

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 21, 1984

Meeting on the Presidential Selection Process

Chairperson Sawyer called the meeting to order in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 5:45 p.m., May 21.

Present: Trustees Crim, Dade (6:07 p.m.), Fletcher, Lick, Martin (6:15 p.m.), Reed and Sawyer; Associate Vice President and Secretary Wilkinson, General Counsel Carr, Assistant to the President Carlisle, Faculty Liaison Group and Student Liaison Group.

Absent: Trustee Wilson.

Chairperson Sawyer announced that the purpose of the meeting was to establish a process for the selection of a president, establish a budget for this process, and to appoint a chairperson of the Presidential Search Committee. She also confirmed that the Presidential Search and Assessment Service has agreed to serve as the Board's consultant for the selection process.

1. Procedure for the Selection of the President

A. Trustee Sawyer suggested that the Board begin the meeting by reviewing the document entitled Procedure for the Selection of the President of Michigan State University, 1984, dated May 18, 1984. It was reviewed prior to this meeting by the Academic Council and approved by the Executive Committee of Academic Council on May 17, 1984. Trustee Sawyer stated that PSAS strongly recommended to the Board that item A. 1. be amended to the date of November 15, 1984, as the date that the final candidates would be submitted to the Board for its consideration. The Board agreed to this change.

B. Trustee Fletcher stated that he preferred keeping the committee small and that the make-up of the committee should include eight Trustees, two faculty, one student, one academic administrator and one alumnus or alumna. He emphasized that is the consensus reached at the May 7, 1984, meeting of the Board and followed the intent of the consultant's recommendation as to committee size.

Trustees Reed and Lick stated that they favored a committee structure which included three faculty members and two students.

Trustee Sawyer stated that following extensive conversation with the consultant that they recommended keeping the Search Committee small and she indicated that she supported their recommendation. The Board reached a consensus that the committee structure should consist of eight Trustees, two tenured faculty, one academic administrator, one student and one alumnus or alumna.

C. Trustee Fletcher suggested that the Board adopt ground rules relating to the consideration of candidates. He stated that if the Board could not agree upon a candidate from the final list from the Search Committee, that any additional candidates would be submitted back to the Search Committee. There was agreement as to this concept.

D. Trustee Fletcher questioned whether it was a mandate that the candidates possess a terminal degree in a scholarly or professional field. Trustee Sawyer responded that it was her understanding that this was not a mandatory requirement, but was desirable or preferred. There was a consensus as to this point of view.

E. Trustee Sawyer questioned the intent of confidentiality as it related to Section A. 1. a. 3. Views were expressed that this section should express the recommendation of the consultant that confidentiality was necessary until the final list of candidates is determined. At that point, the identification of the candidates may become known. The document was amended to reflect this concurrence.

C. Trustee Sawyer then noted other word changes in the document including changing the selection of the student slate of candidates for the committee from six to three. This corresponds with the recommendation to continue with one student on the Search Committee.

Trustee Fletcher moved that the document be approved as revised. Seconded by Trustee Crim. Approved by a vote of 7 to 0. (Copy of the revised document is on file in the Secretary's Office.)

Approved the Document, Procedure for the Selection of the President of Michigan State University, 1984

Approved  
Preliminary  
Budget of  
\$50,000 for  
Selection  
Process

2. Preliminary Budget for Selection Process

Trustee Fletcher, supported by Trustee Crim, moved to establish a preliminary budget of \$50,000 for the selection process and to require that a final budget be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees June 7-8, 1984. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

3. Selection of the Chairperson of the Search Committee

Approved  
Trustee Dade  
as Chairperson  
of Search  
Committee

Trustee Sawyer stated that she had consulted with Trustee Dade and he has agreed to serve as the Chairperson of the Search Committee.

This was unanimously supported and unanimously adopted by the Board.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

*Roger Wilkinson*

Secretary