

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

July 10, 1997

President McPherson called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:40 a.m. in the President's Conference Room.

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

Trustee absent: Joel Ferguson.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Secretary Pogel, Vice Presidents Wilkinson and Denbow. Others present: David Byelich, Martha L. Hesse, Paul M. Hunt, and Faculty Liaison David Grummon and Student Liaison Tim Tesmer.

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

1. On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Nugent, **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. Personnel Actions

Provost Simon presented the following Appointments and Other Personnel Actions.

A. Appointments

- 1) Koziol, Stephen M., AN-Professor, Department of Teacher Education, \$90,333, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1997.
- 2) Skole, David L. AY-Professor, Department of Geography, \$80,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 1997.

B. Other Personnel Actions

- 1) Thornton, Dozier, AN-Associate Dean, Graduate School; Professor, Department of Geography, to change title to Acting Dean, Urban Affairs Programs, and at a salary rate of \$100,000, effective July 1, 1997.
- 2) Gast, Robert G., AN-Acting Vice President, Office of Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Professor, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, to change title to Vice President, effective July 1, 1997.

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

4. Adoption of Operating Budgets for 1997-98

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the revised 1997-98 operating budgets for the University General Fund, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, the Michigan State University Extension Service, and Intercollegiate Athletics.

On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Nugent, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation. The vote was 6 to 1. Trustee Traxler voted No.

President McPherson reported that the Higher Education appropriation adopted by the House and Senate includes a 4.2% increase for Michigan State. The Governor is expected to sign the bill. A supplemental bill has also passed both chambers that would provide Michigan State an additional \$1.8 million, and authorization to retain architects and continue planning for the new Science Building.

Public Participation
Germane to Agenda
or Other Issues -
None

Personnel Actions

Appointments

Other Personnel
Actions

Robert G. Gast
title changed from
Acting Vice
President to Vice
President

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Trustee Weiss' commented on the inequity of appropriations to the State universities. President McPherson responded that the University needs to continue to focus on the per student number. Michigan State has a mission, as well as it being an expectation of the State, that a certain group of students will be provided a high-quality education. Universities in Michigan have done especially well compared to many other states, and Michigan State, specifically, recognizes and appreciates that.

Adoption of
Operating Budgets
for 1997-98
continued

5. President McPherson reported there had not been a request for the Board to meet in Executive Session.
6. Tim Tesmer, Student Liaison representative of the Council of Graduate Students, reported on a "potentially crippling piece of legislation" included in the U.S. House version of the budget to eliminate 117D of the Tax Code. 117D currently allows graduate students to receive tuition waivers without having to pay taxes. The proposed legislation has the potential to force many graduate students out of school because they will no longer be able to afford to attend. Tim encouraged Board members to help graduate students lobby the House committee members to retain 117D in the tax code.

Request for
Executive Session
- None

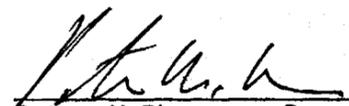
Council of Graduate
Students repre-
sentative report
on legislation

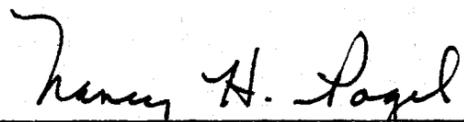
Trustee Weiss said that the MSU administration and our representatives in Washington should make a strong stand in opposition to the bill. Trustee McNamara supported Mr. Weiss.

Trustee Traxler commented on the very difficult decisions Congress must make in order to provide certain higher education benefits and the demand that it has placed upon itself to balance the national budget.

The discussion ended by President McPherson stating he and the University's Washington staff would continue to aggressively follow and work on these issues.

7. On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Nugent, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn at 9:43 a.m.**


Peter McPherson, President


Nancy H. Pogel, Secretary