Minutes of the Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting
Murray State University
December 8, 2006

The Board of Regents of Murray State University met on December 8, 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 1:30 p.m. by Chair Marilyn Buchanan. Mr. Scott Ellison gave the invocation.

The roll was called and the following members were present: William C. Adams, Olivia Burr, Scott Ellison, Beverly Ford, Peg Hays, Alan Stout, Terry Strieter, Jeff S. Taylor, Vickie Travis, Gina Winchester and Marilyn Buchanan. Absent: none.

Others present were Dr. Randy Dunn, 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; Joyce Gordon, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; John Rall, University Counsel; members of the faculty, staff, students, news media and visitors.

The following agenda was presented for the meeting:

AGENDA
Meeting of the Board of Regents
Murray State University
Jesse Stuart Room, Pogue Library
December 8, 2006
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Minutes of the Special meetings of the Board of Regents held on October 27, 2006, and November 19, 2006

3. Report of the President Dr. Dunn

4. Report of the Chair Mrs. Buchanan

5. Report of the Treasurer Mr. Denton
   (Finance and Investment Reports for the period of July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006)

6. Report of the Registrar Dr. Dunn
   (December 2006 Graduates)

7. Gift Acceptances Dr. Dunn
   A. 3-year-old Stallion
   B. Audio Visual Equipment
   C. Hewlett Packard Equipment

8. Personnel Changes Dr. Dunn
   A. Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
   B. Recommendation on Appointment of Director of Housing

9. Appointments to the University Appeals Board Dr. Dunn
10. Presidential Evaluation Procedure

11. Committee Reports/Recommendations
A. Academic Affairs
B. Athletic
C. Audit
D. Buildings and Grounds
E. Development/Investments
F. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
G. Faculty/Staff Affairs
H. Finance
I. Governmental Relations
J. International Relations
K. Student Life

12. Executive Session

Minutes of the Special Meetings of the Board of Regents held on October 27, 2006, and November 19, 2006

Mrs. Ford moved, seconded by Mrs. Travis, that the Minutes of the Special Meetings of the Board of Regents held on October 27, 2006, and November 19, 2006, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

President’s Report

Dr. Dunn stated that in his future reports there will be general discussion around a number of issues. It may be announcements and it might be a hint of a policy direction that the Board will be asked to review at some future point. Potentially this could come from action of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) where we have an update. He expressed appreciation to everyone for the kind and heartfelt welcome over the past week. There have been some wonderful events and opportunities to meet many people on campus and it is clear why Murray State University has such a renowned reputation and it always comes down to the people that make an institution work and absolutely no less true in the case at MSU.

Governor Fletcher’s Visit to Murray State University (MSU)

MSU will be hosting Governor Ernie Fletcher on Friday, December 15, 3:30 p.m., in Wrather Auditorium. He has been having some town hall meetings around the state. Governor Fletcher is seeking input on use of the excess fund monies and we are looking forward to hosting the Governor and his team on that day to continue his series of town hall meetings. As more information becomes available, it will be passed along to you.

President Dunn introduced Provost Gary Brockway who gave the following reports:

Regional Stewardship Report

Dr. Brockway stated that the Regional Stewardship Program is an initiative that was funded in the last Legislative Session through a CPE budget request. It allocates $200,000 to be used incurring money the first year to set up an infrastructure at the University for regional stewardship. Then in the second year to address issues of regional interests with an additional $300,000 that we will apply for after working closely with a Regional Advisory Board.

In the first year MSU was asked to submit a proposal due October 1, 2006, for the funds that would be used to set up the infrastructure, which includes hiring a Regional Stewardship Director, office staff, a data base and some operating expenses in the office. The proposal was completed and sent to CPE. The University received a response stating that overall MSU submitted a good proposal but a few changes had to be made and returned to CPE. Two CPE
representatives will be on campus next week to meet with President Dunn and others involved in the proposal. If we are successful in convincing them, the proposal will then be taken to the full CPE Board in January. Once the proposal is accepted and approved by the full CPE Board, the next steps will be putting the Regional Stewardship Office in place with a Regional Stewardship Director and a very broad-based Regional Advisory Board will be formed. That board will be made up of representatives throughout the region, geographically balanced as well as cross sections of educational leaders, governmental leaders, business leaders, healthcare leaders and a number of various individuals.

