The Board of Governors met on Thursday, April 26, for its regular meeting. In addition to hearing the comprehensive regular reports from Presidents Carter and Bartley, the following matters were heard and considered:

- The Department of Health & Human Performance received approval of their intent to plan a new Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Studies

- The Department of Criminal Justice received approval of their intent to plan a Master of Science degree in Justice Administration

- The Community & Technical College presented two program reviews, one for the Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Science and the other the AAS in Technical Studies. The Board approved the recommendation of the administration to continue these programs with correction action with a report due in three years

- The Community & Technical College reported on the favorable site visit in March from the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission

- The FY2006 financial audit done by Deloitte & Touche was approved; it had been received in March but had not been reviewed at that time.

- The action for proposed salary increase pools of 3.5% for faculty and staff was tabled until the June 7 meeting. Tabling the issue did not mean the Board is unlikely to approve that level of salary increase pools but because of the denial of the CTC’s tuition & fees increase for instate students and because we did not know at the time of the meeting the disposition of the University’s tuition & fee increase request, it was felt prudent to delay action on that item until uncertainties were eliminated and budgetary plans could be accurately made as to how such increases would be funded. There is also the issue that for the CTC, the unfunded portion of the 3.5% increase pool is approximately $60,000; for the University the unfunded portion is approximately $370,000. The state-wide implementation date for salary increases has been set for October 1, based on recommendations from both Chancellors.

- Financial performance of the institutions continues to be monitored by the Finance Committee and there is continued consideration of rewording an Administrative Policy regarding creation of new positions to ensure sufficient availability of funds for those positions.
- Property acquisitions were approved. Three parcels of property will be acquired by Land-Grant from their Facilities funds and two parcels by the University from Capital funds or other discretionary funds. The cost of the Land-Grant properties is approximately $255,000 and the University properties approximately $58,000. With the purchase of one of the properties at the Booker T. Washington site in Malden, the University will be gifted with some other surrounding properties of significant appraised value.

The next meeting of the Board is its annual meeting on June 7.