

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
May 14, 1970

President Wharton called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. at Kellogg Center.

The following members were present: Trustees Hartman, Huff, Merriman, Nisbet, Stevens, and Thompson; President Wharton, Executive Vice President and Secretary Breslin, Vice President Wilkinson. Also present were: Assistant to the President Ballard, Provost Cantlon, Attorney Carr, Vice President Dickerson, Assistant Provost King, Budget Officer Levi, Vice President Perrin, Chancellor O'Dowd, and Director of Business Affairs Swanson.

Absent: Trustees Martin and White.

Agenda for  
May 14 meeting  
discussed

1. President Wharton suggested that due to the many items of concern to the Trustees that an agenda for the afternoon and evening sessions of the Board be established. After discussion, it was decided that the following agenda would be followed:

- a. Budget (1970-71) review and discussion until dinner at 6:15 p.m.
- b. After dinner the President would give the Board a background briefing on recent campus disturbances and then follow the prepared agenda for the open-informal meeting.

Report by Pres.  
Wharton on  
May 14 student  
march to the  
Capitol

Prior to the discussion of the 1970-71 budget, President Wharton and Director of Public Safety Richard Bernitt reported to the Board the events of the afternoon relative to the student march to the Capitol and the injuries to eight students when an automobile was driven into the line of marchers.

It was reported that approximately 5,000 students assembled on the campus and at about 1 p.m. started an orderly march to the Capitol. The marchers consisted of students from other colleges and universities in the State, concerned citizens, high school students, and others. At approximately 1:20 p.m. an automobile driven by an individual under the influence of liquor rammed the line of marchers at the intersection of Charles Street and Michigan Avenue. None of the marchers were injured seriously.

Resolution re  
injuries to  
students during  
march to the  
Capitol

The President suggested that the Board adopt the following resolution:

"On behalf of the entire University, the Board of Trustees expresses its profound shock and sorrow over the tragic injuries to several persons who were struck by an automobile today while exercising their right of peaceful dissent, and to the policeman who was attempting to protect that right.

If we have learned our lesson in these last several weeks, it is that we must all, students, faculty, administrators and citizens in the community at large, act with restraint, and above all attempt to prevent violence and personal injury."

On motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Huff, this resolution was adopted unanimously.

President  
Wharton's news  
release re  
recent campus  
disturbances

2. President Wharton discussed briefly with the Board the most recent campus disturbance in which two Jackson (Mississippi) State College students were killed by gunfire. It was the President's suggestion that he issue the following statement to the news media at once:

Continued killing on college campuses is abhorrent. The latest loss of life at Jackson State is another shocking reminder of the terrible price of uncontrolled emotions and rash action.

The most profound sympathy of all of us is extended to the families of these new victims as it was in the Kent State deaths. In keeping with the spirit of brotherhood of all university students, faculty and officials, the flags at Michigan State will fly at half-mast for one week as a mark of concern and respect for those who died at Jackson State.

We redouble our appeal for sanity and reason on all campuses, and we ask the Michigan State community to continue to set an example of how important issues can be pursued without resorting to the threat of life.

Report by Pres.  
Wharton on  
campus strike;  
all efforts to  
be made to keep  
University open

3. The President reported to the Board on events of the past two weeks concerning the so-called campus strike. The President distributed the strike demand paper, as well as the administration's reply to the strike demands. (Copies of this material are filed in the Secretary's Office.)

During the lengthy discussion that followed, all of the Trustees raised questions concerning the status of the students and faculty who were striking. In reply to these questions Dr. Wharton and Dr. Cantlon indicated that all teaching faculty would be expected to fulfill their teaching responsibilities as outlined in the faculty-approved "Code of Teaching." Students who were striking would be responsible for their acts and would be responsible for making their own arrangements with their teachers. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board that all efforts be made to keep the University open.

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## 3. President's report on so-called campus strike, continued

Campus strike,  
continued

In view of the diversity of views by different segments of the student body on the strike, the Trustees felt it advisable to allow spokesmen for these different groups to appear before the Board at its open-informal session. It was also agreed that the established agenda for the open meeting would be rescheduled to follow the regular meeting of the Board on Friday, May 15.

A motion to change the scheduling of items on the open-informal agenda was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Stevens, and approved unanimously.

## 4. President Wharton asked Vice President Wilkinson and Provost Cantlon to present for the Board's information some preliminary thinking on the University's 1970-71 budget. Before the budget presentation, Executive Vice President Breslin was asked to report on the legislative appropriation prospects. In summary Mr. Breslin reported the following:

1970-71 pre-  
liminary budget  
presented

- a. A State appropriation increase of 5.1 to 6.1 million dollars.
- b. An increased appropriation of 1 million dollars for Human Medicine to fully fund the third and fourth years.
- c. An appropriation of \$700,000 to \$900,000 for Osteopathic Medicine.
- d. Planning money for Life Sciences II.
- e. Legislative action increasing student fees from \$13.00 per credit hour to \$15.00 per credit hour.

Following Breslin's report the budget was discussed. No definitive guidelines were given the administrative officials on the 1970-71 budget by the Trustees, but there was almost unanimous sentiment by the Board that the budget must be trimmed but that this would not be possible until we knew the University's State appropriation.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6 p.m. for dinner, with plans to meet again at 7 a.m. Friday, May 15.

MINUTES OF THE  
OPEN-INFORMAL SESSION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 14, 1970

Present: Chairman Stevens, Vice Chairman Merriman, Trustees Hartman, Huff, Martin, Nisbet, Thompson and White. Others present: President Wharton, Messrs. Ballard, Breslin, Cantlon, Carr, Dickerson, Herman King, Levi, Muelder, Nonnamaker, O'Dowd, Perrin, Spaniolo, Swanson, and Wilkinson.

Reports on  
student strike  
presented by  
several groups

Absent: No one.

President Wharton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He stated the Board had indicated an interest in hearing all sides of the strike issue and that representatives of various groups had been invited to make statements relative to the positions of their groups and answer questions of the Trustees.

The speakers representing various groups spoke and answered questions by the Trustees in the following order:

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| 1. Rick Kibbey              | - Strike Steering Committee   |
| 2. Miss Janice L. Goldman   | - Radical Caucus  |
| 3. Ric A. Coglianese        | - Committee to Attend Classes                                       |
| 4. Erik G. Mettala          | - Michigan Students Association and<br>Students for Rational Action |
| 5. Harold E. Buckner        | - President of ASMSU  |
| 6. Miss Teresa A. Sullivan  | - ASMSU representative to Academic Council                          |
| 7. Professor Norman Pollack | - Professor of History and Graduate<br>Student Strike Committee     |
| 8. Peter F. Flynn           | - President, Council of Graduate Students                           |
| 9. Miss Margaret Leshner    | - Strike Committee, member of Peoples Park                          |

The open-informal meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.