Impact of Nine Month contract

In 2002 the Board of Regents passed the change in faculty contracts from a ten month contract to a nine month contract. The change was made primarily to provide incentives for faculty research and writing of grants. As the auditor indicated on the condensed statement on revenues and expenses, there is a line under operating revenues that shows grants and contracts increased from $17 million in 2003 to $19 million in 2004, to $20 million in 2005, and to $21 million in 2006. Dr. Brockway stated that this is a gross oversimplification because we have institutionally-sponsored grants and contracts co-mingled with faculty-sponsored grants and contracts. It is very difficult to track and separate the faculty-sponsored and the institutionally-sponsored grants.

The research picture is more involved than just grants and contracts. MSU is not classified according to the Carnegie Classification system as a research institution, nor do we have a specific designated charge as a research institution by the Council on Postsecondary Education. We place a high value on research at MSU and we compare very favorably with our peer institutions regarding the output of our scholarly activity.

Dr. Brockway pointed out that it is in MSU's Mission Statement in terms of goals of research as well as in the goals stated in the back of the strategic plan with regard to academic pursuits that research is clearly built into merit, tenure and promotion decisions at the University. While we may emphasize outstanding teaching, we know effective teachers are also active scholars and faculty engage their students in their research efforts.

He introduced two members of the Research Policy Committee—Dr. Ricky Cox and Dr. John Mateja. The Research Policy Committee was behind the initiative for a nine month contract, which was primarily designed to help those with federally-funded research.

Dr. Cox is Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and currently chair of the Research Policy Committee. He won the 2005 Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award in the College of Science and Engineering Technology. Dr. Cox is an active scholar with over eighteen publications in the area of protein biochemistry and a very successful grant writer.

Dr. John Mateja, a nuclear physicist, is currently the Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research in Scholarly Activity (URSA) and Director of the McNair Scholars Program. Both of these programs came to Murray State as a result of grants written by Dr. Mateja. The first was the Howard Hughes Grant for over $1½ million to establish the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activities. The other is the McNair Scholars program, which is to bring those under represented students through not only an undergraduate program, but preparing them for Ph.D. programs. Dr. Mateja presented a slide show on competitive grants submitted, funding submitted and received and 2005-2006 research activity.

Regarding competitive grants submitted, the University has control of how many grants submitted, but not over how many grants are funded. The nine month contracts started at the beginning of 2003-04 school year. Prior to that, the faculty submitted about 166 grants per year. When the University went to the nine month contract, the number of grants submitted increased to 226 or a 36 percent increase.

Dr. Mateja stated that a few large awards can skew all the numbers which is what happened in 2003. MSU had several large awards, the Howard Hughes Award and several others that were in place at that time that has actually increased the dollar amounts in those years. If $4½ million of these awards were taken away, you would actually see prior to 2003 that those
numbers would be smaller and that the dollar figures have gone up.

With regard to research activity, a slide was shown comparing MSU to six other institutions, which included three schools that ranked higher than MSU in the US News and World Report (Appalachian State, James Madison, College of Charleston), then randomly picked three regional comprehensive colleges from Kentucky (Morehead, Eastern, Western) and looked at how many proposals were submitted by their faculty members in 2005-2006. MSU faculty members submitted more grants per faculty member than any of the schools compared.

It was pointed out that all the schools were on nine month contracts.

Dr. Ricky Cox was introduced, who is the current chair of the Research Policy Committee. This Committee was established in 1997. The major charges to the committee were needs of the faculty, barriers to research, focus on externally-funded research, and recognizing and rewarding research and scholarly activity.

