

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 18, 2008

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster, Colleen McNamara, Donald Nugent, Faylene Owen, George Perles, and Scott Romney.

Trustees absent: Dorothy Gonzales

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox, Vice President Poston, Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Gray, Hudzik, June, Webster and Webb, and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Faculty liaisons present: Rebecca Henry, Jim Potchen, and John Powell. Student liaisons present: Eric Hinojosa, Michael Leahy, and Jarrod Morrice.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Trustee Foster, supported by Trustee Ferguson, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. On a motion by Trustee Romney, supported by Trustee Owen, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the minutes of December 7, 2007.
3. President's Report

A. MSU's Broad Art Museum

President Simon acknowledged the announcement of the architect for the Broad Art Museum and extended her appreciation to Dr. Linda Stanford, Provost Wilcox and their team for their work on the competition. She thanked Vice President Denbow and his team for the extensive press coverage of the event, noting that it was an important day for MSU.

B. MSU-Led Task Force Calls for Proactive Approach to Study Abroad

President Simon noted that Vice President Hudzik headed a national task force proposing changes in study abroad. She thanked him for his leadership in study abroad and asked him to comment on the task force.

Vice President Hudzik said that since study-abroad participation has grown nationally from around 80,000 students per year to 220,000 students. With continued growth forecasted, it seemed appropriate to examine the principles and framework for the management of study abroad among higher education institutions. The report was released the week of January 7, 2008.

C. MSU Fifth Place in Peace Corps Alumni

President Simon stated that MSU is ranked fifth nationally in the number of alumni who are Peace Corps volunteers. Since its inception, over 2,100 MSU alumni have participated in the Peace Corps.

D. 2008 MLK Commemoration Events

President Simon asked Senior Advisor and Director GranberryRussell to comment on MSU's 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative events.

Ms. Granberry Russell said that MSU students, faculty, and staff will pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. and his words and work on January 19-21, through a commemorative march, student leadership conference, a day of service with "Into the Streets" volunteers, arts and cultural exhibits, college events, jazz performances, and a community dinner.

4. Public Participation on Issues Germane to the Agenda.

A. Environmental Stewardship

Mr. Tremaine Phillips, MSU student and member of Eco and the Environmental Stewardship Systems Team, said that he was in support of the recommendations that have been proposed by the Environmental Stewardship Systems Team. Mr. Phillips said the recommendations will effectively reduce MSU's ecological footprint and enable MSU to become the model for a green and socially responsible Big Ten university.

B. Environmental Stewardship

Ms. Skye Black, MSU student and member of Eco, applauded the environmental recommendations made to the Board and asked for its help in effecting broad reaching cultural change on campus. She urged the Board to strive for a renewable future and to help reverse the effects of global warming.

C. Recycling Center

Mr. Mark Dobson, President of the MSU Residence Hall Association, said that he supports the recycling center and environmental stewardship recommendations. Mr. Dobson stated that through the development of the recycling program, MSU will be able to incorporate environmental stewardship and create a sense of community responsibility. Mr. Dobson urged the Board to lead MSU in the right direction and renew MSU's commitment to being green.

5. Personnel Actions

Provost Wilcox presented the following appointment:

Luke, Barbara, AN—Professor, Departments of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology; Epidemiology, \$150,000, with Tenure, effective January 2, 2008.

Trustee Perles **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support by Trustee McNamara.

Provost Wilcox said that Dr. Luke has been a faculty member of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan, and, most recently, a professor in the School of Nursing and Health Studies at the University of Miami with joint appointments in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, and Public Health and Medicine.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the appointment.

Provost Wilcox presented the following personnel actions:

It is recommended that the Executive Management position title of Director, University Archives and Historical Collections be established effective January 18, 2008.

Further, it is recommended that appointment approval and all other personnel actions related to this position be delegated to the Provost.

It is recommended that the Executive Management position title of Director, Enterprise Information Stewardship be established effective January 18, 2008.

Further, it is recommended that appointment approval and all other personnel actions related to this position be delegated to the Provost.

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendations, with support by Trustee Ferguson.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations.

Provost Wilcox presented the following personnel actions:

It is recommended that the Executive Management position title of Deputy General Counsel be established effective January 18, 2008.

Further, it is recommended that appointment approval for this position be retained by the Board of Trustees and approval authority for all other personnel actions related to this position be delegated to the President.

It is recommended that the Executive Management position title of Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Services be established effective January 18, 2008.

Further, it is recommended that appointment approval for this position be retained by the Board of Trustees and approval authority for all other personnel actions related to this position be delegated to the President.

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendations, with support by Trustee Romney.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations.

Provost Wilcox presented the following personnel actions:

Zayko, Kristine M., AN—Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, for a change in title to Deputy General Counsel and for a change in salary to \$140,000, effective January 18, 2008.

Maybank, Denise B., AN—Associate Vice President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, for a change in title to Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Services and for a change in salary to \$160,000, effective January 18, 2008.

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendations, with support by Trustee Owen.

General Counsel Noto said that Ms. Zayko has been a very successful contributor to the General Counsel's office over the past 10 years. The next logical stage of development for Ms. Zayko would be for her to assume additional responsibilities.

Vice President June said that Dr. Maybank has been very effective in establishing relationships between units on campus and improving relationships off campus. She is an important asset to MSU and the change in title will more accurately reflect her contributions.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations.

Provost Wilcox presented the following personnel action:

Esquith, Stephen L., AN—Professor and Acting Dean, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities; Department of Philosophy, for a change in title to Dean, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, effective January 18, 2008.

Trustee Owen **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support by Trustee Romney.

Provost Wilcox noted that Dr. Esquith's previous appointment as Acting Dean reflected the recent creation of the Residential College and the need for faculty consultation prior to considering his appointment as Dean. After one semester, the faculty are effusive in their support of Dean Esquith.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

6. Gifts, Grants, and Contracts

Vice President Gray introduced Dr. Pamela Fraker, Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Dr. Fraker discussed a translational research project focused on the ways in which obesity changes immunity defense mechanisms. (Appendix A)

7. Finance Committee

Trustee Nugent presented the Trustee Finance Committee Report and recommendations.

A. Funds Functioning as an Endowment

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees establish a fund functioning as an endowment entitled Horticulture Teaching Endowment.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees establish a fund functioning as an endowment entitled College of Education Graduate Fellowship Fund.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendations, with support from Trustee Foster.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations.

B. New Investment Managers

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees select Advent International as an investment manager.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees select Bain Capital Partners, Ltd. as an investment manager.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees select Lubert-Adler Management, Inc. as an investment manager.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendations, as a group, with support from Trustee Owen.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations, with Trustee Romney abstaining due to his investments in certain Bain funds.

C. Long-Term Property Lease to the Lansing Board of Water and Light and International Transmission Company

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that it approve granting a 99-year property lease for approximately 0.9 acres to the Lansing Board of Water and Light and the International Transmission Company in exchange for a sanitary sewer connection at the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Owen.

Vice President Poston noted that several years ago MSU granted Consumers Power an easement on campus in exchange for an easement for the power lines located in this same area. MSU opted for the 99-year lease in this particular case in lieu of the transfer of land.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

D. Authorization to Plan—Cyclotron—Low Energy Experimental Research and Office Additions

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that the administration be authorized to plan for the project entitled Cyclotron—Low Energy Experimental Research and Office Additions.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Foster.

Provost Wilcox stated that the Cyclotron Laboratory continues to be one of the signature programs on campus, having recently received a \$100 million renewal of an NSF grant for the next five years of its operation. The authorization to plan for an addition of office space, high bay research space, and development space will position MSU to continue to be competitive for any larger science funding that may become available from the federal government.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

E. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that it authorize the administration to proceed with the project entitled Human Ecology and Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture—Renovations for the School of Planning, Design, and Construction and to approve a budget of \$3,600,000.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Owen.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

F. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed—MSU Surplus and Recycling Center

It was also recommended to the Board of Trustees that it authorize the administration to proceed with the project entitled MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center and to approve a budget of \$13,300,000.

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that it authorize the administration to proceed with modifications that will result in a material change to the campus footprint for the public drop-off center to be funded separately.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Foster.

Vice President Poston noted that this resolution represents a significant piece of the Boldness by Design Environmental Stewardship initiative. He commended the faculty, staff, and students for their involvement in the project.

