Minutes of the Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting
Murray State University
May 19, 2006

The Board of Regents of Murray State University met on May 19, 2006, in quarterly session in the Jesse Stuart Room of Pogue Library on the main campus of Murray State University. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Don Sparks.

The roll was called and the following members were present: William C. Adams, Marilyn Buchanon, Olivia Burr, Lori Dial, Scott Ellison, Beverly Ford, Peg Hays, Alan Stout, Terry Strieter, Vickie Travis and Don Sparks. Absent: none.

Others present were: Kern Alexander, Interim President; Sandra M. Rogers, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Regents; Tom Denton, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services and Treasurer of the Board of Regents; Gary Brockway, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jim Carter, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Don Robertson, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dewey Yeatts, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Chief Facilities Officer; John Rall, University Counsel; members of the faculty, staff, students, news media and visitors.

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
Murray State University
Jesse Stuart Room, Pogue Library
May 19, 2006
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Regents on February 24, 2006

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4. Report of the Chair

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College of Humanities and Fine Arts

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Dr. Alexander

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Dr. Alexander

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C. Lori Dial

D. Don Sparks

14. Review of Meeting Dates

Mr. Sparks

15. Election of Officers

Mr. Sparks

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Regents on February 24, 2006, approved

Ms. Hays, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, that the Minutes of the Quarterly Board of Regents meeting held on February 24, 2006, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

President’s Report

1. Agriculture

Interim President Alexander stated that Murray State has the highest or second highest percentage of students in Agriculture in the state of Kentucky. We want to keep that program going and keep it viable and enhance the curriculum and the facilities of our School of Agriculture. We proposed in the Legislative Session that the Legislature fund the purchase of a new farm for Murray State University. We were unsuccessful; we had hoped to get that inserted in the Senate, but we were unable to and we came away without funding of what would be a very important addition to our University. There is a farm on 68/80 that is a beautiful piece of property that would allow Murray State to have a state of the art farm facility if we could figure out a way to buy it. I would like to raise that issue with you; I’m not requesting that you set aside
funds, I’m simply requesting that you add the momentum and the informatory of the Board of Regents behind our initiative to seek funds, figure out how to fund a property purchase. This might require that we sell a farm to purchase a new farm or we sell some property that we already have to help pay for this farm. I would like for you to consider a simple recommendation to say that we have the support of the Board of Regents, not to commit you to anything.

If we could purchase a farm, it would be a major addition to our operation. Dr. Tony Brannon, Dean, College of Agriculture, was asked to present more information.

Dr. Brannon stated that Dr. King Alexander in some discussions at the beginning of last fall wanted us to look forward to some of these opportunities that might become available. He asked me to appoint a Long Range Planning Committee for things such as this. That committee, a very influential and a well respected group, suggested that we look at this opportunity of purchasing additional properties. We are managing our current facilities by the square foot instead of by the acre. With the work that we’ve done with industries on our farm and with the work that we’ve done in expansion, we are out of resources. Maybe some of the land that we have is not as productive as we need so last fall Bob Hargrove was appointed chair of the Long Range Planning Committee and Bob and I have traveled the countryside looking for potential opportunities and we identified one that would be a tremendous asset to Murray State University; one that would move us forward. As Dean at that time I felt it was my commission to look into the future and begin some futuristic planning on things that might affect agriculture years from now. I certainly believe that looking at this property or other available property would be something that 20 or 30 years from now would certainly be a very significant mark on the wall as far as the future of agriculture and the future of Murray State University. I think one of the opportunities that we have is to expand in that area. Dr. King Alexander asked me to go out and find the 500 acre farm and someone that would donate it to us. We’ve explored that and actually this piece of property has a potential donation with it. We have worked with Dr. Tim Miller and several other university areas and the Office of Development as we’ve put this together. We had a package with some momentum with the Legislature and were hoping we could move in that direction but we certainly would entertain any additional help to move this thing forward for the future of Murray State.

Dr. Strieter asked if the property would be on the opposite side of Murray from where our current farm is located.

Dr. Brannon indicated that it would be coming in from a different direction.

Dr. Kern Alexander stated that we are simply asking the Board to be aware of this and to give your support to the expiration of the options. What we would like to do is follow up on the work of that committee and move forward with this project so it will not be new to you when it comes back to you in September, December or February. That’s the reason that we have asked for your consideration.

Options and Feasibility of the Acquisition of a Farm

Ms. Hays moved to request that the Interim President explore all viable options and analyze the fiscal feasibility of Murray State University acquiring a farm in close proximity to the main campus for the purpose of enhancing the quality of curricular innovation and research of the MSU School of Agriculture. Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the motion carried.

2. Commonwealth Honors Academy

Dr. Alexander stated that the Commonwealth Honors Academy was created more in self defense than as a separate initiative. The Governor’s Scholar’s program had not been directed toward the west part of the state for many years. In fact, it was going to the same schools in the central part of Kentucky every year. A few years ago, probably about 1999, they came to town to recruit all of our kids from west Kentucky to take them back to central Kentucky and so we decided that we couldn’t wait for someone somewhere to allow us to have the Governor’s Academy so we created at Murray State University the Commonwealth Honors Academy which has become a major part of our University in attracting outstanding high school scholars to Murray State. This idea was picked up by our faculty and has been carried along for several
years and through their hard work, many of them working in the summer recruiting these students, they have brought excellent students to our campus. Each year we've gotten a higher percentage of these students to enroll at Murray State University. Our requirements are higher than the Governor's Scholars; we have the twist with our Commonwealth Honors Academy that you earn credit at MSU by being chosen a Commonwealth Honors Academy scholar.

Dr. Sandra Jordan, Academic Affairs Support, gave a report on the Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA). She introduced the leadership team: Academic Dean, Warren Edminster; Student Life Dean, Randall Black; Counseling Director, Jane Etheridge; and Office and Secretarial Support, Lori Adams Rogers.

Dr. Jordan reviewed the Mission Statement and gave an overview of the program. Facts and figures shared were:

- Summer 2006 is the sixth CHA summer program.
- Dates: Summer 2006 Program begins on June 11 and continues for three weeks.
- CHA faculty remains a balance of MSU faculty and teachers from Murray and Calloway, Illinois and Tennessee High Schools.
- 2005 Enrollment - 94 students.
- Of the 94 in students in 2005 we hoped to recruit 50 percent to MSU in the Fall of 2006.
- We are on target with our recruitment goal (as of May 10, 2006, 47 students (50 percent) of the Summer 2005 class indicated “definitely will attend MSU.”
- Target enrollment for Summer 2006 is 100 students; currently 103 students are enrolled.
- Applications were up this year by 32 percent. CHA had a record 203 applications for 100 seats in the 2006 program. By comparison, we had 154 applications for the 2005 program.
- The academic qualifications of the CHA students continue to increase. The average ACT of the Summer 2006 class is 26.6. Nineteen members of the 2006 class qualify for the Presidential Scholarship. Twenty-two additional students are within one or two points on the ACT of qualifying for our Presidential Scholarship and plan to retake the ACT in their senior year of high school.
- Summer 2006 CHA class includes 11 minority students.

Dr. Alexander asked that funding for the CHA program be included in our Legislative request next year. It has greater potential to expand.

Report of the Chair

Mrs. Gina Winchester was introduced as the new Staff Regent.

Mr. Sparks reviewed the contract with President-Elect Randy Dunn. He was asked to negotiate a contract that would be similar to Dr. King Alexander's contract updated for salary. We hoped to have it finalized by today, but Dr. Dunn was unable to finish reviewing. He did have a question about moving expenses which is not in the contract, but we have traditionally paid those expenses for the President to move to Murray. We ask in that contract that he try to assume the position on December 1, 2006.

Report of the Treasurer, accepted

Treasurer Tom Denton presented and reviewed the financial and investment reports for the period of July 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006. Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Buchanan moved, seconded by Ms. Dial, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

(See Attachments #1 and #2)
Report of the Registrar

Mr. Ellison moved, seconded by Mrs. Buchanon, that the Board of Regents ratify the awarding of degrees to individuals on May 13, 2006, as verified and recommended by the Registrar. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #3)

Naming of Facilities, approved

A. Room 401, Business Building

This recommendation is forwarded in recognition of Mr. Dick Anderson’s commitment to contribute $65,795 toward renovation of the room to be used as a Web Based Multi-Point Teleconferencing Center.

Mrs. Travis moved, seconded by Ms. Dial, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the naming of Room 401 in the Business Building North for Mr. Dick Anderson, Vice Chairman and President – Business Markets of BellSouth Corporation, in honor of his support of its 2006 renovation into the TSM Teleconferencing Learning Center. Per Mr. Anderson’s request, the proposed name would read:

Dick Anderson
Vice Chairman
BellSouth Corporation
MSU, 1980

Motion carried.

B. College of Business and Public Affairs Dean’s Conference Room

This recommendation is forwarded in recognition of Dr. Dannie Harrison’s career that has spanned over 37 years at the University. Dr. Harrison, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs and Professor of Economics, will retire as Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs. To honor and acknowledge his many years of service, this naming will serve as a lasting tribute to him for his important influence that has affected students, faculty, and staff over three decades of faithful service.

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Ms. Hays, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the naming of the College of Business and Business Affairs Dean’s Conference Room for Dannie Harrison in honor of Dr. Harrison’s commitment and excellent service to Murray State University. The proposed name would read: The Dannie Harrison Conference Room. Motion carried.

C. Interview Rooms and Conference Room in Career Services

Recently a grant proposal was completed and submitted to the Pella Corporation to assist with refurbishing interview rooms and a conference room and adding new technological features which would provide virtual interview capability in these rooms to Pella and other potential employers for our students. This concept in Career Services resulted from recent meetings with their executives in Murray, Kentucky, and Pella, Iowa.

Pella has agreed to fund $30,000 of this initiative to strengthen their working relationship with Career Services and the University and to provide enhanced services and capabilities in the hiring process for our students. The estimated total cost of this renovation will be between $40,000 - $50,000. The University is currently seeking a grant between $5,000 - $10,000 from Enterprise Rent-A-Car and any repairs and maintenance that exceed the Pella donation and the Enterprise Rent-A-Car grant will be covered by Facilities Management.

Ms. Burr moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Board of Regents, upon the
recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the naming of three interview rooms and a conference room in the Career Services Office for Pella. The proposed names would read:

Pella Interview Rooms
Pella Conference Room

Motion carried.

Authorization to Commission Official Portrait

It has been the practice of the University to have an official portrait commissioned for each of the past University presidents. The portrait would be displayed along with the other university presidents’ portraits in Pogue Library.

Mrs. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Board of Regents authorize the commissioning of an official portrait of Dr. F. King Alexander. Motion carried.

Personnel Changes

A. Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay, approved

Mrs. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mrs. Travis, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay as listed below:

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* Intermittent Leave

Motion carried.

B. Recommendation on Appointment of Dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, approved

Mrs. Ford moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the appointment of Dr. Ted Brown, Associate Professor, as Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, effective July 1, 2006, at a fiscal year salary of $110,000.

Dr. Strieter seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.
C. **Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chair, Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration, approved**

Dr. Strieter moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the appointment of Dr. Gerry Muuka, Professor, as Interim Chair of the Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration, effective July 1, 2006, at a fiscal year salary of $125,000.

Mr. Ellison seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

D. **Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chair, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, approved**

Mrs. Travis moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the appointment of Dr. Allen White, Professor, as Interim Chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, effective July 1, 2006, at a fiscal year salary of $90,517.

Ms. Hays seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

E. **Recommendation on Appointment of Chair, Department of Adolescent, Career and Special Education, approved**

Mr. Stout moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the appointment of Dr. Ginny Richerson, Professor, as Chair of the Department of Adolescent, Career and Special Education effective July 1, 2006, at a fiscal year salary of $96,174.

Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

F. **Early Retirement Contract for James Booth, approved**

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Ms. Dial, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the early retirement contract for Dr. James Booth, Regents Professor, Department of Organizational Communication, effective with the 2006-2007 contract. Motion carried.

