

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

July 23, 1998

A meeting of the Trustee Finance Committee was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 1998. Minutes of the meeting 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 12:42 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel Ferguson, Dorothy Gonzales, Colleen McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, John D. Shingleton, and Robert E. Weiss. Trustees Nugent and Weiss participated via telephone. Trustee absent: Bob Traxler.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Secretary Pogel, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Greenleaf, Huggett, June, Webster, and Wilkinson, and Executive Director Williams. Others present: Associate Vice President Murray. Faculty Liaison present: Daniel Kruger. Student Liaisons present: Jamie Czekai and Louis Smith.

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

1. On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the proposed agenda.
2. 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. 1998-99 Operating Budgets

It was recommended to adopt the 1998-99 operating budgets for the University General Fund, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, the Michigan State University Extension Service, and Intercollegiate Athletics. The material is summarized in Attachment A and within the budget booklet included with the agenda materials in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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

Vice President Wilkinson complimented academic and support units and budget administrators and staff for meeting budget deadlines. Trustee Nugent expressed appreciation as well for the quick turnaround in preparing budget materials.

4. *De Minimus* Ownership

Provost Simon reported that the *De Minimus* Ownership agreements listed below had been presented to the Board of Trustees for its information at the June 26, 1998 meeting and after an appropriate waiting period required for those specific actions were now being presented for action.

A. It was recommended to delegate to the President the authority to enter into an agreement with Digital Flow Technologies. (Dr. John Foss)

B. It was recommended to delegate to the President the authority to enter into an agreement with Ocello Taxidermy. (Mr. Peter Ocello)

C. It was recommended to delegate to the President the authority to enter into an agreement with Frank J. Krist. (Mr. Frank J. Krist)

On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

5. Personnel Actions

Provost Simon presented the following Personnel Actions.

A. Appointments

1) Reckase, Mark D., AY-Professor, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, \$84,000 with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

2) Spiro, Rand J., AY-Professor, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, \$117,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

3) Marshall, Joseph F., AN-Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, \$160,000, with Tenure, effective July 1, 1998.

4) Barman, Susan M., AY-Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, \$69,500, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

5)Ebert-May, Diane, AN-Professor, Lyman Briggs School; Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, \$101,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

B.Other Personnel Actions

1)Soffin, Stanley, AN-Professor and Director, School of Journalism, to change title to Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman and for a change in salary rate to \$102,360, effective August 16, 1998 through August 15, 2003.

On a motion by Mr. Ferguson, supported by Ms. Cook, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Appointments and Other Personnel Actions.

6.An Executive Session was not requested.

7.Trustee Cook remarked that she was grateful that Trustee Bob Traxler was recovering from his recent accident and the good news that he was home from the hospital. President McPherson sent his best wishes to Trustee Traxler for a complete recovery.

8.Vice President Huggett announced he had received word that morning that Dr. Fred Eric Erbis, Director of the Intellectual Property office, was the recipient of the Society of Technology Transfer's prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award. Dr. Erbis was congratulated for this national recognition.

9.On a motion by Mr. Shingleton, supported by Ms. Gonzales, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Peter McPherson, President

Nancy H. Pogel, Secretary

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