

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
of a  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 12, 1984

President Mackey called the meeting to order in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 5:17 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 1984.

Present: Trustees Dade, Fletcher, Lick, Martin, Owen, Reed, Sawyer and Wilson; President Mackey, Provost Winder, Vice Presidents Breslin, Dickinson, Schonbein, Stewart and Turner; Assistant Vice President Bredeck; Acting Vice President and Secretary Wilkinson, Faculty Liaison Group and Student Liaison Group.

President Mackey called the meeting to order and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to consider recommendations for the construction of athletic and recreational facilities. President Mackey reminded the Board that there had been extensive discussion on the proposal at the October 5 meeting and that the Trustees had unanimously supported the need for these facilities but had deferred action on the recommendations pending further review. He indicated that the review with students and faculty groups had been extensive including presidential presentations as well as presentations by other administrators.

President Mackey then reviewed the proposed facilities and their recommended locations. He indicated that several students had recommended consideration of construction of a modest recreational facility on East Campus as an alternative to renovating Jenison Fieldhouse. He indicated that this recommendation would be reviewed as part of the planning process. He indicated that there is extensive academic use of sports facilities for teaching purposes including methods courses. For example, approximately 1,300 students enroll in tennis courses during the spring quarter, and the proposed tennis facility would permit expansion of this academic opportunity. It might also be possible to offer soccer instruction in the proposed football facility.

President Mackey concluded his remarks by stating that the administration fully understands that there would be full participation by students, faculty and others during the planning process including use of facilities and the development of financing alternatives.

Public Comments Relating to Proposal

1. Beth Comfort, representing Student Council, indicated that the Council is opposed to using student fees for the financing of the construction proposal and encouraged a review to identify other funding sources to finance the projects. She also requested that students be extensively involved during the planning process, including the use of facilities.
2. Dan Selke, representing COGS, indicated that COGS is also opposed to using student fees for the construction of athletic and recreational facilities and expressed concern about the University's commitment to the funding of graduate programs.
3. Dave Beauvai, representing RHA, indicated that RHA had established an ad hoc Committee to review the proposal and that they were in general support of the program. He indicated that these facilities were long overdue and was encouraged about their multipurpose nature. He emphasized that there was a need for an overview committee to review the use of the facilities, especially with regard to scheduling concerns, and stated that students should play an active role in the planning process. He also encouraged the review of alternative recreational space on East Campus rather than renovation of Jenison Fieldhouse.

Recommendation to Proceed with Projects

It was moved by Trustee Owen and supported by Trustee Sawyer that the following recommendation be approved:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize, as construction projects, the All-Events Arena, the Indoor Football Practice Facility, the Indoor Tennis Facility, and Renovations to Jenison Fieldhouse for intramural and recreational purposes, and that, through established Board of Trustees policies, the administration initiate the procedures for the selection of architects for these projects and the development of conceptual design and definitive documents.

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Approved  
Construction of  
Spartan All-  
Events Arena,  
Indoor Practice  
Field, Indoor  
Tennis Facility,  
and Jenison  
Fieldhouse  
Renovations

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Recommendation to Proceed with Projects, cont.

It is further recommended that the Board direct the administration to develop financing plans for these projects for consideration by the Board of Trustees. This planning recognizes that these facilities will be financed from athletic revenue, gift funds from the Forest Akers Trust Fund, and a pledge against student fee revenue. Participation by appropriate groups will be part of the planning process, and efforts will be made to generate revenue which will minimize reliance on student fee revenue for these projects.

It was moved by Trustee Lick and supported by Trustee Dade that the second paragraph of the recommendation be amended as follows:

It is further recommended that the Board direct the administration to develop financing plans for these projects for consideration by the Board of Trustees. This planning recognizes that these facilities will be financed from athletic revenue, gift funds from the Forest Akers Trust Fund, and a pledge against student fee revenue. Consistent with existing University procedures, participation by appropriate groups, including but not limited to the serious consideration of student and faculty views, will be part of the comprehensive planning process, which includes design, financing, and use; and efforts will be made to generate revenue which will minimize reliance on student fee revenue for these projects.

Following extensive discussion by the Board of Trustees, the amendment was approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Trustee Fletcher stated his view that aesthetics were a vital consideration in the design of these facilities and encouraged the administration to take these concerns into consideration in the planning process in order to construct facilities which will enhance the natural beauty of the campus. It was agreed by the Board that this concern will be made part of the official minutes.

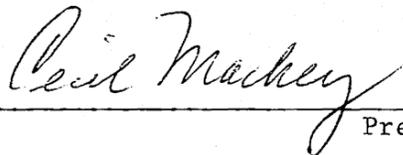
Trustee Wilson expressed certain concerns regarding the method of financing and it was agreed that his memorandum would be placed on file in the Secretary's Office and that his concerns would be addressed during the review process.

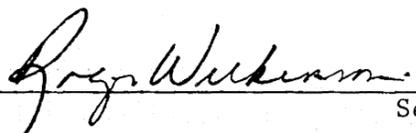
On a vote of 8 to 0 the Trustees approved the recommendation as amended.

Introduction of Trustees-elect

President Mackey introduced Trustees-elect Pridgeon and Wilbur to the Board of Trustees and welcomed them to the Board.

Adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary