

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

June 18, 2010

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:30 a.m. at the MSU Detroit Center.

Trustees present: Dianne Byrum, Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster, Colleen McNamara, Faylene Owen, George Perles, and Diann Woodard.

Trustees absent: Don Nugent.

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox, Vice President Poston, Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Gray, Groves and June, and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Faculty liaisons present: William Corser and Mariam Sticklen via video connection. Student liaisons present: Kyle Dysarz, Justin Epstein, Stefan Fletcher and Emeka Igwe.

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

1. On a motion by Trustee Owen, supported by Trustee Foster, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. On a motion by Trustee Foster, supported by Trustee Byrum, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the minutes of the Board meeting of April 16, 2010.
3. President's Report

President Simon provided the following report to the Board.

A. Professor Leads Research Effort at New Pediatric Obesity Center

MSU Kinesiology professor Joe Eisenmann has been named lead researcher of the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Healthy Weight Center, which is expected to contribute critical information about the causes, consequences, and treatment of childhood obesity. At the Healthy Weight Center, Professor Eisenmann will evaluate a variety of techniques to assess and treat obese children.

B. MSU Professor Named to National Academies of Science Panel

MSU Professor James Fairweather has been nominated to serve on a new national panel focused on improving science teaching and learning at the university level. Fairweather holds the Mildred B. Erickson Distinguished Chair in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education and is the only faculty member in higher education administration appointed to the 14 member National Academies of Science committee on the Status, Contributions and Future Directions of Discipline Based Education Research. The committee will review the impact of research intended to improve instruction in undergraduate courses such as chemistry, physics, and biology.

C. MSU Earns \$4 million USDA Grant to Improve the Common Bean

MSU's leadership in specialty crop research has yielded a four-year, \$4 million grant to enhance the economic and nutritional value of the common bean. MSU crop and soil scientist and Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station researcher Jim Kelly will lend his 30-plus years of expertise in dry bean breeding and genetics to help develop breeder friendly genomic research tools to assist in selection of agronomic traits such as yield, plant architecture, processing quality, drought tolerance, and disease resistance, as well as key nutritional traits.

E. MSU Crews Recognized with Michigan Emmy Awards

The MSU Today Show team, which produces Michigan State feature content for the Big Ten Network, was recognized with three Michigan Emmy Awards during the Emmy Awards Gala in Detroit on June 5. Emmys were awarded to MSUToday in the following categories: best magazine program "MSUToday" #11; best news report-light feature "Drumline"; and best documentary-cultural "MSUToday presents: A Season of the Band." Congratulations to all those involved with these productions.

F. Off-site Meetings

President Simon expressed appreciation for the support the Administration and Board received from everyone involved in Retreat and Board meeting preparations. She gave special thanks to Toni Warr, Facilities Manager of the MSU Detroit Center, and the Health Information Technology team from the College of Osteopathic Medicine for their hard work.

4. There was no public participation on issues germane to the agenda.

5. Personnel Actions

Provost Kim Wilcox presented the following personnel actions:

Morelli, Donald, AY—Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, \$139,684, with Tenure, effective July 1, 2010.

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

Provost Wilcox said that Professor Morelli has served at Delphi Research Laboratories since 2006. He received a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Michigan.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

Provost Wilcox recommended that certain faculty receive continuing appointments with Tenure, effective July 1, 2010. (Appendix A)

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

6. Gifts, Grants, and Contracts

Vice President Gray presented the Gifts, Grants, and Contracts Report for the period of April 3, 2010 through June 1, 2010. The report is a compilation of 336 Gifts, Grants, and Contracts, and 63 Consignment/Non-Cash Gifts, with a total value of \$61,365,101.

Trustee Foster **moved to approve** the report, with support from Trustee Ferguson.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the report.

Vice President Gray introduced Dr. Michael Hamm, Mott Professor in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Hamm made a presentation to the Board on his research on Urban Agriculture, Detroit, and Michigan's Opportunities. (Appendix B)

7. Finance Committee

Trustee Owen presented the Trustee Finance Committee Report and recommendations.

A. 2010-11 Budget Development Guidelines and 2011-12 Preliminary General Fund Budget Guidelines Implementation

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2010-11 budget development guidelines (Budget Guidelines) and the 2011-12 preliminary general fund budget guidelines (Preliminary Guidelines), which include revenue and expenditure totals and tuition and fee rates for 2010-11 and ranges for revenue and expenditure totals and an upper limit for tuition and fee increases for 2011-12.

In accordance with the Budget Guidelines, the administration is directed to develop and implement the 2010-11 General Fund, Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU Extension, and Intercollegiate Athletics budgets.

Due to the extraordinary economic circumstances and in order to provide students and families an extended opportunity to plan, MSU developed the Preliminary Guidelines. The Preliminary Guidelines establish an upper limit for 2011-12 tuition and fee increases, along with ranges for 2011-12 revenue and expenditure totals and for the 2011-12 base budget operating reduction rate. The Preliminary Guidelines also establish the financial aid budget and the estimated State appropriation for 2011-12. The administration is directed to develop the 2011-12 Budget Development Guidelines in accordance with the Preliminary Guidelines.

