

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

November 10, 2000

The Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee meetings were held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2000. Minutes of the meetings are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

President McPherson called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:45 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel I. Ferguson, Dorothy V. Gonzales, Colleen M. McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, David L. Porteous, Scott Romney, and Robert E. Weiss.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Vice President Poston, Secretary Pogel, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Greenleaf, June, Webb, Webster, and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Student Liaison present: Sam Howerton.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Romney, supported by Mr. Nugent, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the proposed agenda.

2. Public Participation

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees on issues germane to the agenda or other issues.

3. The Trustee Finance Committee report and recommendations were presented by Committee Chairperson Nugent.

It was recommended that Granger Construction Company of Lansing, Michigan, be appointed as the Construction Manager and that renovations of Rooms 507 and 512 in the Chemistry Building proceed at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

4. The Trustee Policy Committee report and recommendations were presented by Committee Chairperson McNamara.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the new academic wing, including the library, of the International Center, the "Delia Koo International Academic Center" in recognition of educator, benefactor, and humanitarian, Dr. Delia Koo.

On a motion by Ms. McNamara, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

President McPherson said that Dr. Koo is an extraordinary person, and this is an extraordinary gift. There is great momentum on campus, he said, for Study Abroad and international programs. Mr. McPherson noted that this gift provides new space, as well as support for faculty and students, and it will make international programs stronger.

Trustee Weiss thanked staff, Vice President Chuck Webb, and Dean John Hudzik for their outstanding work in facilitating this gift. Vice President Webb thanked Kim McGary from the General Counsel's office, and Steve Flowers in the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Operations.

5. President's Comments

- A. President McPherson congratulated Trustee Dorothy Gonzales on her recent reelection, and Trustee Scott Romney on his election to the Board.
- B. President McPherson introduced new Student Liaison Sam Howerton, who was recently elected as President of the Council of Graduate Students. Mr. Howerton is a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry and environmental toxicology.

6. Trustees' Comments

- A. Trustee Nugent reminded everyone that AutumnFest would be taking place on the following day at the MSU Pavilion. He encouraged everyone to attend this exciting annual event.
- B. Trustee Gonzales thanked everyone for their encouragement and support during the recent election. She said she looks forward to another eight years on the Board of Trustees.
- C. Trustee Cook welcomed Trustees Gonzales and Romney back to the Board. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- D. Trustee Romney said that he is honored to be on the Board of Trustees. He thanked everyone for being so welcoming to him. Mr. Romney also thanked his parents, his wife Ellen Rogers, Governor John Engler, and others who made his appointment and election to the Board possible.

Trustee Romney reflected on an MSU class he took with former President Walter Adams. President Adams explained to Mr. Romney that to do well in the class simply meant that he did well in the class. Mr. Romney said that being elected to the Board of Trustees simply means that he was elected. It is now up to him to make something of his election and for others to decide if his work on the Board makes a difference.

7. An Executive Session was not requested.
8. On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Ms. McNamara, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H. Pogel, Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees