

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2011

ABILENE, TEXAS

ATTENDANCE

Lon Outland	David Hammond	John Manning
Weldon Bailey	Carol Perry	Elaine Harmon
Alicia Wyatt	Anna Saghatelian	Wayne Keith
Robbie	Kathryn Flores	

The meeting opened at 9:30 AM with a devotion and prayer by David.

The minutes and the agenda were approved.

OPEN/ACTION ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED

Weldon will notify John P. that the 2 new members were approved.

John Manning to notify Max and Leann that their terms on the board were approved to continue.

David to research WOH guidelines.

Jim Sterling to contact Wayne to set up details of spring trip to A & M.

Alicia to put Larry Sharp in touch with John for hospital trip.

Elaine to follow up on different technologies available for having our meetings.

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY (Dr. Paul Fabrizio for Dr. Russell)

*Concerns about the decrease in TEG program continue but there was some good news that the current decrease was 28% instead of 40%

*2/3 of the freshman class are athletes – McM is working hard to encourage their class work and academic excellence as well as athletic excellence

*Work toward gaining Division II status continues – this will take effect in 2012

*Recruiting for Division II has begun; one of the important benefits in gaining Division II status is the fact that there are higher and more stringent academic requirements for these student athletes

*49% of the incoming students needed developmental studies; this has made it clear that what the high schools are currently doing is not preparing students for college

*The Board and SAKS has approved for McMurry to do Masters Degree programs for nursing and education

*Information was provided on how the educational marketplace is changing

*There will be competition in the nursing school programs: McMurry and HSU remain in a program together; now Texas Tech is starting a school in Abilene for nursing and ACU is now doing their own program instead of one in conjunction with McMurry and HSU

*The endowment fund is now 60 million

*Students are doing more online classwork this year

*McMurry's financial health rating is 3.0. This is the highest you can achieve and is given by the Department of Education

*The faculty and coaching relationships have greatly improved with better communication evident which benefits all students

DEAN'S REPORT (Alicia Wyatt)

*Refer to attached report; focus is on increasing graduation rate in the sciences

*The report included: strategic plan activity with goals; Building Improvements since June 2011; student research in progress; top ten SNCS majors; SNCS fall major/minor summary data; information on the school of nursing

*SMAB Account Balances as of September 30, 2011

10-1024-3210	Intuitive Systems Science Enrichment	\$10,635.58
10-1043-3211	Excellence in Math/Science	\$ 2,305.90
10-1055-3211	Science/Math Advisory Board	\$ 2,344.52
10-1055-3212	Science Rest/Travel/ R. White	\$ 0

10-1055-3213	Bloomer Research Stipend	\$ 739.82
10-1055-3214	Dean's Discretionary	\$ 4,374.00

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

See reports online for each department

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*New members are: 1) Dr. James St. Clair – dentist in Lubbock and 2) Dr. John Bloznak – Neuropathologist in Abilene

The board moved and approved both of these new members.

*Weldon will inform John P. that the board approved both of these new members.

*There are 5 current board members whose terms will expire at the end of the year. They are: Max Wynn; Leann Hillhouse; Carol Perry; David Hammond; John Pemberton. The board moved and approved to keep these 5 members on for another term.

*John Manning will contact Max and Leann to notify them their terms on the board were extended.

BLOOMER RESEARCH STIPEND AWARD

*Elaine has posted qualifications/attributes for students

*Elaine to work with Alicia to establish money management program for the award.

*There is need for formal notification to the Bloomers about the winner of the award each year. There will need to be method to notify of the previous winners as well as the current one and then proceed each year.

*Recommendations was made that there be videos of the student research and presentation available.

*Applications for the award will be due by March 23, 2012; then the board will vote by April 13, 2012; then the student award will be presented on April 21, 2012.

EVENTS/TRIPS

*David to do search about WOH guidelines

*A&M trip planned for spring of 2012. Jim to contact Wayne to set up details.

*There is possibility for trip with Elaine to L3 for a day trip for engineering.

*Alicia will put Larry Sharp in contact with John Manning for another hospital trip.

*Nobel Laureate event – It was reported that Dr. Hamilton Smith would not be available for lecture. After lengthy discussion about the overall direction and goals of having this event it was decided to table this event. The motion was made by Lon and seconded by David to place all planning of this event on hold until further discussion and decisions are made. Motion passed.

*Wayne mentioned the possibility of having a speaker of this type in conjunction with commencement.

*Discussions were continued about use of technology for having meetings. Elaine will follow up on some of the possibilities for getting this done.

NEW BUSINESS

*The next Bloomer Fall social will be Fall of 2012

*The next SMAB meeting will be March 31, 2012

*The student lunches will be held each fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 with the student lunch to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Perry