

INFORMAL MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Heritage Room, Kellogg Center  
7:30 p.m., November 19, 1970

Present: Trustees Stevens, Merriman, Hartman, Huff, Martin, Thompson, and Trustee-elect Carrigan; President Wharton, Messrs. Breslin, Cantlon, Dickerson, Muelder, Perrin, Wilkinson, Ballard, Spaniolo, Ellison, Carr, Hunt, Schuetz, and Downs. Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board: Messrs. Patenge, Black, Biggs, Willman, Murphy, Kropschot, and Brooker; and Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation: Mr. Harden.

President Wharton presided.

Provost Cantlon reviewed the history of negotiations between MSU and the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine (MCOM) which resulted in the development of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He gave a resume of details which have been worked out by the two institutions.

Discussion with Osteo. Med. Bd. re space on MSU campus; increase in students; disposition of Pontiac site

Dr. Schuetz and Executive Vice President Breslin discussed space problems concerning the movement of the College from the Pontiac site to the East Lansing campus. Mr. Breslin presented possible alternatives for space on the main campus. He added that it was the University's firm position that space would be provided for the College by September 1971. Mr. Breslin assured the MSU Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board that the University would make a complete study of space possibilities and report back by January 1971.

President Wharton opened discussion on the Advisory Board's request for an increase in students of osteopathic medicine from 25 to 32. Provost Cantlon presented the University's position that an increase in students would not be wise while the College was involved in developing a quality program in osteopathic medicine. He indicated that future expansion would be possible after the transition of the College from Pontiac to East Lansing had been made. Mr. Patenge explained the Advisory Board's position in requesting the student increase. He added that the Board was in complete agreement regarding the development of a quality program in osteopathic medicine. He suggested that Provost Cantlon, Dr. Schuetz and Dean Magen work up a curriculum program which would include the question of enrollment sizes.

The question of what will happen to the Pontiac site after the College of Osteopathic Medicine has moved to East Lansing was discussed. President Wharton suggested the establishment of a special committee to make recommendations to the MSU Board of Trustees concerning long-range plans for use of the Pontiac site. Members of the committee are Trustees Huff and Merriman, Dr. Schuetz, Dean Magen, Dr. Donald Weston of the College of Human Medicine, Mr. Carr, and representatives from the School of Nursing and the Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program in the Pontiac area. Other members include Mr. Patenge, Dr. Black, John D. L'Hote of the MCOM Board of Trustees, Dr. Harden and representatives from the Pontiac Press, the Pontiac Area Board of Realtors, the Pontiac Black community and the North Oakland Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that the committee would report to a joint meeting of the MSU Board and the Advisory Board.

Attorney Carr reported on the question of past commitments to the Pontiac community as to the use of the property. He stated that he thought this question was solvable. He also discussed meetings with the legal representatives of MCOM and expressed concern over a basic difference of views regarding the MCOM charter and corporate identity. Dr. Harden explained that the MCOM legal staff's position was intended only to start legal discussions and not as a final position.

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Following the informal meeting President Wharton asked that the Board meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing two items: (1) 1971 automobiles for the Trustees, and (2) background information on the appearance of Huey Newton.

The question of whether or not 1971 automobiles would be purchased for the Trustees was discussed in detail. It was finally agreed that in view of the anticipated reduction in State appropriations, it would not be appropriate to purchase new cars at this time. It was, however, agreed that should Trustee-elect Mrs. Carrigan desire an automobile after January 1, 1971, she should be provided with one.

1971 automobiles not to be purchased for Trustees; automobile to be purchased for Trustee-elect Carrigan

President Wharton reviewed for the Trustees the events that led up to the appearance of Huey Newton on the campus and the permission that was granted the Black Panthers to search individuals wishing to attend the Huey Newton speech.

Report by Pres. Wharton re Huey Newton appearance on campus