

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

June 2, 1990

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President John DiBiaggio at 9:08 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Trustees present were: Malcolm G. Dade, Jr., Joel Ferguson, Dean Pridgeon, Barbara J. Sawyer, Robert E. Weiss, and Kathy Wilbur.

Trustees absent were: Lawrence D. Owen and Thomas Reed.

University Officers present included: President John DiBiaggio, Provost David K. Scott, Secretary Marylee Davis, and Vice President Roger Wilkinson.

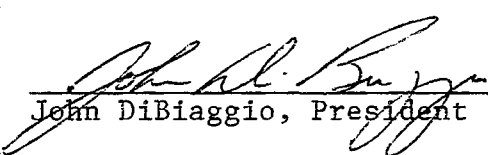
1. On a motion by Ms. Sawyer, supported by Mr. Ferguson, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the proposed agenda.
2. There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.
3. President DiBiaggio announced the explicit purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the admission of Pennsylvania State University into the Big Ten Conference. He reviewed the history of the situation so Trustees would be aware of circumstances to this point since there is the possibility of a discussion and vote occurring at the Big Ten meetings to be held on June 3-4, 1990.
4. At the request of Mr. Ferguson, Dr. Michael Kasavana, Faculty Representative to the NCAA, reported on the Athletic Council meeting held on May 24, 1990, for the purpose of discussing the report of the Big Ten Conference Transition and Expansion Committee regarding the admission of Penn State into the conference. Dr. Kasavana reported that although the discussion was confidential, the Athletic Council concurred that Penn State should not be admitted to the Big Ten Conference.
5. In response to Ms. Wilbur's question if the Committee on Institutional Cooperation or the Provosts of the Big Ten have looked at Penn State in an academic sense, Dr. Scott responded that in this regard there has not been a discussion by either group of academic officers. However, if the conference is to be enlarged, he believes the mission and goals of Penn State would add to the clout of the CIC-type institutions, it being a land-grant and AAU university.
6. Trustee discussion focused on the issues of economics, geographic proximity, effects on student athletes resulting from missed classes due to travel distances, scheduling of athletic events, and reasons related to not only expansion of the Big Ten Conference, but also the timing of the expansion.

Mr. Weiss presented a motion that Michigan State University go on record as being opposed to adding Penn State until further study can be undertaken and answers to questions of expansion of the Big Ten as a conference are looked at including reasons regarding how such expansion might be beneficial to Michigan State University can be shown. The motion was supported by Mr. Ferguson and then withdrawn prior to acceptance.

Mr. Dade summarized the Board's discussion that Penn State is viewed as a principle university worthy of admission and there is not a strong bias against its membership. However, there are general concerns varying from the logistics of the membership to the reason for expansion of the conference at this time. The discussion also reflected on the fact that Michigan State was in a similar situation when it was considered for admission to the Big Ten.

It was agreed the President would consider the Board's dialogue as well as the decision of the Athletic Council when representing the University's viewpoint at the Big Ten meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned.

  
John DiBiaggio, President

  
Marylee Davis, Ph.D., Secretary

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