives. They began contacting alumni and friends as well as parents of freshmen this week.
- The Northwest Alumni Association Board of Directors will be meeting Sept. 22 and will welcome two new members: Chris Blum and Maureen Freese. The following day, the Alumni Association will recognize the 2023 Family of the Year recipient Shelby Norman and her family during the Bearcat football game. For those of you who have been at Northwest for a while, she is the granddaughter of former Northwest employees and alumni Gary and Ramona Collins.

Adjourn Open Session

Resolution #24-011: It was moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Coppinger to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Moore voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hargrave

Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board of Regents