

MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 18, 1972

Present: President Wharton, Trustees Carrigan, Hartman, Huff, Martin, Merriman, Stevens, Thompson, and White; Provost Cantlon, Executive Vice President and Secretary Breslin; Vice Presidents Muelder, Perrin, and Wilkinson; Messrs. Ballard and Carr; Dr. Nonnamaker.

Absent: No one.

Presentation of  
plans for  
College of  
Urban Develop-  
ment

President Wharton called the Informal Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. He apologized for the lateness in the delivery to the Trustees of proposals concerning urban affairs at the University. He explained that this was due to the need for reactions and statements from the Academic Council, which acted upon proposals from the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) on May 9, immediately followed by the anti-war demonstrations. Dr. Wharton then read his recommendations to the Board (on file in the Secretary's Office). Basically, he proposed a College of Urban Development with two departments: the Department of Urban and Metropolitan Studies and the Department of Racial and Ethnic Studies, to be jointly administered with the College of Social Science.

President Wharton also recommended that plans for these two departments be part of the responsibility of a group headed by Provost Cantlon which will prepare recommendations concerning structural questions relating to the new college. He recommended delaying the establishment of an urban extension component in the new College in order to await further developments concerning relationships with other colleges and universities in Michigan and the resolution of problems related to other off-campus extension activities. He also recommended delaying a research unit until the College had been firmly established and the issue of funding resolved.

Following the President's recommendations there were reactions from the floor. Dr. Lester V. Manderscheid, Chairman of the Educational Policies Committee, reacted favorably to the President's recommendations and indicated that they were in the spirit of EPC's proposals. He expressed concern for delaying the establishment of a research unit within the College and added that he hoped this could be done in the near future. He also spoke against appointing an acting dean for the College while the selection process for a dean was under way.

Dr. Robert E. Green, Director of the Center for Urban Affairs at Michigan State University, indicated his support for the President's recommendations. He also expressed concern for delaying research and urban extension units within the College. He mentioned that he hoped a financial ceiling would not be placed on the College because increased financial resources will be required for future expansion.

Dr. Lawrence Lezotte, Assistant Director for Research in the Center for Urban Affairs, registered his regret for the delay of the research unit in the new College. He added that the research thrust is central to the success of any college of urban affairs. Several spokesmen for black students at the University also expressed support for the new College and presented petitions in support of Dr. Thomas Gunnings as Vice President for Student Affairs.

Mrs. Sylvia Lemus Sharma, educational specialist with CUA, spoke about the concerns of the Chicano community in the establishment of a College of Urban and Metropolitan Development. (Her statement is on file in the Secretary's Office.) She expressed hope that the Department of Racial and Ethnic Studies would spend appropriate time on the concerns and problems facing Chicanos and American Indians in Michigan.

After discussion by several Trustees concerning the establishment of an acting dean and encouragement of research within the new College, President Wharton adjourned the Informal Meeting at 8:55 p.m.