Kathy Lindahl, Assistant Vice President of Finance and Operations, stated that the project included the new recycling center and the relocation of the MSU Surplus Store. This will position MSU to be a living, learning laboratory and research on different materials will be done on campus. Currently 14 percent, or roughly 1,700 tons, of the waste stream is being diverted from landfills through recycling practices. With adoption of the environmental stewardship recommendations, efforts will be doubled in order to divert 28 percent of the waste stream.

Ms. Lindahl said the five key materials on which MSU will initially focus its recycling efforts include white office paper, mixed office paper, newspaper, cardboard, and plastics. By fall of 2008, all residence halls will be ready to recycle these materials, with the rest of the campus buildings being online no later than January 2009. While the facility will be utilized for MSU's recycling needs, there may be an opportunity to tap into some niche markets within the region for broader recycling efforts. The facility will be self-supporting and has a projected 12- year payback.

Trustee Ferguson stated that this is a great example of how students approached the Board with an idea for change and the Board worked with them to facilitate that change.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

- G. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed—Engineering Building—Parking and Loading Dock Improvements

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that it authorize the administration to proceed with the project entitled Engineering Building—Parking and Loading Dock Improvements and to approve a budget of \$1,100,000.

It was also recommended to the Board of Trustees that it grant a zoning variance for this project, allowing a footprint change within a protected landscape area.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Owen.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

8. Audit Committee

Trustee Perles presented the Trustee Audit Committee Report and recommendations.

A. Reappointment of External Auditors

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that Plante & Moran, PLLC be reappointed as the University's external auditors for the 2007-2008 fiscal year at a fee of \$291,550, in accordance with the University's policy on the rotation of auditors.

Trustee Perles **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Foster.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

9. Facilities and Infrastructure Report Presentation

Ms. Lindahl gave a brief summary of the Facilities and Infrastructure Report. (Appendix B)

10. Boldness by Design Presentation: Environmental Stewardship

Ms. Lindahl presented the Boldness by Design report regarding environmental stewardship. (Appendix C)

11. Trustees Comments

Trustee Foster thanked the students who participated in the environmental stewardship process and encouraged the Board to become paperless in

future meetings. She acknowledged the great programs involving the announcement of the architect for the MSU Broad Art Museum and noted the Museum will be a landmark on campus and throughout the community.

Trustee Perles gave his best wishes to Trustee Romney and his family.

Trustee Nugent said that he was proud of the Romney name and the success the family has had in Michigan. He congratulated Trustee Perles for the success of the Motor City Bowl.

Trustee Owen said she had reflected on many issues during her first year as a Board member. She stated that she would use the Trustees Comments portion of the Board meetings to speak about issues and events on campus that are of personal interest to her. Trustee Owen expressed her thoughts about the importance of a peaceful and constructive dialogue to the University community. She read a prepared statement. (Appendix D)

Trustee Romney said he supported Trustee Owen's comments. He noted that, as he has been working on a presidential campaign, he has met many great patriots around the country who are devoted to doing what is right for the country.

Trustee Ferguson said that he thinks highly of Trustee Romney and is glad that the people of Michigan also think so much of the Romney family.

Trustee Ferguson thanked the MSU band for its consistently great performances at athletic events. He also thanked the President, Provost, administrators, faculty, and staff for their outstanding service to MSU.

12. Public Participation on Items Not Germane to the Agenda

A. Prevailing Wage

Mr. Jack Flinn said that he was representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's Wage and Hour Division. One of the goals of that office is to educate and enforce the Prevailing Wage Act. Mr. Flinn said that his office has a good working relationship with the MSU staff who work on prevailing wage compliance. Mr. Flinn is pleased with the level of communication between MSU and his office.

B. Contract Negotiations

Mr. Samuel Otten said he is a teaching assistant at MSU and a proud member and department steward for the Graduate Employees Union, the labor organization that represents the 13,000 graduate teaching assistants at MSU. The Graduate Employees Union is currently engaged in contract negotiations with MSU administration. Mr. Otten noted that the negotiations will not only determine the terms of employment, but will have a real impact on the lives of graduate students. Mr. Otten stated that the teaching assistants are asking for an increase in salary to match the rate of inflation.

13. On a motion by Trustee Nugent and supported by Trustee Owen, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Beekman
Secretary of the Board of Trustees