

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

April 10, 1998

The Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee of the Whole meetings were held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 1998. Minutes of the meetings are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee GPA Awards for Spring Semester 1998 were presented following the Trustee Finance Committee meeting and prior to the Policy Committee of the Whole meeting. President McPherson announced the recognition would take place out of the usual order on the agenda since some of the students had to attend class. Each of the twelve students will graduate with a 4.0 grade-point average. Chairperson Shingleton and President McPherson presented awards to Daniel S. Balint, Sarah E. Cloud, Brent M. Hendricks, Natalia N. Smirnova, Lissa A. Steffey, and Michael E. Young. Michelle M. DeRose, Paul T. Fanson, Tauny L. Histed, Rebecca L. Mitchell, Natalie A. Saunders and Wesley A. Toland were unable to attend. The students were congratulated for their exceptional academic performance.

President McPherson called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Board Room.

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

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Secretary Pogel, Vice Presidents Denbow, Greenleaf, Huggett, June, Webb, and Wilkinson, and Executive Director Williams. Faculty Liaison present: Daniel Kruger. Student Liaisons present: Chad Smith and Tim Tesmer. Student Liaisons-elect Louis Smith and Nate Smith-Tyge also attended.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Shingleton, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the proposed agenda which was amended to include resolutions to Coaches Mason and Izzo.
2. On a motion by Mr. Shingleton, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the minutes of the February 11, 1998 Board meeting.

3. Mr. Weiss presented Board of Trustees resolutions to Hockey Coach Ron Mason and men's Basketball Coach Tom Izzo to acknowledge the successful season of each coach, their staff members, and athletes. The resolutions are included in the file of agenda materials.

On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Mr. Shingleton, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the resolutions to Coach Mason and Coach Izzo.

4. President's Report

A. President McPherson congratulated women's gymnastics Coach Kathie Klages for being selected the NCAA Central Region Coach of the Year. She led the team to a 23-6 record and placed fourth in the Big Ten. The President said he is proud of the University's athletic programs.

Mr. Weiss recommended presenting a Board of Trustees resolution to Coach Klages at the next meeting.

B. Jennifer Sykes, a James Madison psychology and social relations junior, was introduced by President McPherson as the recipient of one of the 65 nationally-awarded Truman Scholarships. The honor includes a \$30,000 stipend to be used for graduate school.

C. President McPherson announced that Michigan State has two winners among the 36 Goldwater Scholarships that are awarded around the country. The students are Daniel Thornhill, a Zoology major in Lyman Briggs School and an Honors College student, and Andrew Mienaltowski, Jr., an Honors College student majoring in Microbiology and Physiology, also in Lyman Briggs. Recipients are awarded a stipend of \$7,500 to be used for tuition, books, and other expenses.

The President said the importance of Truman and Goldwater scholarships is recognized throughout the country, and Michigan State is pleased to have its students receive these honors.

D. President McPherson reported that 14 graduate students have received National Science Foundation graduate research fellowships. Each fellow receives a \$15,000 stipend and a cost of education allowance of \$9,500. The President said the awards are evidence of the quality of education provided at Michigan State.

E. President McPherson asked retiring student liaisons to introduce their successors. Chad Smith introduced Nate Smith-Tyge, representative of the Student Assembly of ASMSU, and Tim Tesmer introduced Louis Smith, representing COGS.

Tim Tesmer read a resolution from Governor Engler declaring April 5-11, 1998 as Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week in Michigan. This is the second consecutive year Michigan State has received this honor.

5.Guiding Principles Report

Vice President Greenleaf reported on TIMSS (The Third International Math and Science Study) program. He said the project is an example of two principles, generate new knowledge and scholarship principle, and also the outreach principle of problem solving. TIMSS is an international study that has been going on for a numbers of years in about 40 countries. The American headquarters is at Michigan State under the leadership of Professor Bill Schmidt of the College of Education with a team of other MSU people. NSF and the U.S. Department of Education are the primary funding sources of the program in the U.S. Michigan State has received about \$10 million thus far for its support. The project is a survey of achievement and a detailed review of math and science curriculum materials. It involves working with educators on new curriculum developments.

