Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Academic and Student Engagement Committee
Open Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2025
Approved on December 9, 2025

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents Academic and Student Engagement Committee met in open session via Zoom on July 29, 2025, pursuant to public notice given on July 23, 2025.

The following members of the Academic and Student Engagement Committee were present: Steve Coppinger, Chair Jason Klindt and Debbie Roach. Also present were Regent Roxanna Swaney, President Dr. Lance Tatum, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Matt Baker, Vice President of Culture Krista Barcus, Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick, Provost Dr. Jamie Hooyman, Vice President of Advancement Mike Johnson, Athletics Director Dr. Andy Peterson, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Kori Hoffmann and general counsel Hayley Hanson.

OPEN SESSION

Roll call was taken at 1:01 p.m., and a quorum was established.

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Coppinger that the following items, as presented in agenda item 2.02 be approved:

adopt the agenda.

A voice vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Coppinger that the following consent item as presented in agenda item 3.01 be approved:

June 16, 2025, OPEN Academic and Student Engagement Committee meeting minutes (document on file).

A voice vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

It was recommended by Provost Jamie Hooyman and endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Coppinger and seconded by Regent Roach that the following faculty appointments presented in agenda item 4.01 be approved:

three full-time and 122 adjunct faculty for the 2025-26 academic year (document on file).

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was recommended by Vice President Baker and Assistant Vice President Hoffmann, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Roach and seconded by Regent Coppinger, the following item presented in agenda item 4.02 be approved and presented to the full Board for approval:

the revised Anti-Hazing Policy effective July 31, 2025 (document on file).

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was recommended by President Tatum, moved by Regent Coppinger and seconded by Regent Roach that the following item presented in agenda item 4.03 be approved and presented to the full Board for approval:

the FY26 institutional goals (document on file).

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

FYI's

President Tatum presented the following FYIs to the committee:

- **Academic Affairs**
  - Northwest has dissolved the Northwest Kansas City Center contract and moved from the property. A small office is still being maintained for Northwest Kansas City within North Kansas City.
- **Athletics**
  - Season ticket renewals went on sale July 1.
  - Assistant Softball and Assistant Track and Field Coach positions remain open.
  - The Bearcat Stadium debt has been retired.
- **Culture**
  - Faculty contracts have been distributed. This is the earliest this has ever been completed.
  - The FY26 Northwest Holiday Schedule was approved and posted on the University Calendar.
- **Finance & Administration**
  - Governor Kehoe vetoed over $14 million in additional funding that lawmakers had approved for universities and community colleges, resulting in a 1.5% funding increase instead of the proposed 3%.

        - President Tatum sent communication to staff and faculty announcing the State funding reduction, noting that this reduction impacts Northwest's base operating budget.
    - The Cyber Security Grant has been put in place and has increased University security protocols.
    - Northwest is heading into heavy usage time for Workday. Several management changes will occur which will be communicated during the fall semester.
        - Staff should be reminded to complete their timesheets daily during the transition into Workday.
    - The HVAC Project will close the Administration Building for approximately seven months. Vice President Carrick is working with departments to secure office placements.
- **Student Affairs**
    - Andrew Murphy has seven new students this fall for the competitive E-sports team.
    - The housing software that was recently implemented did not function as promised and Northwest has cancelled that contract. New software is being implemented currently.
    - A new hazing policy will be taken to the BOR in July. Dr. Baker will share the policy with NLT members. Once approved it will be published to the Policy Library on the Northwest website.
- **University Advancement**
    - University Advancement completed FY25 ahead of fundraising goals, totaling $6.4 million.
    - Interviews have been conducted, and selection is being made for a campaign counsel firm.
    - Dr. Dean L. and Aleta Hubbard Hearth and Fireplace Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled for July 9, at the Gaunt House Patio.
        - A dedication of the project will occur on Walk-out Day, October 24.
    - The Coaches Caravan begins July 8 in Council Bluffs. Check out the Bearcat Athletics page for details.

Adjournment

It was moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Coppinger to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Academic and Student Engagement Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hargrave

Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board of Regents