

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

August 17, 1993

The Special Meeting of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Joel Ferguson on Tuesday, August 17, 1993, at 4:13 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel Ferguson, Dorothy Gonzales, Russell G. Mawby, Barbara Sawyer-Koch, John D. Shingleton, Bob Traxler, and Robert E. Weiss.

University officer present: Secretary Marcellette G. Williams. Others present: Dr. Bruce Miller, Executive Director, Presidential Search Committee.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Shingleton, supported by Mr. Traxler, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. Chairperson Ferguson introduced candidate Mr. M. Peter McPherson who commented about his qualifications and interest in the position of President of Michigan State University. Mr. McPherson's opening remarks were followed by questions from Board members and the session concluded with a summation by Mr. McPherson.
3. The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees about the presidential selection process and the candidate. Their comments are included with the agenda in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
 - A. David Martin, Student
 - B. Samir Singh, Student
 - C. Brad Thaler, Student, Associated Students of MSU
 - D. Rondy Murray, Staff member, President of Clerical-Technical Union
 - E. Megan Yamanishi, Student
4. Board members discussed presidential search issues. Their comments are included with the agenda in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
5. On a motion by Ms. Sawyer-Koch, supported by Mr. Weiss, it was recommended that the Board defer for 24 hours the decision of the appointment of a president and meet at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 1993.

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE conducted** by Secretary Williams, the motion was defeated 6 to 2. Trustees Cook, Ferguson, Gonzales, Mawby, Shingleton, and Traxler opposed. Trustees Sawyer-Koch and Weiss voted yes.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Shingleton, supported by Dr. Mawby, to appoint M. Peter McPherson as President of Michigan State University effective at an agreed upon date no later than January 1, 1994, to be decided upon between Mr. McPherson and the Board, with an annual direct compensation package not to exceed a salary of \$180,000 per annum, plus the regular benefits provided to Executive Management employees. This is subject to negotiation and execution of a mutually agreeable contract by Mr. McPherson and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Board, which would include these terms and which would be subsequently reported to the Board.

Mr. Weiss amended the motion, supported by Ms. Sawyer-Koch, to have the compensation package reported back to the Board for its action and approval.

A **ROLL CALL VOTE was conducted** by Secretary Williams to appoint Mr. M. Peter McPherson as the 19th President of Michigan State University. The motion was approved by a 6 to 2 vote. Trustees Cook, Ferguson, Gonzales, Mawby, Sawyer-Koch and Shingleton voted yes. Trustees Traxler and Weiss voted no.

It was recommended by Mr. Traxler, supported by Mr. Shingleton, that the vote for President be made unanimous.

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE conducted** by Secretary Williams, the motion was approved by a vote of 7. Mr. Weiss abstained.

Interview of
Candidate for
President

Public
Participation

Vote to defer
meeting defeated

Appointment of
M. Peter McPherson
as President

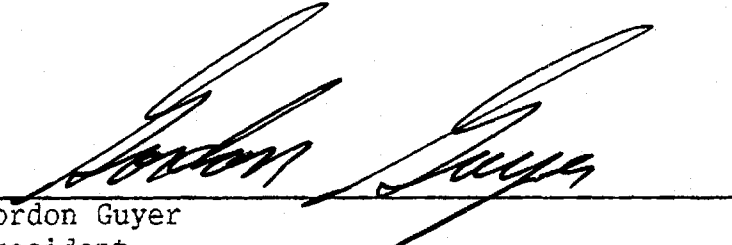
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7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
8. Mr. McPherson was invited to return to the Board Room. He commented as follows:

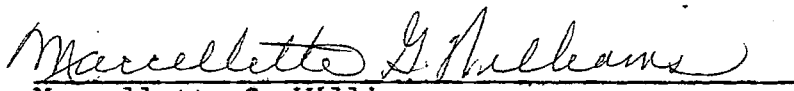
"I cannot think of anything that would be a greater honor than to lead this University. It has a wonderful tradition, with wonderful leadership over the years. Most importantly, it has done so much for the people of this State in education and problem solving. I hope to lead and to work with all of you to continue that tradition. It is my intent to work very carefully and completely with the Board, who I am convinced will be very supportive of the important goals that we all have and that we can all pull together to do the job that needs to be done.

I am very anxious to have a series of meetings with people on campus. In fact, I think my first meeting, and it seems to me appropriately my first meeting as your new President, is a meeting with a group of students tomorrow morning which I understand is being arranged. That is the spirit in which I would like to approach this job. I don't really have a lot more to say. I guess I have talked a lot today, so I know you know a fair amount about my views.

My name is Melville Peter and my grandfather, Melville B., who as I indicated earlier voted for John Hannah when he became President of this University, would be exceptionally proud of this day and I thank all of you."



Gordon Guyer
President



Marcellette G. Williams
Secretary