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

August 17, 1990

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President John DiBiaggio at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Trustees present were: Malcolm G. Dade, Jr., Joel Ferguson, Lawrence D. Owen, Dean Pridgeon, Thomas Reed, Barbara J. Sawyer, Robert E. Weiss, and Kathy Wilbur.

University Officers present included: President John DiBiaggio, Provost David K. Scott, Secretary Marylee Davis, Vice Presidents John E. Cantlon, Mary E. Kurz, Moses Turner, and Assistant Vice President Stephen Terry. Faculty Liaison representatives present were: Professors Abeles and Van Tassell. Student Liaison representatives were not present.

- 1. On a motion by Mr. Reed, supported by Ms. Sawyer, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the proposed agenda to consider a personnel action.
- 2. There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

3. President DiBiaggio commented that since Mr. Joseph Dickinson announced his retirement, a distinguished search committee had worked with the Heidrick and Struggles, Inc. search firm to identify the best possible candidates for the position of Vice President for University Development. Following an exhaustive search, the committee recommended four highly qualified individuals for consideration. Mr. Richard Meyer, one of the four, had been an internal candidate prior to accepting a position at another institution. However, almost immediately following his arrival on the new campus, the President of that institution resigned. Therefore, it was a most unusual circumstance that precipitated Mr. Meyer's request to be reconsidered for candidacy.

Mr. Meyer had worked closely with Mr. Dickinson while serving as the Associate Vice President and Director of Development and, following Mr. Dickinson's retirement, had been acting vice president. In recommending the appointment of Mr. Richard L. Meyer, President DiBiaggio remarked Mr. Meyer has a distinguished record in development and fundraising, is an attorney, and understands and supports the mission of a land-grant University. In the midst of a successful campaign, his appointment will bring continuity to the University's development efforts.

Trustee comments and questions were responded to regarding consideration of women, minorities, and internal candidates as well as an inquiry of the significance of Mr. Meyer's departure from his current position.

- 4. On a motion by Mr. Ferguson, supported by Mr. Reed, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the appointment of Richard L. Meyer, AN-Vice President for University Development, Office of the Vice President for University Development, at a salary rate of \$107,000, Executive Management, effective September 1, 1990.
- 5. The meeting was adjourned.

Appointment of Vice President Richard L. Meyer

Public

Participation

John DiBiaggio President

Marylee Davis, Ph.D.

Secretary