

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 12, 2001

The Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee meetings were held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 11:12 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2001. Minutes of the meetings are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

President McPherson called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:23 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel I. Ferguson, Dorothy V. Gonzales, Colleen M. McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, David L. Porteous, Scott Romney, and Robert E. Weiss.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Vice President Poston, Secretary Pogel, Vice Presidents Denbow, Huggett, June and Webster. Faculty Liaisons present: Norman Abeles and Ann Slocum. Student Liaisons present: Sam Howerton and Charles McHugh.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Ms. McNamara, supported by Mr. Nugent, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the proposed agenda.

2. Public Participation

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees on issues germane to the agenda or other issues.

3. The Trustee Finance Committee report and recommendations were presented by Committee Chairperson Nugent.

- A. Bids and Contracts

It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$6,000,000 be awarded to Clark Construction Company of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$7,500,000 be established for the project entitled: Alfred Berkowitz Basketball Complex at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center – Completion Package.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

Trustee Porteous noted that much of the money for the Berkowitz project has been raised, and work continues to raise the balance. Vice President Poston said that the project is funded by gifts, not general fund dollars.

Trustee Weiss said that the Berkowitz project will be a great addition to campus. He commended President McPherson and the staff for working diligently to get this work done. Mr. Weiss emphasized that MSU's basketball programs need this new facility, but it will also open up the Breslin Center for more student activities. It is a tribute to our basketball programs and their success in being able to raise this money from outside donors. Trustee Weiss said that his only complaint was that bids for this contract came in at \$1.5 million higher than the architect's estimate. MSU will now have to raise that additional money. Mr. Weiss said that he hopes to avoid this kind of problem in the future.

Trustee Porteous complimented President McPherson, his staff, and the Athletic Department for bringing this project, important to both the men's and women's programs, to the University. He said that the University reacted quickly to implement the Berkowitz project, which will benefit other groups on campus as well. Mr. Porteous also complimented those who are working to raise the money for the Berkowitz Complex. He said that it is important for the community to realize that this project is funded by very generous, private donations.

Mr. Weiss added that this new Complex is a tribute to Coach Tom Izzo and the program that he has built. He said that the men's basketball team may be one of the elite programs in the country and should be treated as such.

President McPherson said that he is pleased that the Complex includes space for the women's program. He noted that he is happy that MSU has hired a strong coach, Joanne McCallie, to lead the women's program.

B. Appointment of Architect/Engineers:

- 1) It was recommended to appoint Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber of Ada, Michigan, as the architect/engineer for the project entitled: Spartan Stadium – Replace Playing Surface.
- 2) It was recommended to appoint URS Corporation of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as the architect/engineer for the project entitled: Commuter Lot 89 Expansion.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Porteous, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

Trustee Porteous said that the grass project in the stadium is an excellent example of a partnership between the academic and the athletic areas at MSU. Mr. Porteous noted that football players prefer to play on natural grass. He hopes that this will be an important factor in the continued success of the football program. Mr. Porteous emphasized that MSU has the top turf management program in the world, and this project will showcase our innovations.

Trustee Weiss echoed Trustee Porteous' comments and added that he had some reservations about grass in the stadium, but given the positives, he said, he will be voting in favor of the resolution.

4. The Trustee Policy Committee report and recommendations were presented by Committee Chairperson McNamara.

Great Lakes Cancer Institute

It was recommended that the administration be authorized to enter into agreements with the McLaren Health Care Corporation and to take other actions as appropriate and necessary to create the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, a research and education not-for-profit membership corporation, and to finance and operate the corporation and participate in its activities.

On a motion by Ms. McNamara, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

Trustee Romney said that this is a well thought out and innovative association for the University and its health care programs. It provides for community-based health, research, and clinical testing. The opportunity to expand on MSU's research capacities comes with very little risk.

Trustee Weiss noted that he is extremely happy that MSU is partnering with a Flint-based operation to work on cancer research.

President McPherson introduced and thanked Bernie Hoffmann, Senior Vice President for Corporate Services at the McLaren Health Care Corporation. Mr. McPherson said that this partnership is very important for MSU's medical schools.

Provost Simon introduced Dr. Donald DiPette, Chair of MSU's Department of Medicine. Dr. DiPette said that the department is prepared to achieve the accomplishments expected of it.

5. MSU-DCL Board

It was recommended that the following people be appointed to the Michigan State University – Detroit College of Law Board with the following terms:

Dolores M. Cook	1 Year
Robert E. Weiss	1 Year
Donald W. Nugent	2 Years
David L. Porteous	2 Years
Stuart Dunning III	3 Years
Lucille S. Taylor	3 Years
Tracey A. Yokich	3 Years

On a motion by Ms. McNamara, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

Trustee Weiss said that MSU-DCL Board members Tracey Yokich and Lucille Taylor have served extremely well, and he looks forward to the addition of Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunning III to the MSU-DCL Board.

Trustee Romney thanked those MSU-DCL Board members who were willing to serve second terms on the Board. He said that it is important to make MSU-DCL more profitable and to improve the quality of the school.

6. President's Comments

President McPherson thanked Vice President Steve Webster and those who worked so hard on President Clinton's visit. Mr. McPherson said that he thought the visit was wonderful, and that President Clinton feels very comfortable at MSU. Mr. McPherson noted that President Clinton is the only sitting President to visit MSU twice.

7. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson McNamara read the following statement into the minutes:

The Board has signed a resolution honoring Ann Marie Bolger, who made such important contributions as a leader in the Department of Residence Life, and who passed away recently. We mourn and honor her with a resolution that will go to her family and will be included verbatim in the minutes of today's meeting.