In 1998 there was a Dean’s survey that went out to identify some barriers associated with research and how we could improve/enhance the research activity of faculty on campus. Something that came out of this was a discussion of a nine month contract. Some of the current barriers the Committee is working on is a faculty research focus group and developing a faculty survey to determine how we could move to the next level. The nine month contract has been great for faculty to focus on externally-funded research. Early on, the Faculty Research Policy Committee established a Travel Grant Program which enabled faculty to travel to areas seeking advice on how to proceed with proposals.

The committee works very closely with the Office of Sponsored Programs in trying to enhance externally funded research.

Regarding current activity, the committee’s goal is to increase external funding to bring more indirect costs money from federally funded grants into the University. Some of the things that are being suggested include some type of grant match account at redistribution of indirect cost dollars received from federal grants.

The MSU Distinguished Research Award, sponsored by the Alumni Association, has given five awards: Dr. Ramesh Gupta, School of Agriculture; Dr. Joe Fuhrmann, Department of History; Dr. Dan Wann, Department of Psychology; Dr. David White, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. Gary Jones, Department of Mathematics and Statistics. There is currently a call out for nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Researcher, which has been a very good program for this University. Other initiatives being worked on are: Junior Distinguished Researcher Award; Brown Bag Lunches for faculty to give presentations on their research to the other faculty, students, staff and the community; and developing a research Web Presence. A few of the things that have been developed through URSA include Scholar’s Week and Posters at the Capitol where the University showcases faculty and student research.

Mrs. Buchanon expressed appreciation for the good report on the nine month contracts.

**Report of the Chair**

The only thing the Chair has to report is that it is a very momentous day in the history of Murray State as we are joined by our 11th President, Dr. Randy Dunn.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Treasurer Tom Denton presented and reviewed the Financial and Investment Reports for the period of July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Stout, that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #1)
Report of the Registrar

Ms. Burr moved, seconded by Mrs. Winchester, that the Board of Regents ratify the awarding of the degrees to individuals on December 16, 2006, as recommended by the Registrar. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #2)

Gifts, accepted

A. Stallion

Mrs. Travis moved, seconded by Ms. Hays, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, accept the donation of a three year old Stallion, valued at $12,500 which was donated by Susan Grove in Oxford, Ohio. Motion carried.

The gift of the stallion will be used in the School of Agriculture Equine Department of Murray State University.

B. Audio Visual Equipment

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, accept the donation of Audio Visual Equipment (Digital VCR's, Projectors, etc.) valued at $10,165 which was donated by C. A. Jones, Inc., of Murray, Kentucky. Motion carried.

The gift of the Audio Visual Equipment will be used in the Football Office in the Athletic Department of Murray State University.

C. Hewlett Packard Equipment

Ms. Burr moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, accept the donation of Hewlett Packard Equipment (42 computers), valued at $121,959.14 which was donated by Hewlett Packard of Palo Alto, California. Motion carried.

The gift of the office furniture will be used in the Biological Sciences Department of Murray State University.

Personnel Changes

A. Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay, approved

Mr. Stout moved, seconded by Mrs. Winchester, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay as noted below:

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Thomas, Melanie  Information Systems/Telecommunications  10/31/06–12/31/06
Wilson, Anne  Food Service  8/23/06–10/2/06
Young, Anthony  Facilities Management  8/29/06–10/17/06

* Intermittent Leave

Motion carried.

B. **Recommendation on Appointment of the Director of Housing, approved**

Dr. Strieter moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the appointment of Dr. J. David Wilson as Director of Residence Life/Housing effective November 14, 2006, at an annual salary of $63,642.

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

**Appointments to the University Student Appeals Board**

Mr. Ellison moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the following faculty and students to the University Student Appeals Board for the terms indicated.

**Faculty: Three-year term (2006-2009)**

- Paul Lucko, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Criminal Justice and Gerontology, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
- Dwayne Driskill, Professor, Agricultural Science, School of Agriculture

**Students: One-year term (2006-2007)**

- Stephen Boh
- Katie Kanowsky
- Joshua Taylor

Motion carried.

