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

November 21, 2008

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Joel Ferguson (by telephone), Melanie Foster (by telephone), Dorothy Gonzales, Colleen McNamara (by telephone), Faylene Owen, George Perles (by telephone), and Scott Romney (by telephone).

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox (by telephone), Vice President Poston, Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Hudzik, and June, and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Student liaisons present: Christopher Kuleszka, Manish Madan, and Michael Webber.

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

1.   On a motion by Trustee Romney, supported by Trustee Owen, **the BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.

2.   There was no Public Participation on Issues Germane to the Agenda.

3.   Personnel Actions

      President Simon presented the following Personnel Action.

      Groves, Robert, W., AN—Vice President for University Advancement, $290,000, Executive Management, effective January 1, 2009.

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

      President Simon stated that the role of university advancement, as it relates to the future of MSU, is much more critical today than it has been in the past. MSU is an institution that was built on, and continues to focus on, its land grant philosophy. MSU understands that its first covenant is to the people of Michigan. We also understand the need for private support to meet the covenant MSU has, not only with the people of Michigan, but with people around the world.

President Simon said that in searching for a Vice President of University Advancement, the candidate needed to understand the values that underpin MSU and needed to be excited not only about our land grant heritage, but world grant as MSU's destiny. **Bob Groves is such a person.**

President Simon stated that recommending Bob Groves to be Vice President for University Advancement was an easy choice. He has a degree in horticulture, and experience at the leading land grant and research universities in North America, and he was an integral part of the very successful capital campaign at the University of Michigan. She said that it is a pleasure to recommend Bob Groves to the Board.

President Simon acknowledged Secretary Beekman for his role in the search and thanked the review committee comprised of Dean Mary Mundt, Dean Jim Kirkpatrick, Steve Smith, and Greg Hauser.

Provost Wilcox stated that he was impressed with the process and with Bob Groves. Mr. Groves is an executive that can provide the leadership MSU needs.

Trustee Owen stated that Bob Groves has great fundraising experience and is a good administrator. It is an honor to have Bob Groves join Team MSU.

Trustee Perles thanked President Simon for her work on bringing Bob Groves to MSU.

Trustee Foster thanked the search committee members for their diligent work.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

Roll call vote:
Trustee Ferguson—Yes
Trustee Foster—Yes
Trustee Gonzales—Yes
Trustee McNamara—Yes
Trustee Owen—Yes
Trustee Perles—Yes
Trustee Romney—Yes

Mr. Groves said he is proud to be joining Team MSU. He is excited to become part of an institution that has been dedicated to serving the people of Michigan and the world, and doing it in a very positive way. Public institutions should be proud of being aggressive in philanthropy, thus leveraging the public's investment. MSU should have the very best advancement program possible. He noted his belief that the Board, administration, and Team MSU are all dedicated to making that happen. It is an honor to accept the position of Vice President for University Advancement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W Beekman

William R. Beekman
Secretary of the Board of Trustees