The Board of Governors for Truman State University conducted a conference call meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007. The conference call meeting was held in the conference room of the President’s Office located in McClain Hall 200 on the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri. The open session of the meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by the Chair of the Board of Governors, Randa Rawlins.

A quorum was present with all seven voting members participating in the meeting: Cheryl J. Cozette, Thomas R. Jayne, Wilma Maddox, Matthew W. Potter, Randa Rawlins, Kenneth L. Read and Mark S. Wasinger. Mr. Wasinger and Mr. Read participated in the meeting in person. The remainder of the members participated by conference phone.

Also in attendance for the meeting was one of the three non-voting members: Emily S. Kiddoo, the student representative. Ms. Rawlins noted that Matthew C. Barnes and Peter T. Ewell, the two out-of-state members, were absent from the meeting due to other commitments. The absences of both members were recorded as excused.

Call to Order
Ms. Rawlins opened the meeting by extending a welcome to all in attendance.

General Revenue Request for Fiscal Year 2009
Mr. Jayne moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Revenue Request for Fiscal Year 2009 be approved and ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the General Revenue Request, which lists the total amount of $95,757,089 with a State Funds Appropriations Request of $50,261,089, be attached to the minutes as an exhibit and that the President of the University is authorized to modify this request based upon input from the staff of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Office of Administration as appropriate.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox and carried by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rawlins then declared the motion to be duly adopted, and the Secretary designated a copy of the document as Exhibit A.

Authorization to Increase Renovations to Blanton/Nason/Brewer Halls Project Budget
Mr. Wasinger moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the bid results produced a project cost that exceeds the budgeted amount for the Renovations to Blanton/Nason/Brewer Halls Project Budget which was approved at the April 14, 2007, meeting; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed for the project budget; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the project budget for the Renovations to Blanton/Nason/Brewer Project be increased from $7,700,000 to $8,750,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University, or her designee, be authorized to proceed with acceptance of the low bid for this project.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Cozette and carried by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rawlins then declared the motion to be duly adopted.

Architectural Services for Pershing Building Project
Mr. Jayne moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pershing Building has been Truman’s highest priority for a capital building project for several years because of its heavy use and need for renovation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Truman has received a capital appropriation for the Pershing Building of $21.5 million as part of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the University, or her designee, is hereby authorized to proceed with the execution of a contract for architectural services for the Pershing Building Project which will include the expansion and renovation of the building to serve both academic and athletic purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a satisfactory contract cannot be finalized with the University’s first choice, the President, or her designee, is authorized to negotiate with the next choice firm until an agreement is finalized.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wasinger and carried by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rawlins then declared the motion to be duly adopted.

There being no further business, Mr. Wasinger moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jayne and carried by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rawlins then declared the motion to be duly adopted, and the meeting adjourned shortly after 1:30 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Governors on the 15th day of September, 2007.

Randa Rawlins
Chair of the Board of Governors
General Revenue Request
for Fiscal Year 2009
Background Information

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education requires each institution to submit a funding request in early August for the following fiscal year. The format of this request includes increases to the base, or continuing appropriation, and additional decision items.

Historically, the CBHE staff has utilized institutional requests along with selected funding formula components to develop overall recommendations for review by the Coordinating Board. Decision items are included in these recommendations and are also reviewed by the Governor’s staff, legislative staff and members of the General Assembly.

The following information provides a summary of the proposed FY 2009 request to the CBHE. A 6.7 percent increase in base funding is requested, and with decision items included, the total request calls for a 16 percent increase in General Revenue. Due to the core cuts in appropriations in 2002-2004, this request reflects a relatively high percentage increase. The request includes funds to maintain educational quality and affordability at Truman. If fully funded, Truman’s request for FY 2009 ($50,261,089) would return state support to a share of costs comparable to the level in FY 2001.
NARRATIVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009
FUNDING REQUEST

I. Base Request

State funding from General Revenue and the lottery provides approximately 50% of the operating budget for Truman State University. The top priority involves funding for areas which will maintain educational quality and affordability at Truman. The following factors, which cover the costs of continuing current programs, were utilized to develop this portion of the FY 2009 funding request.

**Salaries - Benefits:** An increase of seven percent for all personal service categories is requested. This includes faculty and staff salaries as well as fringe benefits. The goal is to provide funds to help increase faculty and staff salaries and cover escalating benefit costs such as retirement and health insurance. This will also help Truman meet goals in the new strategic plan to make faculty and staff salaries more competitive.