G. **Early Retirement Contract for Roger Schoenfeldt, approved**

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Mrs. Travis, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the early retirement contract for Dr. Roger Schoenfeldt, Professor, Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration, effective with the 2006-2007 contract. Motion carried.

H. **Recommendation on Appointment of Acting President, approved**

Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the Chair, approve the appointment of Dr. Tim Miller as Interim President, effective August 16, 2006, and to continue until Dr. Randy Dunn assumes his full duties and responsibilities on or before January 1, 2007. Dr. Miller’s salary shall be at the same rate as that of Interim President Kern Alexander.

Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms.
Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Ms. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs - Dr. Strieter.

International Statement, accepted

Provost Gary Brockway and Drs. Mike Basile and Fred Miller gave a presentation on MSU’s international involvement and programs. Following the discussion, Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, that the statement below be accepted.

“Murray State University prepares graduates to function in a culturally diverse, technologically oriented society and increasingly interdependent world. The University is committed to international education as an integral dimension of the university experience.”

Motion carried.

Regents Teaching Excellence Awards, for information only

The Regents Awards for Teaching Excellence were established in 1985 to honor faculty who deserve recognition as exemplary teachers. The recipients of these awards show a strong commitment to excellence in the classroom, an enthusiasm for their discipline, and a sincere interest in the growth and well being of students. The following individuals received the 2006 Regents Awards:

- Dr. David Durr, College of Business and Public Affairs
- Dr. Susan Edington, College of Education
- Ms. Dana Manley, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
- Ms. Marcie Johnson, College of Humanities and Fine Arts
- Dr. Alycia Ritter, College of Humanities and Fine Arts
- Dr. James Rogers, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
- Dr. Patrick Williams, School of Agriculture

B. Athletic - no report.

C. Audit - Mr. Sparks.

Kentucky Institute for International Studies Program Audit

On behalf of the Audit Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President, accept the Kentucky Institute for International Studies Program audit for the year ended 12/31/05. Ms. Hays seconded and the motion carried.

(See Attachment #4)


Ms. Hays presented the following information/recommendations.

Presentation of Information on Amphitheater

Student Regent Scott Ellison presented some slides for an Amphitheater on Murray State’s campus. He reported that the Student Government Association and the students have been working this past year on the idea of bringing an outdoor Amphitheater to our campus that would seat approximately 500 students and would be used for outdoor events. They are looking for a central location that would be easily accessible where students could go to not only outdoor events but also a place for socializing, reading and studying.
On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved, seconded by Mrs. Buchanon, that the Board of Regents support Mr. Ellison and the Student Government Association to proceed with a design and a concept for an Amphitheater on campus. Motion carried.

**Property Acquisitions**

1. 915 Waldrop Drive

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the purchase of property located at 915 Waldrop Drive in Murray, Kentucky, and the attached resolution authorizing the disposition of the structure located on the property.

Mrs. Travis seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanon, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried. (See Attachment #5)

2. 1613 Ryan

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the purchase of the property located at 1613 Ryan in Murray, Kentucky, and the attached resolution authorizing the disposition of the structure located on the property.

Mrs. Buchanon seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanon, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried. (See Attachment #6)

3. 1628 and 1632 Hamilton

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved that the Board of Regents authorize the Interim President of the University to purchase the properties located at 1628 and 1632 Hamilton.

Mrs. Buchanon seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanon, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

4. Properties on Olive, East of Broach and West of 16th Street

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved that the Board of Regents authorize the Interim President or the Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services to purchase properties located on Olive, east of Broach and west of 16th Street in Murray, Kentucky, necessary for the construction of the Phase III Building of the College of Science complex and approve the subsequent disposition of any structures located on the properties upon acquisition.

Ms. Dial seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanon, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

E. Development/Investments - no report.

F. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action - no report.
G. Faculty/Staff Affairs - no report.

H. Finance - Mr. Sparks.

Mr. Sparks presented the following recommendations.

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On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the purchase of property located at 915 Waldrop Drive in Murray, Kentucky, and the attached resolution authorizing the disposition of the structure located on the property.