The Board has also signed resolutions expressing its appreciation for the award-winning MSU Debate Team and its coach, whom we recognized publicly at our last meeting. A final resolution will be going from the Board to the MSU Men's Water Polo Club to celebrate its national championship.

I have instructed the Secretary of the Board to include these two resolutions as a part of the minutes as well. I believe it is important that Board resolutions such as these become part of our historical record so that generations that come after us will remember those whom we chose to honor.

8. Trustees' Comments

A. Trustee Porteous congratulated Trustees Scott Romney and Dorothy Gonzales on beginning their new terms on the MSU Board of Trustees.

B. Trustee Romney said that it has been a great month at MSU because two of its teams, hockey and men's basketball, were rated first in the country at the same time. Mr. Romney also noted that President Bill Clinton's visit to MSU on his farewell tour was a tribute to the quality of the University. Mr. Romney said he hopes that MSU can continue to have such fine events and continue to increase quality.

Mr. Romney also thanked those who provided a very good presentation on 2020 Vision. He emphasized that this is important planning for the future.

C. Trustee Cook complimented Vice President Webster and the staff for their work on the President Clinton visit. She said that MSU shone during the President's visit. Ms. Cook said that the men's basketball team and Coach Izzo were very pleased to meet Mr. Clinton.

D. Trustee Weiss echoed the comments of his colleagues.

E. Trustee Nugent thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to be on the MSU-DCL Board of Trustees. He said that he hoped he would be able to make contributions to that Board.

7. An Executive Session was not requested.

8. On a motion by Mr. Ferguson, supported by Mr. Nugent, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H. Pogel, Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
HONORING ANN MARIE BOLGER**

January 12, 2001

The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University today fondly remembers and honors the contributions and career of Ann Marie Bolger, valued leader, educator, advocate of students, and change agent.

The impact that Ann had on Michigan State University as Director of the Department of Residence Life is extensive. During her brief tenure at MSU, Ann created a dynamic environment based on organizational and change theory. As a visionary, Ann inspired, challenged and nurtured the spirits of many.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the legacy of Ann Bolger as one that brought redefinition of the core purpose and values of the Department of Residence Life. Under her guidance, the Department increased collaboration with the Office of the Provost, University Housing, Minority Student Affairs and Student Life among others; it addressed numerous student issues and concerns – especially in the areas of student learning, leadership development, decision making and multiculturalism; it supported a National Summit concerning the future of Residence Life. Ann represented Michigan State University nationally – as the 2001 American College Personnel Association General Program Chair, as a faculty member at the Chief Housing Officer's Training Institute, and as a frequent consultant to colleagues at other institutions of higher education. She also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education Program.

The Board of Trustees especially recognizes and appreciates the energy and enthusiasm that Ann exhibited. The most important role that Ann fulfilled was that of a loving mother to her son, Nicholas. All who knew her will recognize that Ann Marie Bolger lived by the words of her favorite maxim, "*Do your best.*"

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEN'S WATER POLO CLUB**

January 12, 2001

The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University commends and congratulates the MSU Men's Water Polo Club, winners of the 2000 National Collegiate Water Polo Club Championship. The team won the national title in Seattle, Washington, by defeating the University of Washington, after earlier defeating the University of Florida, previously undefeated Miami of Ohio, and defending national champion Cal Poly.

The Board of Trustees honors the team for winning the Big Ten championship with a final match victory over the University of Michigan to earn an automatic berth in the National Championships. The Board also honors Coach Brian Fickies for being named National Coach of the Year, Pete Ryan for being named to the first-team at the National Championships, and Jeff Rodgers, Joe Brennan, and Brian Swank for receiving second-team honors.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MSU DEBATE TEAM**
January 12, 2001

It is hereby resolved that the Michigan State University Board of Trustees extends its congratulations to Michigan State University Debate Team members Greta Stahl and David Strauss, who, as freshmen, won the Pre-Season Freshman National Championship at the University of Kentucky, establishing themselves as the best all-freshman team in America. This is the second consecutive year that MSU has won this event.

It is also resolved that the Board of Trustees extends its congratulations to Will Repko, head coach of the MSU Debate Team, on being named the nation's Coach of the Year 2000 at the Dixie Classic Debate Tournament at Wake Forest University. At 28, Repko is the youngest coach to join the ranks of the top coaches in the country. Previously, coaches from schools including Harvard, Emory, Wake Forest and Dartmouth have received the award. Repko has been involved in debate for nearly 15 years as a debater, coach and judge. He helped establish MSU's Spartan High School Debate Institute and the Spartan Classic High School Tournament.

It is also resolved that the MSU Board of Trustees extends its congratulations to MSU Debate Team members Austin Carson, Calum Matheson, Suzanne Sobotka, Alicia Hunt, Amber Watkins, Anjali Vats, Greg Rudy, Latoya Logan, Joseph Siegmann and John Groen; Debate Team Director Jason Trice; and assistant coaches Alison Woidan and Michael Eber on the team's strong results in a number of national tournaments and high rankings in individual speaker performances. In this rebuilding year, we know you are continuing to uphold the tradition of excellence in debate at MSU.

The Michigan State University Board of Trustees is proud to recognize the MSU Debate Team for individual achievements, as well as team achievements at national tournaments. Debate reflects all aspects of a quality education: research, critical thinking, writing, speaking, understanding the role of ethical values in policy making and a broad understanding of different countries and cultures. We applaud you for your dedication, academic excellence and perseverance. We are proud of each one of you for your accomplishments.