

Buford, Duggan named to Missouri State U. board

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Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt named two St. Louis area businessmen to the **Missouri State University** Board of Governors Thursday.

The Missouri State University Board of Governors will be formed Aug. 28, with the effective date of Senate Bill 98 passed during the 2005 legislative session changing the name of Southwest Missouri State University. The bill requires voting members of the board to be appointed from each of Missouri's nine congressional districts.

From the St. Louis area, Blunt named James Buford, president and chief executive of the **Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis** and Michael Duggan, vice president of sales for **Dot Foods Inc.**

Buford's appointment represents the First Congressional District and will be for a term ending Aug. 28, 2011. He previously was on the board for Harris-Stowe State College.

Duggan, of Chesterfield, previously served on the SMSU Board of Governors. His appointment, representing the Second Congressional District, will also end Aug. 28, 2011. Duggan was previously on the Southwest Missouri State Board of Governors.

Blunt also named Phyllis Washington of Kansas City, representing the Fifth Congressional District; Michael Franks of Neosho, representing the Seventh Congressional District; and Mary Sheid of West Plains, representing the Eighth Congressional District.