

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

May 15, 1998

A meeting of the Trustee Finance Committee was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 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 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

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

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Secretary Pogel, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Greenleaf, Huggett, June, and Wilkinson, and Executive Director Williams. Faculty Liaisons present: None. Student Liaisons present: Jamie Czekai.

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

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

2. Personnel Actions

Provost Simon presented the following Appointments and Other Personnel Actions except for the personnel action for Mark A. Murray which was presented by Trustee Nugent.

A. Appointments

1) Conlon, Donald E., AY-Associate Professor, Department of Management, \$95,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

2) Shih, Tom, AY-Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, \$94,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1998.

B. Other Personnel Actions

1) VanDusen, George M., AN-Assistant Dean, College of Engineering; Professor, Department of Educational Administration, for a change in title to Acting Dean, College of Engineering and a change in salary rate to \$138,156, effective August 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

2) Graham, Norman A., AY-Professor, James Madison College, to add title of Acting Dean, James Madison College, effective July 1, 1998; and for a change from an academic year appointment basis to an annual appointment basis at a salary rate of \$80,000, effective August 16, 1998.

3) Hudzik, John K., AN-Acting Dean, International Studies and Programs; Professor, School of Criminal Justice, to change title to Dean and a change in salary rate to \$130,000, effective May 15, 1998.

On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Mr. Shingleton, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the above Appointments and Other Personnel Actions.

4) Murray, Mark A., AN-Associate Vice President for Business and Finance, Office of the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer, for a change in title to Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer, and a change in salary rate to \$155,000, effective September 1, 1998.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Shingleton, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the personnel action for Mark A. Murray.

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

A. Debt Resolution

It was recommended to approve the resolution authorizing a general revenue bond refinancing. The resolution is included with the agenda material in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Weiss, **A ROLL CALL VOTE was conducted** by Secretary Pogel. **THE BOARD VOTED unanimously to approve** the recommendation.

B.State Building Authority Financing Resolution

It was recommended to approve the resolution regarding State Building Authority financing of the Farm Buildings Modernization Project, one of five Animal Agriculture Facilities Renovation projects.

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

4.President McPherson reported there had been a request for the Board to meet in Executive Session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation as authorized by Section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Shingleton, a **ROLL CALL VOTE was conducted** by Secretary Pogel. **THE BOARD VOTED unanimously** to meet in Executive Session.

5.President McPherson reconvened the meeting in the Board Room at 10:22 a.m. following the Executive Session.

6.The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees on issues not germane to the agenda.

A.Wallace N. Reese, Co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Lansing area Peace Education Center; Todd Heywood, a free lance journalist; and Daniel Victor, a 1998 MSU James Madison College graduate, commented about the May 1-2 events on campus and in East Lansing.

Wallace Reese reported that The Peace Center issued a statement on May 7, 1998 calling for "an independent commission of inquiry into the causes and prevention of violence in the community." Todd Heywood recommended that the University have an outside investigation of the crisis and how it was handled. Daniel Victor suggested that the University should listen to its students and work to improve communications between students and the community.

B.Susan Shea, resident of East Lansing and graduate of MSU, expressed concern for the safety of her family and encouraged the University to establish an off-campus crime policy.

7.Trustees' Comments

A.Trustee Traxler recommended inviting Vice President Gore to present remarks at the symposium to be held during the dedication of the Food Safety and Toxicology Center. Vice President Huggett will follow up on Trustee Traxler's request.

B.Trustee Weiss responded to the comments presented during public participation. He said the issues surrounding the events of May 1-2 are important to the Board and the administration, and the University will work towards a resolution.

8.President's Comments

President McPherson reported that the Action Team he announced following the recent activities on campus and in East Lansing was being formed and the membership will include representatives from the campus, the city, and the broader community. He said the first meeting will take place in early June or before and that meetings will be open, public forums where individuals can express their views. The President stated that alcohol is a major issue, but it is not the only issue that must be discussed at these forums.

9.On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Mr. Shingleton, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Peter McPherson, President

Nancy H. Pogel, Secretary

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