Ms. Hays seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #7)

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On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the purchase of the property located at 1613 Ryan in Murray, Kentucky, and the attached resolution authorizing the disposition of the structure located on the property.

Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #8)

3. 1628 and 1632 Hamilton

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents authorize the Interim President of the University to purchase the properties located at 1628 and 1632 Hamilton.

Mr. Adams seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

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On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents authorize the Interim President or the Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services to purchase properties located on Olive, east of Broach and west of 16th Street in Murray, Kentucky, necessary for the construction of the Phase III Building of the College of Science complex and approve the subsequent disposition of any structures located on the properties upon acquisition.

Ms. Dial seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

**2006-07 Housing and Dining Rates**

1. Housing Deposit
On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve an increase in the Housing Deposit from $75 to $150 effective with the Fall 2007 semester.

Mrs. Ford seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

2. Residential College Room Rate

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve a room rate increase of 14 percent for residential colleges effective with the 2006-2007 Academic Year and 2007 Summer Session and that this approval include the standard calculation of Summer Sessions room rate fees to be 5/18ths of the prior academic year’s semester rate.

Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, no; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

Note: No fee increases will be made to College Courts rent for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

3. Meal Plan Rate

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve a 7 percent board plan increase, effective with the 2006-2007 Academic Year.

Mrs. Travis seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, no; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

2006-2007 Tuition Rates

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the attached tuition rates for the 2006-2007 academic year. The current ratio of graduate to undergraduate tuition is 1.1 to 1.0. These rates revise the ratio to 1.2 to 1.0.

Ms. Burr seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, no; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #9)

2006-2007 Budget

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sparks moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the 2006-2007 budget.

Mrs. Buchanan seconded and the roll was called with the following voting: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanan, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #10)
Promotion Recommendations, approved

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Ms. Hays, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, approve the following faculty for promotion, effective with the 2006-2007 contracts:

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Motion passed.

Tenure Recommendations, approved

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the University, award tenure to the following faculty effective with the 2006-2007 contracts (8/15/06):

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Tan Zhang  
Assistant  
Mathematics & Statistics

Motion carried.

**Resolutions of Appreciation, adopted**

A.  
Retiring Staff

Ms. Dial moved, seconded by Mr. Stout, that the following Resolution be adopted:

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Resolution of Appreciation**

WHEREAS, the following staff members of Murray State University are retiring or have retired during the 2005-2006 academic year:

William J. Benriter, Food Service, 17 1/2 years
Brenda A. Benson, College of Science, Engineering & Technology, 28 years
Billie H. Burton, Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach, 26 1/2 years
Michael O. Cartner, Small Business Development Center, 19 1/2 years
Rose M. Cansino-Thomas, Accounting & Financial Services, 5 years
John D. Cooper, Facilities Management, 5 1/2 years
Mary D. Crum, College of Business & Public Affairs, 20 years
Gertrude G. Dawson (deceased), College of Health Sciences & Human Services, 27 1/2 years
Jo C. Elam, Food Service, 19 1/2 years
Carrie L. Estep, Facilities Management, 19 1/2 years
Jane Gaines, Facilities Management, 15 years
Dorothy M. Harpole, Facilities Management, 12 1/2 years
Brenda S. Hart, Human Resources, 18 1/2 years
Nancy T. Martin, Kentucky Institute for International Studies, 9 years
John M. Miller, Facilities Management, 30 years
Janice G. Parm, Registrar’s Office, 30 years
Eddie O. Ramsey, Facilities Management, 23 years
John D. Roberts, Food Service, 23 years
Nelda J. Smith, Facilities Management, 15 years
Ruth A. Vaughan, Food Service, 14 1/2 years
Norma L. Viniard, Food Service, 4 years

and

WHEREAS, they have served Murray State University faithfully, loyally, and professionally, and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, and staff of Murray State University are cognizant and appreciative of the vital support and services of these members; and

WHEREAS, they have performed their responsibilities in a dedicated and professional manner;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University recognizes these individuals and their 383 collective total years of service to Murray State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its deep and heartfelt appreciation to these staff members for their loyalty and devotion to the institution and their contributions to the betterment of the University.