**Presidential Evaluation Procedure**

Regarding the Presidential Evaluation Procedure, Mrs. Buchanon stated that there has been an evaluation process in existence that was enforced in 1994.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Travis moved that a committee be formed composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Bill Adams, Faculty Regent, Alan Stout, and Adviser Joyce Gordon to work on a procedure for the evaluation process. Dr. Strieter seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Dunn stated that the process can be organized by a committee, but the full Board has to ultimately do the evaluation and weigh in accordingly.

Mr. Stout pointed out that the Bylaws need to be revisited at some time.

Mr. Taylor asked that a copy of Dr. Dunn’s contract be mailed to him.

**Committee Reports**

A. Academic Affairs - No Report.
B. Athletic - No Report.

C. Audit - Mr. Adams.

Audited Financial Reports

The Audits were presented by Mr. Keith M. Messmer, a member of MSU’s audit firm, BKD, LLP. The Audit Committee was also presented the unaudited supplemental financial schedules as informational reporting to the Board of Regents.

On behalf of the Audit Committee, Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, accept the following audited financial reports for 2005-2006:

Audit Committee Letter
Independence Letter
House Bill 622 Report for the year ended 6/30/06
Kentucky Lease Law Compliance Report for the year ended 6/30/06
General Financial Statement and Management Letter for the year ended 6/30/06
U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 for the year ended 6/30/06 (federal funds)
WKMS Radio Station audit for the year ended 6/30/06
WKMS Radio Station Corporation for Public Broadcasting Annual Report for the year ended 6/30/06

Motion carried.

(See Attachments #3 – #10)

Mr. Adams stated that the Audit Committee will be meeting after the first of the year for a work session to be lead by Vice President Tom Denton. All of the Board members are invited.


Ms. Hays reported that the committee had a report by Dr. Dewey Yeatts, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Chief Facilities Office, regarding ongoing campus projects.

The following recommendations were approved by the Building and Grounds Committee.

College of Science-Phase IV Project Approval

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve a capital construction project for the construction of Phase IV of the College of Science Complex with a project scope of $15 million. Dr. Strieter seconded and the motion carried.

Capital Outlay Requests (For Information Only)

Discussion of selected (ranked in priority order) capital project priority requests:

• 2007-2008

- College of Science–Phase IV $15,000,000
- Breathitt Veterinary Center Feasibility Study $ 500,000
- Library Feasibility Study 500,000
- Purchase of Farm Land 2,000,000

• 2008-2010 Biennium

- Research and Economic Development–Breathitt $40,000,000
Veterinary Center New Facility  
Library  
40,000,000

Disposition of Structure

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Ms. Hays moved, seconded by Mrs. Winchester, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the attached resolution authorizing the disposition of the structure known as Building #143 located at 907 Waldrop, in Murray, Kentucky. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #11)

E. Development/Investments - No Report.


The Committee had a presentation by Dr. Robertson and his staff. Also, there was a tour of the Multi-cultural Center, and the Board attended the Kwanza lunch with several of the students.

G. Faculty/Staff Affairs - No Report.

H. Finance - Mrs. Buchanon.

The following recommendations were approved by the Finance Committee.

Budget Preparation Guidelines and Priorities

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Buchanon moved, seconded by Ms. Hays, that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the Budget Preparation Guidelines and Priorities as presented in the attached document. Motion carried.

(See Attachment #12)

Course Fees - for information only

Murray State University course fees will be increased (rounded to the nearest fifty cents) based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the twelve months ending June 30, 2006, of 4.3 percent.

National Student Exchange Application Fee

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Buchanon moved that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve an increase in the National Student Exchange application fee from $100 to $150, effective January 1, 2007, for students applying for the fall 2007 semester.