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

President Simon said that these decisions reflect not only the economics of the budget but the values that are inherent in a budget. MSU has implemented a two-year budget planning process involving the community. By employing the multi-year technique, MSU will continue to use disciplined decision making, build programs and services that help Michigan's future, and try to be as transparent as possible to the university community.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

B. Fund Functioning as an Endowment—The School of Social Work Endowed Discretionary Fund

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees establish a fund functioning as an endowment entitled The School of Social Work Endowed Discretionary Fund.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

C. New Investment Manager—EnerVest, Ltd.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to select EnerVest, Ltd. as an investment manager.

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

President Simon said that this was reviewed by the Investment Advisory Committee and recommended to the Finance Committee.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

D. Authorization to Plan—Landon and Yakeley Halls—Consolidate Food Service and Create New Restaurant and Food Emporium

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Landon and Yakeley Halls—Consolidate Food Service and Create New Restaurant and Food Emporium.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

E. Authorization to Plan—Shaw Hall—New Dining Hall and Food Emporium

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Shaw Hall—New Dining Hall and Food Emporium.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

F. Authorization to Plan—Kellogg Center—Meeting Room Renovations

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Kellogg Center—Meeting Room Renovations

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

G. Authorization to Plan—Poultry Laying Hen Facility

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Poultry Laying Hen Facility.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

H. Authorization to Plan—Cyclotron Building—New High Bay Addition

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Cyclotron Building—New High Bay Addition.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

I. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with the project entitled Cyclotron Building—Office Addition—Phase II, and to approve a budget of \$14,500,000.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

J. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with the project entitled Wells Hall Addition and Old Horticulture Renovations, and to approve a budget of \$38,000,000.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees grant a variance to the University Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of up to 20 feet into the 60 foot setback on the west side of the addition as required by the architectural drawings.

Trustee Owen **moved to approve** the recommendations, with support from Trustee Byrum.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations.

K. Project Approval—Authorization to Proceed—Bailey Hall Renovation

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with the project entitled Bailey Hall Renovation, and to approve a budget of \$17,700,000.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

L. Bid and Contract Award (*budget adjustment*)

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to award a contract in the amount of \$1,389,381 to Electronics Research, Inc. and that the budget be increased from \$1,650,000 to \$2,300,000, for the project entitled WKAR—New Tower and Broadcast Antennas.

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

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

8. Policy Committee

Trustee McNamara presented the Trustee Policy Committee Report and recommendations.

A. Recommended Revised Bylaws for Academic Governance

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed revisions to the Bylaws for Academic Governance. (Appendix C)

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Byrum.

President Simon asked for input from the faculty and student liaisons present at the meeting. Dr. Mariam Sticklen and Dr. Bill Corser, representing the faculty liaisons, and Mr. Kyle Dysarz and Mr. Stefan Fletcher, representing the student liaisons, were uniformly supportive of the document as presented for approval.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

B. It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the publishing contracts with the following faculty and academic staff, consistent with public notice given at prior Board meetings:

Dr. Eric Freedman, a faculty member in the School of Journalism and an assistant dean in International Studies and Programs.

Dr. Susan Bandes, a faculty member in the Department of Art & Art History.

Dr. April Kingsley, an academic specialist in the Kresge Art Museum.

Dr. David Wiley, a faculty member in the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Robert Glew, a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology and the Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of International Development.

Applicable publishing contract term sheets were presented to the Board for inclusion in it minutes. (Appendix D)

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Ferguson.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

9. Shaping the Future Report

Provost Wilcox said that discussion would continue with Academic Governance in the fall session.

President Simon said that the Office of the Provost has prepared a Shaping the Future year-end report that is available on the website.

10. Trustees Comments

Trustee Ferguson said that the highlight of the year has been the Retreat in Detroit. The Board accomplished a great deal and was able to meet with Mayor Bing and Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano.

Trustee Byrum said that the Retreat had been important for the Board as it faces many important issues and upcoming challenges.

Trustee Owen said that MSU has been developing partnerships in Detroit for many years and that she enjoyed hearing Mayor Bing's and Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano's thoughts and ideas regarding the future of Detroit.

Trustee Perles said that it was a thrill to return to Detroit for the Retreat and Board meeting.

Trustee Woodard thanked the Board for holding the Retreat and Board meeting in Detroit.

Trustee Foster said that she and Trustee Woodard toured the YouthVille facility. It is an inspirational facility where MSU is playing a leading role in research and community support. She thanked the staff at both YouthVille and the D-Town farm for their work.

11. Public Participation on Issues Not Germane to the Agenda

A. Discriminatory Facilities on Campus

Mr. Robert Kerr, MSU staff member, said that he believes the women's study lounge in the Union building is a form of gender discrimination. The study lounge allows women to discuss issues without the presence of men. Mr. Kerr stated that his research revealed a need for such a facility for men. Mr. Kerr believes that as part of the MSU experience, men on campus should have a similar study lounge.

B. Environmentally Friendly Cars

Mr. L. W. Morrow, community member, said that he would like to see emerging fuel cell technology become a reality. Mr. Morrow believes that Detroit should be more involved in the development of the technology.

12. Request to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Owen, supported by Trustee Ferguson, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Beekman
Secretary of the Board of Trustees