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Motion carried.

B. Retiring Faculty

Dr. Strieter moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, the following faculty members of Murray State University are retiring or have retired during the 2005-2006 academic year:

Ernie Bailey, University Libraries, 35 years
James Booth, Organizational Communication, 30 years
Geneva Cooper, Nursing, 29 years
John Griffin, University Libraries, 29 years
Milton Grimes, Modern Languages, 34 years
Jane Hall, Accounting, 31 years
Jean Lorrin, English & Philosophy, 38 years
Roger Schoenfeldt, Management, Marketing & Business Administration, 38 years

WHEREAS, they have served Murray State University faithfully, loyally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, they have served the students of Murray State University on a daily basis with warmth, understanding, and concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University recognize these individuals and their collective total 264 years of service to Murray State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its deep and heartfelt appreciation to these faculty members for their loyalty and devotion to the institution and their contributions to the betterment of the University.

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Motion carried.

C. Lori Dial

Ms. Hays moved, seconded by Mrs. Buchanon, that the following Resolution be adopted:

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO

LORI DIAL

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2006, Lori Dial will complete her third term as the second staff
Regent, having carried out her responsibilities with notable thoughtfulness, enthusiasm, and loyalty to the University; and

WHEREAS, her service as a Regent has been marked by working diligently on behalf of all staff members in regard to health insurance, keeping food services in house, while also working as a Student Financial Aid Officer; and

WHEREAS, her understanding of the complex issues facing the University and her unfailing efforts to ensure that the Board’s decisions benefit the staff and students are greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, she has served with distinction on the various Regent’s committees for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, it is the earnest hope of her fellow Regents that she continue her valued service to Murray State University in future years, and it is their expectation that employees of Murray State will continue to benefit from her thoughtful advocacy on major issues of policy;

NOW, THEREFORE ON THIS MAY 19, 2006, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Murray State University express to Lori Dial their deep appreciation for her dedicated service to the University and their abiding respect and esteem for her many contributions to the Board;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regents transmit a suitably inscribed copy of this Resolution to Lori Dial, along with their warmest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

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Motion carried.

A framed Resolution was presented to Lori Dial.

D. Don Sparks

Mr. Stout moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford and Mr. Adams, that the following resolution be adopted:

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
DON W. SPARKS

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Murray State University wish to pay well-deserved tribute to Don W. Sparks, who has served for the past six years with distinction as a Regent of the University; and

WHEREAS, he has brought to the Board’s deliberations the experience and wisdom of a distinguished career in public education; and

WHEREAS, he has generously given of himself to the service of this Board and its committees as its Chairman for the past two years, and as Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committees and as a member of the Academic Affairs, Athletics, Development and Investments Committees; and

WHEREAS, his service as a member of this Board can be characterized by his steadfast commitment and loyalty to this institution, a calm presence even during the most heated discussions; and

WHEREAS, his jovial nature was an exemplary example to his peers;
NOW THEREFORE ON THIS MAY 19, 2006, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Murray State University express to Don W. Sparks their heartfelt appreciation for all he has given to the University and note that the Board has been greatly enhanced by his personal reasoned judgment and courage;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regents extend to Don W. Sparks their affectionate good wishes for a full and happy life in the years ahead and direct that a suitably inscribed copy of this Resolution be presented to him as an expression of the Board’s lasting friendship and highest esteem.

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Motion carried.

A framed Resolution was presented to Don Sparks.

**MSU News Resolution**

Mr. Alan Stout presented the following resolution regarding the MSU News cartoon in the May 5, 2006, issue.

**RESOLUTION OF MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS May 19, 2006**

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2006, the *Murray State News* published a cartoon on page 5(a) that was degrading, disrespectful, vulgar, obscene and beyond the bounds of decency; and

WHEREAS, the content of said cartoon served no legitimate purpose and was offensive to administration, students, staff, and faculty of Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, the publication is distributed to the general public, alumni, and University community and as such many readers were offended by said publication; and

WHEREAS, said publication did nothing to teach responsible journalism and concepts of freedom of speech to students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Murray State University Board of Regents does hereby condemn the *Murray State News* for said publication and recommends that the Chair of the Board appoint a committee to review the oversight and control of said publication to assure that such offensive content never occurs again.