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

Tuition Increase Discussion - for information only

- Tuition increase maximum parameters will be approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education on November 27, 2006.
- Tuition comparisons
- Tuition meeting with students (possibly before calendar year end)
- Board of Regents special called meeting for tuition increase (possibly in January 2007)
• Housing and Dining rates on or before February 23, 2007
• Regional tuition—proposed change in methodology rate calculation

College of Science—Phase IV Project and Disposition of Structure

Mrs. Buchanon asked that the record indicate that the Finance Committee joined the Building and Grounds Committee on the approval of the College of Science—Phase IV Project Approval and the Disposition of a Structure.

I. Governmental Relations - Mr. Stout.

Mr. Stout stated that he was looking forward to observing how Dr. Dunn navigates the waters in Frankfort, Ky. as opposed to Springfield, IL.

J. International Relations - Mrs. Travis.

Mrs. Travis stated that the Board approved a Resolution from the International Committee at the last Board meeting basically saying that we wanted to move forward with international studies and Dr. Basile was charged with providing direction. She passed out a Draft of a Proposal for the Establishment of Murray State University International Affairs Executive Council (IAEC) prepared by Dr. Jim McCoy and Dr. Dunn. We are excited that the international programs are receiving some attention and pointed out that even though the Council will move as quickly as possible, it will take some time. She expressed appreciation to Dr. Dunn for assuring her that financial support would be available for such matters as enrollment management types of things.

Dr. Dunn pointed out that the New Council being formed is not to replace the work that Drs. Mike Basile and Fred Miller have been doing, but rather to hook international education to this larger set of defining values that come into play for the University and look at how we use those programs to do outreach, to build community and help economic development, educational outreach, and all of those types of things.

Dr. McCoy met with the International Studies Advisory Council and the Institute for International Studies. He briefed them on the proposal and they unanimously endorsed it.

K. Student Life - No Report.

Resolution, adopted

Mrs. Buchanon indicated that Dr. Terry Strieter informed the Regents two months ago that he would be resigning as Faculty Regent to become the new Interim Chair of the History Department. She presented the following Resolution for approval.

Murray State University
Board of Regents
Resolution of Appreciation
Dr. Terry Strieter

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry Strieter was elected by faculty colleagues to the Board of Regents of Murray State University, serving a term beginning July, 2001, and ending January 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, he has most effectively and thoughtfully represented and advanced the interests of the faculty of Murray State University in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the institution; and

WHEREAS, his wide experience in the academic community enabled him to be a highly effective member of the Board; and
WHEREAS, his dedicated service to the Board contributed greatly to the advancement of the University in its efforts to serve the educational needs of the citizens of West Kentucky and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, his conscientious and devoted service reflected an unselfish willingness to expend both time and energy in working toward the well-being of the University; and

WHEREAS, he was active in the work of all aspects of the Board of Regents' endeavors including Academic Affairs, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, Faculty/Staff Affairs, International Relations and Student Life Committees of the Board, and was an effective advocate of the needs and the programs of the University and its faculty; and

WHEREAS, he has advanced the importance of university growth, student access, and student welfare through tireless endeavors as Professor of History at Murray State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON THIS December 8, 2006, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Murray State University Board of Regents, that this recognition of the outstanding service of Dr. Terry Strieter be preserved in the minutes as a token of our admiration and affection.

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Mrs. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mrs. Ford, that the Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Buchanan welcomed Dr. Jay Morgan who was in attendance and will be the new Faculty Regent replacing Dr. Strieter.

Mrs. Buchanan moved that the Board convene into Executive Session according to KRS 61.810.(1) (c) to discuss land acquisitions and pending litigation. Mrs. Ford seconded and motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Executive Session began at 3:45 p.m. and ended at 6:20 p.m.

**Public Session**

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Stout, that the Board reconvene into open session at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Mrs. Travis moved that in the case of Galloway et al. v. Fletcher et al. that the Murray State Board of Regents and its General Council stay involved in the case but inform the Court of Appeals that the issues are adequately addressed by the other parties and that we take no sides.

Mr. Stout seconded and all Regents voted yes, with the exception of Mrs. Buchanan who voted no, and Mr. Taylor who abstained. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Strieter moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Marilyn Buchanan, Chair

Secretary
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Secretary