

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 18, 1970

President Wharton called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. at Kellogg Center.

The following members were present: Trustees Hartman, Huff, Martin, Merriman, Nisbet, Stevens and Thompson; President Wharton, Executive Vice President and Secretary Breslin, Vice President Wilkinson. Also present: Assistant to the President Ballard, Provost Cantlon, Attorney Carr, Professors W. D. Collings, Armand L. Hunter, Erling S. Jorgensen, Lester Manderscheid.

Absent: Trustee White.

1. President Wharton stated that the time of the Finance meeting had been suggested by Chairman Don Stevens for the purpose of considering the special subcommittee report on Channel 10. President Wharton asked Professor W. Doyne Collings, chairman of the committee, to make a report.

Recommendations
of Committee
on Channel 10;
appraisal of
Channel 10 to

Professor Collings stated that after a thoughtful study of the University's shared time arrangement with Channel 10 it was the committee's recommendation that the University be made

- A. Sell its share of Channel 10
- B. Use funds from the sale to put a full-time UHF color operation on the air and change the present closed-circuit classroom instruction from black and white to color
- C. Apply for UHF Channel 23, immediately
- D. Not engage in the commercial operation of a television station

Trustee Huff asked Professor Collings to explain the committee's rationale for their recommendations. Professor Collings replied by stating that the committee felt their recommendations would do the following:

- A. By operating a full-time UHF station, Michigan State would provide improved training for students in television production and direction. Further, the income from the sale of Channel 10 would provide funds for improved TV facilities.
- B. The sale of Channel 10 would allow the University to convert its closed-circuit classroom instruction to color.
- C. The full-time operation of an educational UHF station would be of great service to the people of Michigan.

After much discussion on the merits of the committee's report, Chairman Stevens moved to approve the recommendations of the committee. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Further discussion was generated by Mr. Huff relative to the merits of fund raising by WMSB to assist in its own support. Dr. Armand Hunter, Director of Continuing Education and a member of the subcommittee, replied that it had been his understanding that the Trustees had not considered such efforts appropriate for a university station.

Trustee Nisbet suggested that before the Board take any action on the committee's report, the Board instruct the President to get an appraisal of the value of Channel 10. This suggestion was endorsed unanimously by the Trustees.

Mr. Stevens then withdrew his motion.

On the motion of Trustee Merriman, seconded by Trustee Huff, and unanimously approved, the President was instructed to get an appraisal of the value of Channel 10 and report this information to the Board in July. It is understood that this appraisal will be made for the University by Mr. Norman E. Jorgensen of Washington, D.C., an attorney and authority in this field.

2. Vice President Wilkinson and Provost Cantlon were asked by Dr. Wharton to present their preliminary thinking on the 1970-71 University budget. A proposed salary schedule for faculty and administration was presented to the Board for review.

Preliminary
1970-71 budget
presented;
salary schedules
to be reviewed,
also fee sched-
ules and all
Univ allocations

After discussion, the Trustees asked that the University officers review the proposed schedules for the purpose of improving the salary of the faculty.

The Trustees also suggested that the University officers review the proposed fee schedule for 1970-71 with the possibility of providing a differential between graduate and undergraduate fees.

The Trustees asked that the officers make a thoughtful review of all current University allocations for the purpose of reducing allocations wherever possible.

The Trustees set June 29, 6:00 p.m., for a special budget meeting of the Board. It is hoped that by the 29th the Legislature will have passed the University appropriation for fiscal 1970-71. (This special meeting was cancelled because the legislative appropriation had not been approved by June 29.)

Dates of July Board meeting to be 16, 17, and 18

3. The President suggested that the regular meeting of the Board in July be on July 16, 17, and 18. Approved.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE
OPEN INFORMAL MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 18, 1970

Present: Trustees Hartman, Huff, Merriman, Nisbet, Martin, Stevens, and Thompson; President Wharton, Executive Vice President and Secretary Breslin, Provost Cantlon, Vice President Wilkinson, Vice President Dickerson, Vice President Muelder, Assistant to the President Ballard, Attorney Carr, Chancellor O'Dowd.

Absent: Trustee White.

President Wharton opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Report by Paul Dressel on activities of Off of Inst Research

1. President Wharton asked Provost Cantlon to introduce Dr. Paul Dressel, Director of the Office of Institutional Research.

Dr. Dressel reviewed for the Trustees the role of his office and presented some brief summary material on the kind of research conducted by his office. The Trustees were highly complimentary on Dr. Dressel's long service to the University and his exceptionally fine work.

Changes in residency regulations in Snyder-Phillips proposed

2. President Wharton then presented Dr. John Dietrich, Assistant Provost, who was accompanied by two students, Miss Beverly Todd and John McConnell. Dr. Dietrich was asked to make a report on certain proposed changes in the Snyder-Phillips residence halls as recommended by a commission established by the Provost's Office to study this matter. A complete tape of Dr. Dietrich's remarks and the ensuing discussion is on file in the Secretary's Office.

Request by Movement for a New Congress for week's recess prior to November election

3. Following the Snyder-Phillips presentation, Dr. Wharton introduced three representatives of the Movement for a New Congress. They were Dr. John Collins, Political Science Department, Mr. Richard Kruch, a student, and Mrs. Santosuosso. The Movement for a New Congress requested that the University Board of Trustees, through its administrative officers, give serious consideration to allowing a week's recess prior to the November election so that interested students could become active in the election process.

Chairman Stevens stated he felt the University should do something to increase and encourage the participation of students in the election process and that more good will would come from the time that students would spend working in the election than any other few days they would spend in all the years that they were in college.

Trustee Thompson indicated that while he is not opposed to this activity, he would be inclined to think that only a minority of students would get involved. He stated that he is concerned that the University might make a decision based on a minority which would effect the majority of students.

Trustee Huff said he felt that programs could be structured for the majority of students while also allowing for the activities of the minority group.

Trustee Nisbet agreed that the proposal was good practical education but questioned as to whether it was in the pattern of a university education. He stated that as a public institution the University would be open to criticism if it closed so that students could work against or for specific issues.

Trustee Huff said he thought the administration should continue to examine the situation and bring it up before the Trustees at a future time. He commented that the issue should be kept alive and that he agreed with Trustee Stevens' proposal that the decision be left open until September when another student poll might be conducted.

President Wharton stated the administration would take the matter under advisement.

(A complete tape of this presentation is on file in the Secretary's Office.)