**Equipment:** The FY 2009 request calls for an additional nine percent for equipment additions and replacement. This will provide funding for much needed equipment for both academic and support areas. With the proposed increase, academic equipment would be on a seven-year replacement cycle.

**Library Operations:** Due to the costs of library acquisitions and materials and the need to restore library budgets, the request for this area is increased by 12 percent. This includes funds for books, periodicals, and on-line subscription services and databases.

**Utilities:** Utility costs for FY 2009 are projected to increase by 9 percent over FY 2008 planned expenditures. This is due to anticipated increases in the cost of natural gas and electricity.

**Other Operations:** For FY 2009 all other operations expenditures are increased by five percent. Operations include office supplies, travel, educational supplies, and similar items.

The table on the next page outlines FY 2008 planned expenditures for these categories and the FY 2009 request based on these factors. This base request item is the “cost to continue” current activities at Truman and is a 6.7% increase in state support. It is assumed that the current 50/50 split in state versus local support would be applied for the base request. Additional Decision Items are summarized on page 4 of this document. The requested core increase plus the Decision Items result in a 16% increase in requested state funding compared to the FY 2008 core.
GENERAL REVENUE REQUEST
TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

I. Base Request

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*Requested General Revenue Increase* 2,905,809

II. Decision Items

1. Healthcare Professionals 723,000
2. Performance Excellence Funding 1,522,000
3. Maintenance and Repair 1,384,100
4. Alternative MAT Program 355,000

*Decision Items Total* 4,014,100

Total Requested General Revenue Increase 6,919,909

FY 2008 Planned Core Budget Expenditures 88,837,180

TOTAL FY 2009 BUDGET REQUEST 95,757,089

State Funds Appropriation FY 2008 43,341,180

State Funds Appropriation Request FY 2009* 50,261,089

*(FY 2008 Base + increases + decision items)
II. Decision Items

1. Healthcare Professionals
This request is part of the “Preparing to Care for Missouri's Citizens” statewide initiative and is designed to significantly increase the number of healthcare practitioners in Missouri. Increasing the number of healthcare professionals will improve the overall citizen access to quality healthcare and foster greater economic productivity. At Truman, the funds will increase the number of nurses and communication disorders professionals graduated by our programs with 18 additional degrees being granted (15 nursing and 3 communication disorders) per year once the expanded programs are implemented. This request is for $723,000 to fund increased faculty and staff as well as operating costs.

2. Performance Excellence Funding
This request is designed to fund key elements in the academic and student services programs at Truman. One goal is to create a Center for Student Success which would support initiatives to improve student performance, including retention and graduation rates. A total of $1,522,000 is requested which includes funds for the Center for Student Success, three new faculty and two new staff positions, $385,000 for technology, $330,000 for library resources, and $175,000 for programs to reach underserved populations. The center would offer study skills support, supplemental instruction, tutoring programs, and similar resources. In addition, this item focuses resources on improving the teaching-learning process.

3. Maintenance and Repair
Truman currently has over one-million square feet of state-funded buildings, and additional funds are requested for the upkeep of campus facilities. Prior to the core appropriation reduction for FY03, the CBHE funding approach provided $1,688,000 each year for maintenance and repair. Based on projected FY 2008 building replacement costs ($179,850,000) and the generally accepted standard of 2% of replacement costs, Truman needs $3.6 million annually for maintenance and repair. When combined with current funding ($1,506,000) in this category, the requested additional $1,384,100 of state funding for maintenance and repair would make progress toward the goal of budgeting two percent of the current value of the state-funded facilities. If funded, this request would increase the maintenance and repair budget to 1.5% of the current building replacement value.
4. Alternative MAT Program

Funds will be utilized to provide funding to implement an alternative teacher education track called the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. The program is designed to encourage individuals with undergraduate degrees in mathematics and science to pursue degrees in teaching, particularly in schools serving ethnically diverse or poor children in urban areas. Research which allowed for the development of this program proposal was funded by the Boeing Foundation. If implemented, the program would initially focus on the St. Louis City Schools and target mid-career professionals who would complete a two-year course of study. Outcomes include placement of graduates in the St. Louis City School District with eventual expansion to other metropolitan areas of the state. The long-term benefits will occur as additional math and science teachers are available to serve urban schools in Missouri. This request is for $355,000 which includes operating funds and two new faculty positions to support the program.
Budget Timetable

This is the first step in the FY 2009 budget process. Truman’s request will be reviewed by the CBHE staff in August and September, and in October the Coordinating Board for Higher Education will make official budget recommendations for each campus. The next major step in the process occurs in January when the Governor presents budget recommendations to the General Assembly. Committee hearings will follow with appropriations finalized in May, 2008.