

MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 19, 1970

The Board of Trustees convened in informal session at Kellogg Center at 6:15 p.m. All Trustees and the Breakfast Group were present.

1. Bookstore Policy

Acting Vice President Wilkinson reported to the Board of Trustees the proposal of the Bookstore Subcommittee of the Faculty Committee on University Business Affairs to change the resale price of used books at the University Bookstore from its current policy to a new policy of buy-back at 50% of the original cost of the book and to resell at 65% of the original cost of the book. The previous policy of the University has been to buy back at 50% of the original cost and sell at 75%.

Report re proposed changes in Bookstore buy-back and resell policy

After discussion, it was agreed that before this policy is implemented, Mr. Carr should review this matter and report to the Trustees whether or not the University should follow this policy in view of the anticipated law suit against the University by the East Lansing bookstores.

2. Off-campus Liquor Policy

Vice President Dickerson and Dr. Nonnamaker explained in detail the meetings and discussions that had been held on this subject over the last 6 to 9 months. They reported that it was the recommendation of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and the Associated Students of Michigan State University that the University not interpret Ordinance 22--Liquor to apply to fraternities and cooperative houses.

Report re proposed changes in Liquor ordinance

3. Freshman Hours

Dr. Dickerson reported to the Board on almost a year's study and discussion relative to the elimination of hours for first-term, fall-term freshman women. It was his recommendation that first-term, fall-term freshman women's hours should conform to the hours imposed on all women living in University residences.

Report re proposed changes in freshman women's hours

4. Independence of Oakland University

Chairman Stevens read a statement concerning the recommended action of the subcommittee appointed by the Board of Trustees. The content of the resolution is as follows:

Subcommittee report re Oakland Univ. independence

Committee: Chairman Don Stevens, Vice Chairman Merriman, Chancellor O'Dowd, Executive Vice President Breslin, and University Attorney Leland W. Carr, Jr.

The subcommittee appointed by the Board of Trustees unanimously reaffirmed its position that it is in the best interests of higher education in this state and consistent with the State plan that Oakland University be granted its independence, and further recommends that this item be placed on the March agenda of the Board for action.

It is anticipated that by the March meeting of this Board the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan will have met to discuss the independence of Dearborn and Flint.

5. President Wharton reported to the Trustees relative to the meeting he attended with the other Michigan college presidents and the Senate Appropriations Committee in Jackson on February 15 and 16. He indicated he thought this was an especially good meeting and hoped that there would be more meetings like this between the Senate Appropriations Committee and the college presidents.

Report by Pres. re meeting with Mich. college presidents and Senate Approp. Comm.

6. Mr. Huff asked the President if he could give the Board a report on the status of the University of Nigeria. Dr. Wharton indicated that he had had brief discussions with Dr. Ralph Smuckler concerning this matter and he suggested that at the March informal meeting of the Board Dr. Smuckler be asked to report on the University of Nigeria and other items of interest to the Board concerning the University's international programs.

Dean Smuckler to report to Board re Univ. of Nigeria