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

7. Personnel Actions

Provost Simon reported there were no personnel actions requiring Board of Trustees approval.

Information Reports of Academic Personnel Actions of February 27, 1998 and March 30, 1998 were distributed with the Board Agenda and have been included with the agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees

8. Gift, Grant and Contract Report

Vice President Huggett presented the Gift, Grant and Contract Report for the period of January 27, 1998 through March 25, 1998. The report is a compilation of 267 Gifts, Grants and Contracts, 211 Consignment/Non-Cash Gifts, and no Consignment/Non-Cash Loans with a total value of \$18,084,328.54. The Gift and Grant report and the report of breakdown by source of the funding are included with the Board Agenda in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Huggett noted an entry on page two of the report which was a \$1.3 million item from NSF to Professor William Schmidt for the TIMSS study, the program reported on by Vice President Greenleaf.

On a motion by Mr. Traxler, supported by Mr. Shingleton, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Gift, Grant and Contract Report.

9. The Trustee Finance Committee report and recommendations were presented by Trustee Gonzales.

A. Bids and Contract Awards

- 1) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$201,000 to Moore Trospen Construction Company, of Holt, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$285,000 be established for the project entitled: Manly Miles Building – Front Entrance Barrier Free Improvements.
- 2) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$149,700 to Moore Trospen Construction Company, of Holt, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$200,000 be established for the project entitled: Wharton Center – Enclose Connector to Parking Ramp.
- 3) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$241,995 to Cadwell Brothers Construction Co., of Lansing, Michigan; a contract in the amount of \$89,990 be awarded to Marc Dutton Irrigation, Inc., of Waterford, Michigan; and that a budget in the amount of \$850,000 be established for the project entitled: South Campus Tree Plantings 1998.
- 4) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$1,635,000 to Sandborn Construction, Inc., of Portland, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$3,450,000 be established for the project entitled: Campus – Fiber Optic System Phase V.
- 5) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$1,458,271 to F. D. Hayes Electric Company, of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$2,330,000 be established for the project entitled: Holden, Hubbard, Mason/Abbot, Owen, and Van Hoosen Halls – Student Data Services.
- 6) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$1,345,000 to Moore Trospen Construction Company, of Holt, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$1,969,000 be established for the project entitled: Eustace Hall – Addition and Rehabilitation.
- 7) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$121,000 to Superior Electric of Lansing, of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$195,000 be established for the project entitled: Lot 91 (Northeast of Clinical Center) Reconstruction, Phase II.
- 8) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$162,850 to Western Waterproofing Company, of Livonia, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$210,000 be established for the project entitled: Parking Ramp No. 1 – Restoration 1998.

On a motion by Ms. Gonzales, supported by Mr. Traxler, **THE BOARD VOTED** to app

ove the recommendations.

B. Establishment of Funds Functioning as Endowment

- 1) It was recommended to establish the Campus Life Enrichment Endowment as a fund functioning as endowment.
- 2) It was recommended to establish the Carl J. Sellner Scholarship as a fund functioning as endowment.
- 3) It was recommended to establish the CMP Fund as a fund functioning as endowment.

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

C. It was recommended to authorize the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer or Associate Vice President for Business and Finance to select a bond underwriter and a bond trustee for a proposed issue of general revenue bonds to refinance some or all outstanding bonds of the issued \$83,270,000 General Revenue Bonds, Series 1992A, to plan and prepare for the structuring and documentation of the proposed refinancing bond issue, and to cause to be prepared and circulated a preliminary offering statement for the proposed refinancing bond issue.

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

D. It was recommended to adopt a spending policy wherein the University may spend up to 5.25% of the average market value of the endowment as calculated for the twelve quarters of the three calendar years prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and that this spending policy be reviewed annually at the February meeting of the Trustee Finance Committee.

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

E. It was recommended to adopt the basic residence halls room and board rate of \$2,086 per semester effective fall semester 1998 and the basic University apartments rates of \$420 per month for a remodeled, one-bedroom apartment and \$465 per month for a remodeled, two-bedroom apartment effective August 1, 1998.

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

President McPherson noted the importance of the complimentary academic support role of residence halls staff. He said it is an integral part of the student's full experience at the University.

F. It was recommended to invest \$3.6 million with the Common Fund Small Cap Growth Fund, in accordance with the University's investment guidelines.

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

10. President McPherson presented the report of the Trustee Policy Committee of the Whole.

A. There were no action items to be considered by the Board of Trustees.

B. At the earlier committee meeting, Dr. Ralph W. Bonner, Director of Affirmative Action Compliance and Monitoring, presented the annual Affirmative Action Report. The report is included with the Board agenda materials.

Dr. Bonner gave special recognition to University units he feels have done "an excellent job in diversifying their units and utilizing all of the necessary skills at their hands." He named the Emmons Hall student group African American Police Alliance, the College of Veterinary Medicine, the MSU Purchasing Department, the Departments of English and Marketing and Supply Chain Management, and MSU Police.

C. Dr. Simon reported that each year a project is highlighted which reflects the principle of diversity within community and active learning. Dr. June introduced Ms. Jeanne Gazel and Dr. Richard Thomas, Coordinators of The Multi-Racial Unity Project (MRULE), a new program seeking ways to promote unity, greater interaction, and cooperation among racial groups. Students commented about their experiences following a video presentation of the program.

11. Chairperson's Report and Trustees' Comments

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Shingleton identified the major accomplishments of the past year being the tuition initiative, international programs, building programs, the serious student initiative, and successful athletic programs which contribute to the spirit of the University. He said how pleased he is that Michigan State has Truman and Goldwater scholarship winners.

B. Trustees' Comments

1) Trustee Cook complimented Vice President Denbow, University Relations, and its division of University Publications for the new "Facts in Brief." She said it is a reference tool that has "what everyone needs to know about MSU."

Ms. Cook said she was impressed with the MRULE project and enthusiastically supports the spirit of togetherness at the University.

Ms. Cook commented that she is looking forward to participating in the dedication of DCL at MSU.

In addition to the accomplishments mentioned by Chairperson Shingleton, Trustee Cook remarked that it was heartening to have the employees of the University come together on such important issues as the revision of health benefits for support staff and the post-tenure review document. She said it speaks well for support staff, faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees.

2) Trustee Weiss thanked his colleagues for the privilege of presenting Board of Trustees resolutions to Coaches Mason and Izzo. He also said the DCL at MSU dedication will be a monumental day for the University and the State of Michigan. He commended President McPherson and DCL and MSU board members for their persistence in this accomplishment.

Mr. Weiss asked that the Board go on record to explore ways that NCAA rules might be changed to provide more equity to the parents of student athletes when they travel to tournaments. President McPherson responded that conversations have begun and he will report back to the Trustees.

Trustee Weiss commended faculty for working with the administration and others to put together a post-tenure review process. He recognized the efforts of Provost Simon, Professor Norm Abeles, and former Faculty Liaison Maureen McDonough.

3) Trustee Nugent congratulated graduating seniors. He said it is exciting to hear about the scholarship winners and Trustee GPA recipients. He said the faculty and staff team work has improved the excellence and viability of the University.

Mr. Nugent congratulated President McPherson for his n

omination to the Dow Jones Board.

12.The following individual addressed the Board of Trustees on an issue not germane to the agenda.

A.Pamela Romano Dilley, an arts educator in northern Michigan, encouraged Board members to continue to support MSU's graduate art education program. She spoke of the importance of an art education curriculum for children and suggested it could be one of the possible solutions to violence in the schools. Ms. Dilley commented about the student art projects that she displayed. She quoted from "The Everyday Work of Art," by Eric Booth and presented his book to the Board.

13.President McPherson reported that there had not been a request for an Executive Session.

14.On a motion by Mr. Traxler, supported by Ms. Gonzales, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:38 a.m.

Peter McPherson, President

Nancy H. Pogel, Secretary

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