

## **Report from the President**

The following is a synopsis of the Sept. 15, 2000, meeting of the Morehead State University Board of Regents. It is meant only as a brief overview. The BOR Agenda Book with detailed information is available for review in the Camden-Carroll Library.

### **Oath of Office**

Jon Woodall, the University's legal counsel, administered the oath of office to citizen member Jerry Umberger of Ashland; staff member Gene Caudill of Morehead, who was reelected to his third term; and student member Teresa Johnson of Jackson, Ohio, who was elected president of the Student Government Association for 2000-2001.

### **Executive Session**

Board Chair Sonny Jones called for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. After an hour, the regents returned and the chair announced that no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

### **Spotlight Presentation**

Dr. David Magrane, chair of the "Teaching the Teachers for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Task Force, provided the Board with insight on the ways the University is preparing students to be better teachers, and Dr. Betty Regan, chair of the Department of Information Systems, discussed the PT3 Grant which enables faculty members to infuse technology into their instruction.

### **Personnel Actions**

The Board ratified the Personnel Actions for the period May 15 through Aug. 18. The report included 13 resignations, 18 retirements and 2 deaths.

### **Personnel Policies**

The Board approved revisions to a series of personnel policies. These included: Personnel Policy PG-44, Staff Job Classification and Wage and Salary Administration; Personnel Policy PG-50, Staff Performance Management System; Personnel Policy PSE-7, Discipline and Dismissal (exempt employees); Personnel Policy PSNE-8, Discipline and Dismissal (non-exempt employees); and Personnel Policy Pad-7, Suspension With or Without Pay. University personnel noted that changes to personnel policies were prompted by recommendations of consultants who had reviewed job closings.

### **Personnel Policy PG-57**

The Board approved a new Personnel Policy PG-57, Retired Re-employment Program, and rescinded Personnel Policy Pac-25, Retired Faculty Re-employment Program, and Personnel Policy PG-43, Retired Re-employment Program. The revision was based on legislative changes that allow retirees to return to full-time employment in the same or different position with certain restrictions.

### **Renaming of Extended Campus Centers**

To present a more positive institutional image, the Board approved the renaming of the existing off-campus centers. The centers will now be known as MSU Ashland, MSU Prestonsburg, MSU West Liberty and MSU Jackson.

### **Student Government Association Constitution Amendments**

The Board ratified changes in the Student Government Association's Constitution that included changes in the number of members from the various constituencies.

## **Preliminary Fall 2000 Enrollment**

In his report, Dr. Michael Moore, executive vice president for academic affairs, noted that enrollment was up 16.7 percent in first-time graduate students over fall 1999. The University also was experiencing an increase in out-of-state students for the same time period and the average ACT scores for new students is up from 19.7 to 20. Preliminary enrollment figures listed 7,908 students who have paid tuition to date. Final figures will not be available until mid-November.

Tim Rhodes, assistant vice president for admissions, financial aid and housing, presented the suggested plan as devised from the Enrollment Management Task Force. Among the goals established for the coming year include: recruit out-of-state students with in-state tuition strategies; develop strategies to improve retention; improve MSU's image through promotion and increased visibility; and improve relationships with public school personnel.

## **Membership in Pioneer Football League**

The Regents approved MSU's membership in the Pioneer Football League, effective July 1, 2001. By then, the Pioneer League will consist of eight NCAA Division I schools playing non-scholarship football at the I-AA level. The University will remain in the Ohio Valley Conference for all other sports.

## **Personal Service Contracts**

Information on personal service contracts for amounts greater than \$10,000, for the period May 19 through Aug. 28, were granted to: Kelley, Galloway and Company, PSC, conduct annual audit, \$45,000; McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie and Kirkland, legal representation, \$40,000; Morehead Clinic, health care for MSU students through the Caudill Health Clinic, \$183,900; Dr. Betty Straub, document surveys, \$5,000; Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Maoloney, PLLC, legal representation, \$30,000; and University Accounting Service, Inc., billing and accounting service for the Federal Perkins Loan accounts, \$28,000.

## **1999-00 Salary Report**

A report on the total compensation earned by each exempt (salaried) employee was presented to the Board. The report included supplemental pay for teaching during the summer terms, teaching at off-campus sites, educational bonuses, interim appointments, accrued vacations days upon termination of employment and other duties performed in addition to regular appointments.

## **Real Property Leases**

As required by University policy, a report on annual real property leases was presented to the Board. Among the 13 items listed were space for parking lots, classrooms and warehouse space for Breckinridge Hall storage.

## **Real Property Acquisition**

The University will purchase a 6.22-acre track located on the southeast side of Wallace Wilkinson Blvd. (US 60 Bypass) adjacent to the University's Power Plant and commuter parking lot. The property was appraised at \$280,000. The land will be used for commuter and residential student parking, in accordance with the Campus Master Plan.

## **Private Giving**

The report to the Board listed nearly \$2.5 million in private giving for July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. A total of \$2,473,524 in gifts from 5,660 individuals, corporations and other entities was received by the MSU Foundation, Inc.

The most significant gifts of the year included \$450,000 from the Addie Rader Estate; \$394,000 from Lucille C. Little; and \$385,063 from the Thomas R. Curtis Estate.

**Major Gifts**

The Board was informed that the University had received 10 major gifts of \$10,000 or more, totaling \$1,643,012 during the period of May 26 through Aug. 31. The gifts included: E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund, scholarship, \$10,000; L.Wayne Judy, endowment, \$14,244; Gift-in-Kind (equipment), \$14,551; Student Government Association, endowed scholarships, \$15,000; Gift-in-Kind (property), \$28,000; Diane Ladow, Gift-in-Kind (livestock), \$30,000; Ashland, Inc., Endowed Professorship, \$35,000; Gift-in-Kind (periodicals, publications), \$134,102; Addie Rader Estate, scholarship, \$450,000; and Commonwealth of Kentucky, state matched endowments, \$912,115.

**President's Contract Extended**

In other business, the Board voted unanimously to extend the contract of President Ronald G. Eaglin by one year, through June 30, 2004.

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