

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

February 10, 1999

The Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee of the Whole meetings were held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 8:45 a. m. on Wednesday, February 10, 1999. 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 9:10 a. m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel Ferguson, Dorothy Gonzales, Colleen McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, David L. Porteous, and Robert E. Weiss. Trustee absent: Bob Traxler.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Interim Vice President Poston, Secretary Pogel, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Greenleaf, Huggett, June, and Senior Advisor to the President and Director Granberry Russell and Executive Director Williams. Faculty Liaison present: None. Student Liaisons present: Jamie Czekai and Nate Smith-Tyge.

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

1. On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Nugent, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the minutes of December 11, 1998 and January 7, 1999. Mr. Porteous abstained.
3. President's Report

President McPherson reported that Kresge Art Museum is celebrating its 40th anniversary. He said he plans to see the work of Winslow Homer that is currently on exhibit, and he hoped others would also visit Kresge.

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

## 5. Personnel Actions

Provost Simon presented the following personnel actions.

### A. Appointments

1) DiPette, Donald J., AN-Professor, Department of Medicine, \$165,000, with Tenure, effective May 1, 1999.

2) Strampel, William Derkey, AN-Professor, Dean's Office, College of Osteopathic Medicine; Department of Internal Medicine, \$145,000, with Tenure, effective February 15, 1999.

### B. Other Personnel Actions

Taylor, William W., AN-Professor and Chairperson and Associate Director, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, to change title to Acting Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and a change in salary rate to \$135,291, effective January 10, 1999.

On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Personnel Actions.

### C. Information Reports

Information Reports of Academic Personnel Actions of November 30, 1998 and December 30, 1998 were distributed with the Board Agenda. The reports have been included with the agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

## 6. Gift, Grant and Contract Report

Vice President Huggett presented the Gift, Grant and Contract Report for the period of November 24, 1998 through January 20, 1999. The report is a compilation of 189 Gifts, Grants and Contracts, 31 Consignment/Non-Cash Gifts, and no Consignment/Non-Cash Loans with a total value of \$34,318,174.58. The Gift, Grant and Contract Report is included with the agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Gift, Grant and Contract Report.

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

A. Bids and Contract Awards

- 1) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$328,000 to G.H. Ross Contractors, LLC, of Williamston, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$400,000 be established for the project entitled: Biochemistry Building and Life Science Building – Repair Elevators.
- 2) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$1,647,000 (Base Bid) to The Christman Company of Lansing, Michigan, and that a contract in the amount of \$4,522,200 be awarded to Douglas Steel Fabricating Corporation of Lansing, Michigan, for the project entitled: Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building.
- 3) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$1,273,000 to Clark Construction Company of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$1,700,000 be established for the project entitled: Business College Complex – Career Planning and Placement Center.
- 4) It was recommended to award a contract in the amount of \$2,646,540 (Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1) to Kares Construction Co., Inc., of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$3,190,000 be established for the project entitled: Spartan Stadium – West Concourse – Restoration 1999.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

B. Funds Functioning as Endowment

It was recommended to establish the Hidden Lake Gardens–Plant Display Garden Fund as a fund functioning as an endowment.

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

C. It was recommended to appoint Arthur Andersen LLP as the University's external auditors for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

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

D. It was recommended to invest up to \$3 million in Atlas Venture Fund IV, L.P.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation. Mr. Porteous abstained.

8. President McPherson presented the report of the Trustee Policy Committee of the Whole.

A. It was recommended that the Department of Anatomy be eliminated and that teaching functions for undergraduate students, graduate students, and professional students in the Colleges of Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine be reassigned to the Department of Radiology and to the Department of Veterinary Pathology for students in Veterinary Medicine, effective July 1, 1999.

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

B. It was recommended to create the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Education and Communication Systems through the merger of the Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, Outreach Communications and ANR Computer Services, effective July 1, 1999.

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

Shannon Fisher, an Agriculture Communications senior, and Sarah Zagata, a sophomore in Agriculture Communications and International Relations, spoke in support of restructuring and merging the departments. They said the restructuring will provide excellent opportunities for faculty mentors and students to work together.

#### 9. Chairperson's Report and Trustees' Comments

##### A. Trustees Comments

1) Mr. Nugent reported that he had visited the Multicultural Center in the Union Building and was pleased that the facility was being used by a number of people for a variety of activities. Mr. Nugent said he was glad that the center had been created.

2) Trustee Cook and President McPherson welcomed David Porteous back to the Board. Mr. Porteous was elected to an eight-year term beginning January 1, 1999.

Trustee Porteous responded that it was a great pleasure for him to return to the Board. He said he had enjoyed the opportunity to serve the University in 1996, and he looked forward to continuing that service.

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10. President McPherson announced there would be a ten-minute recess.

#### 11. Public Participation

The following persons spoke in support of Trustee Dorothy Gonzales serving as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

A. David Hollister, Mayor of the City of Lansing, said he has known Dorothy Gonzales for more than 30 years, and came to give her his personal support and congratulations. He also reaffirmed the City's commitment to continued collaboration with the University. He said that Dorothy Gonzales' leadership will strengthen that relationship.

B. Dr. Janine Siano, alum and staff member, spoke on behalf of Muslim students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars. She said Dorothy Gonzales has been a good friend and an active participant in pursuing cross-cultural communication between Michigan State and the Muslim community. She asked the Board to continue to expand programs that raise cultural awareness, particularly related to the Arab and Muslim cultures. In addition, Dr. Siano thanked President McPherson, Dr. Dennis Martell, and the Alcohol Action Team members for their efforts in creating an awareness about alcohol abuse and reinforcing the message.

C. Romelia Widders, a graduate student in Student Affairs Administration who has an assistantship as advisor for the Programming Board in the Department of Student Life, congratulated Dorothy Gonzales for being a role model for Chicano/Latino/Hispanic women and people of color. Ms. Widders reported that she has hope, because as a Latino woman, she is beginning to see Latino/Hispanic role models such as Ms. Gonzales in leadership positions at the University.

D. Lorenzo Lopez of the Cristo Rey Community Center spoke on behalf of the Chicano community. He congratulated Trustee Gonzales for supporting cultural diversity, justice, and tolerance. Mr. Lopez noted that as a public agency, Cristo Rey continues to need the expertise and support of the University. He thanked President McPherson for working with the

E. Sara Halguin, a junior at Michigan State, said Dorothy Gonzales' success serves as a reminder for other Latinos to persevere in spite of obstacles. Ms. Halguin said to Trustee Gonzales, "Your success is a symbol of hope for the rest of us, and I hope that someday I, too, will be a source of inspiration for other women."

F.Robert Ficano, Wayne County Sheriff, commented that he has had the good fortune of knowing Trustee Gonzales for over 15 years. He said that she had been recommended to assist the Wayne County Sheriff's Department diversify its 1,500 employees. Sheriff Ficano said Trustee Gonzales had been a guardian angel in the sense that by taking her advice to establish programs, today the Sheriff's Department reflects Wayne County's diversity.

G.Trustee Gonzales responded to the comments. "On behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank all of you for coming forward today. I really appreciate your support and friendship. Only through people like yourselves, and people here on the Board, and only with your guidance and your friendship can I succeed. Again, I want to thank you so much for being here today. It is very much appreciated. And, thank you, my colleagues, for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to working with you."

President McPherson thanked Trustee Gonzales for her comments. He noted the comments of her many friends and said, "We are glad you are here."

12.An Executive Session was not requested.

13.On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Ms. McNamara, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

14.President McPherson announced that an early lunch was available in 443A & B Administration.

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Peter McPherson, President

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Nancy H. Pogel, Secretary

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