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Mr. Stout moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, that the above Resolution be approved. The roll was called and the following voted: Mr. Adams, yes; Mrs. Buchanon, yes; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, yes; Mrs. Travis, yes; and Mr. Sparks, yes. Motion carried.

Concern was expressed by Mr. Stout of the disappointment of the department from which he graduated. His concern is to make certain that it doesn’t happen again. He read an article published in the newspaper in Crittenden County by an alumnus of Murray State also expressing disappointment.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Board of Regents this 19th day of May, 2006, and signed by Chair Don Sparks.

Dr. Brockway and Mr. Stout were asked to serve on a committee to look into the situation and a resolution of the problem.
Meeting Dates

The Board of Regents were asked to let Mrs. Rogers know their preferences for the upcoming meeting dates.

Recognition of the Student Regent

Mrs. Marilyn Buchanon recognized Student Regent Scott Ellison who has been elected as the 2006 Greek Man of the Year at Murray State University. He has also been elected as the Vice Chair of the Body of Student Government Presidents of all the universities in the state of Kentucky; and, I’m sure most important to his parents, he has made the Dean’s List.

Tribute to Kern Alexander

Murray State University
Board of Regents Meeting
May 19, 2006
Tribute to Kern Alexander
As read by Marilyn Buchanon

Madame Secretary, I respectfully request that my following words be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and preserved in the minute books of this institution.

At 3:00 a.m. this morning it came to me that not only should this time be used to thank you Dr. Alexander, but it should also be used to make some additional comments to you and your family as well. Some of us know that at times during your tenure you have felt a lack of respect and support from some. Over the past decade this has included everything from comments by a few locals, bad editorials and articles from local newspapers, to even obscene and defamatory cartoons in the University newspaper. We know that this University is bigger than any bad newspaper article or satirical cartoon. We cannot right the wrongs that have been done you, but we can say we are sorry you had to endure those tough times and remind you of the great words that Abraham Lincoln uttered at Gettysburg, and I quote, “The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.” In this case, “they” being the Alexander family.

There are many in the community, region and throughout the Commonwealth that would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Kern Alexander. It is with pleasure I take this opportunity to express these sentiments on the occasion of his last Board meeting.

He came in June of 1994 and as he walked into Wells Hall on his first day, he was welcomed by Forrest Pogue who greeted him warmly and wished him well.

When you look at experience, educational preparation and intellect there is little doubt in my mind that he is the best prepared President ever hired here. He is passionately dedicated to public education, has thought about it all his life, taught it, lived it, written about it and has put what he learned into practice.

Above all we learned that Kern Alexander was not an elitist. He believed foremost in educational access. He has shown us that one of the most important characteristics of a university is that it be student friendly. It doesn’t just open its doors to students—it seeks them out and encourages them to get a university education. He envisioned a university that abhors answering machines, bureaucratic red tape, inflexibility, blank stares, and unwillingness to try new approaches. Instead he wanted us to have “a we can do this” attitude. In thinking of him I am reminded of a verse that is dear to my family and is written by an anonymous author entitled:

THE WORST BAD WORD

Try to think of all the words that you can live without.
Make a list of all these words then throw the worst one out. This isn’t an easy task, you might just rave and rant. But don’t give up before you find the worst bad word is CAN’T.

Most noticeably he completely beautified this campus with paint, entrances, flowers, plantings and lighting and began a restoration of the architecture to its original design. This reflects his belief that our students are entitled to the best. They are attracted to a campus by its beauty and those who work here reflect the quality of their surroundings in their attitudes and the quality of their work.

Externally he has insisted on excellence in athletics, university ratings, university band, music and art.

He has never been afraid to fight on our behalf and for our benefit. He has been a formidable adversary whether it involved debating the President of the University of Kentucky on television, conferencing with the Governor or writing scholarly papers designed to give the facts and arguments that some of the state institutions were obscenely over-funded. Likewise, he ably defended Murray State in this region against those who seem never to accept its existence in its present location. Though others may take public credit, Higher Education Reform in Kentucky was the brainchild of Kern Alexander.

