Staff Regent Election
March 10–12, 2015

Meet the candidate

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Institute of Engineering - TSM
Years of Service at MSU – 14

The candidate was presented with the following questions. The responses are printed as received and have not been edited by Staff Congress.

1. What do you perceive as the responsibilities of the Staff Regent?
The foremost responsibility of the Staff Regent is to serve as a link between the Board of Regents, the Administration, and all staff members. Open communication and an amiable working rapport among these three groups are vital to Murray State’s well-being as a University. It is the Staff Regent’s responsibility to be aware of and understand the issues facing Murray State and how these issues affect the Murray State staff across the spectrum of the main and satellite campuses. The Staff Regent’s duty is to keep the staff informed of the issues and to convey the staff’s needs and concerns to the Administration and to the Board of Regents.

2. Do you understand the governance of the Board of Regents and how you would serve in that capacity? Explain.
Yes. I am currently serving my sixth year as Staff Regent on the MSU Board of Regents which has given me the background and experience to thoroughly understand the governance of the Board of Regents and what this encompasses in reference to the service of the Staff Regent.

3. Serving as Staff Regent requires attendance at quarterly Board of Regents meetings, annual training, and possibly other commitments during the normal work hours (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.), nights and weekends. Are you aware of the time commitment involved, and will you be able to devote this time and still perform your regular work duties?
Yes

4. Describe your most important work or University service experiences which will assist you in being an effective Staff Regent.
Since coming to Murray State, I have served in a variety of capacities which has made it possible for me to develop a productive working relationship with MSU staff members campus-wide as well as affording me the beneficial experience of working with the Faculty, the Administration, the Board of Regents, and the Community Leaders. I have gained insight into the concerns of each of these groups which has enabled me to work effectively with them to move MSU forward.

5. Have you served in campus governance before and if so, how long and in what capacity? (example Staff Congress, Faculty/Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee, etc.)
Yes.
Staff Congress --- 2006 – 2009
Staff Congress President --- 2008 – 2009
Staff Congress ex officio member --- 2009 – Present
Parking and Transportation Work Group --- 2007
Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee (acting/ ex officio representative) --- 2008 – Present
Faculty/Staff Leadership Committee --- 2008 – Present
Staff Regent to the MSU Board of Regents --- 2009 – Present
Budget Review Committees (ex officio member) --- 2012 – 2014
Strategic Initiatives Plan Committee (ex officio member) --- 2014 – Present
Tobacco Policy Steering Committee --- 2014 – Present

I am serving or have served on the following BOR Committees:
2009 – 2010 Board of Regents Standing Committees:
Academic Affairs
Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
Faculty/Staff Affairs - Chair
International Relations
Student Life
2010 – 2012 Board of Regents Standing Committees
Academic Affairs
Enrollment Management and Student Success
Regional Services
2012 – 2015 Board of Regents Standing Committees
Academic Affairs
Buildings and Grounds
Enrollment Management and Student Success
Regional Services
2009 – 2010 Board of Regents Ad Hoc Committees & Appointments
BOR Policy Manual
Presidential Evaluation
2010 – 2015 Board of Regents Ad Hoc Committees and Appointments
NCAA Liaison

6. If elected the 2015-18 regent, what will be your top goals to benefit MSU staff?
I want to be a strong voice to promote and protect the interests of the Murray State University staff members. I want to continue to work with the Staff Congress, the Administration, and the Board of Regents to assure that projects and policies are in place to aid the staff. I wish to be an advocate for every staff member and want all staff members to feel free to contact me at any time.

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Vote online through myGate. Voting assistance: Faculty Hall vending machine area, March 10–12, 3:30-4 p.m.