I could talk for hours on his accomplishments, but Dr. Alexander wouldn’t like that. He is one of the most humble men I have ever known. He reminds me of the philosophy that our mom and dad instilled in our family in that he never takes the credit and “I” is not in his vocabulary. It is always we, they or you. He is equally at home with laborers and Governors.

You can rest assured that the historians who write about the Alexander era will record that because of them, “these were some of the University’s finest hours.”

On behalf of this Board of Regents, the Murray community, Western Kentucky and the entire Commonwealth, we thank you for what you have done not only for Murray State University, but for education in general over the entire Commonwealth. We will not soon forget what you have done here.

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Election of Officers for the 2006-2007 Year

The roll was called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Regents: Mrs. Ford nominated Marilyn Buchanon; Mrs. Travis nominated Terry Strieter. All others passed.

Mrs. Travis read the following statement: “Fellow Regents, we now have two Regents nominated who have agreed to serve if elected. I believe the role of Chairperson of the Board is of the utmost importance. I have nominated Dr. Terry Strieter. Dr. Strieter has five years of Board experience and is our Faculty Regent. This year is unique in that we have just hired a new President. Dr. Strieter would be a valuable connection between Dr. Dunn, this Board and our faculty and staff. The other Regent nominated played an unusual role in the election of our new President. Dr. Dunn has agreed to serve and we look forward to working with him. However, there have been questions and concerns regarding the search process. Our next Chairperson will need to work closely with Dr. Dunn to move our University forward and that person must be able to work objectively with Dr. Dunn, this entire Board, and the University community. In addition, there are other issues of concern. One is ongoing litigation. Last week it was very troubling to read in an official document provided to each of us that the other nominee attended an out-of-town deposition, one that neither I nor Chairman Sparks had been informed of. I have attended almost 100 percent of these depositions that have already been held and desire to determine the truth in this matter. Clearly, there is information that is selectively communicated to certain members of this Board while others are kept in the dark. It is in the best interest of Murray State University to elect a Chairperson such as Dr. Strieter. He has consistently demonstrated integrity and honesty. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”
Chair Sparks stated that the University Attorney had provided him with the Bylaws on how to proceed. The statute says this: "If more than one name is placed in nomination for a particular office, a vote shall be taken. Names shall be voted upon in the same order in which the nomination occurred. The nominee first receiving an absolute majority will be declared elected."

The roll was called for the first nominee, Mrs. Buchanon: Mr. Adams, no; Ms. Burr, yes; Ms. Dial, yes; Mr. Ellison, yes; Mrs. Ford, yes; Ms. Hays, yes; Mr. Stout, yes; Dr. Strieter, no; Mrs. Travis, no; and Mr. Sparks, yes. The Chair announced that Mrs. Buchanon was elected Chair.

Mrs. Buchanon made the following statement: "One thing I would like to say is that I hate some of the comments made. I don't know what I have ever done to anybody, whatever it is, I am awful sorry. But I will say that I am honored and humbled that you have considered me for this position. It makes me a little nervous to occupy a chair that has been set in by such folks as Governor Harry Lee Waterfield, H. Glenn Doran, Sid Easley and Don Sparks, but I will give it my best shot."

The roll was called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Regents. Mrs. Buchanon nominated Beverly Ford, all others passed. Ms. Hays moved that Beverly Ford be elected by acclamation. Ms. Dial seconded and motion carried. Mrs. Ford was declared Vice Chair.

The roll was called for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Regents. Mrs. Ford nominated Sandra Rogers, all other Regents passed. Mr. Stout moved that Sandra Rogers be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Ford seconded and motion carried. Mrs. Rogers was declared Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Travis stated that "several months ago I expressed concern involving litigation in executive session. I would like to once again bring this matter to the Board so I move we move into Executive Session to discuss a matter involving litigation." Mr. Stout seconded and the motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Executive Session began at 3:55 p.m. and ended at 4:20 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The Board convened into open session and adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Chair

Secretary
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Secretary