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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMAL SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

The Board of Trustees formal session was called to order by Chair Johnston at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012, in rooms 157-159 Bernhard Center.

Board members present – Chair Johnston, Vice Chair Carlson, Trustee Archer, Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, Trustee Debel, Trustee Hettinger, Trustee Miller, Trustee Tolbert., and President Dunn (ex officio).

Acceptance of the Agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Trustee Hettinger, supported by Trustee Tolbert.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 29 Formal Session. The minutes were approved as distributed on a motion by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp.

Remarks by the Chair. Chair Johnston spoke of the death of Trustee Emerita Winifred Fraser on February 29, 2012, and asked that a moment of silence be observed to honor and remember her. Winnie Fraser and her husband, Douglas Fraser, onetime president of the United Auto Workers, were donors to the University. The seminar rooms in the Lee Honors College are named for them. Chair Johnston spoke of the upcoming commencement on April 28, with 2,800 degrees to be awarded that day in four ceremonies. He noted that graduates will include several Seita Scholars from our program for former foster care youth and a record number of 115 students from the Lee Honors College, the largest number of honors college members ever to graduate on the same day. Chair Johnston also reported that there will be a significant number of student veterans graduating, and credited it to the University's efforts begun in 2007 to smooth the transition from combat to campus. He stated that WMU has the largest number of student veterans, more than 530, of any of Michigan's universities, and that Congressman Fred Upton recently announced that Western and its partners at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kellogg Community College will serve as joint hosts for a Veterans Administration Vet-Success program. This site will become one of just twelve in the country (only one in Michigan) to offer veterans a range of additional services, and Chair Johnston expressed the University's thanks to Congressman Upton for making this development a reality. He closed his remarks with congratulations to Coach Andy Murray and his amazing hockey team for a great moment in Bronco history with the winning of the CCHA championship.

Remarks by the President. President Dunn stated that as the University comes to the end of the academic year, he wants to note some recent achievements that illustrate success in academics, community engagement and efficient use of resources

President Dunn spoke of housing plans—a commitment to providing students with the kind of living/learning environments from which they will most benefit, including a comprehensive and long-term master planning and implementation effort involving both new construction and significant renovations and improvements in all of our residential areas. He noted that it will be more than a 20-year process, one that will address the needs of all types of students. President Dunn reported a very successful United Way campaign, with WMU contributing the largest amount of money it ever raised. He highlighted green campus accomplishments, including a group of our engineering students winning this year's national Human-Assisted Green Energy Vehicle design competition sponsored by the Parker Hannifin Corp.; Princeton Review and the U.S. Building Council naming Western as one of "the nation's most environmentally responsible green colleges;" and WMU's recognition as one of the top campuses in the nation for electric vehicle infrastructure, with 20 charging stations on campus and a fleet of green vehicles used for operations. President Dunn recognized Athletic Director Kathy Beauregard for being given the YWCA Lifetime Woman of Achievement Award, recognizing both her professional accomplishments and her service to the community;. Dean Anthony Vizini, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, being named by Governor Rick Snyder to a four-year term on the State Board of Professional Engineers; Coach Andy Murray's induction in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Helsinki, Finland; and a WMU dance troupe invited to perform at the Kennedy Center for the national conference of the American College Dance Festival Association.

Remarks by the outgoing Western Student Association President Erin Kaplan, new Western Student Association President Sean Nicholl, outgoing Graduate Student Advisory Committee Chair LaTasha Chaffin, and new Graduate Student Advisory Committee Chair Britne Amos spoke about the activities of their organizations.

Remarks by the Faculty Senate President – Dr. Peter Krawutschke, outgoing president Faculty Senate, said he had enjoyed his tenure as president of the Senate and working with the Board.

Briefing on the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs. Tracey Moon, Director of the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs, introduced two veterans and gave an informative presentation on the work of the office.

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Student Room and Board and Apartment Rental Rates 2012-13.

On a unanimous roll call vote as moved by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Debel, the Board of Trustees approved the rate schedule attached as presented by Vice President Anderson. As indicated the administration is authorized to implement a 2% increase in student room and board rates and designated apartment rental rates for 2012-13, effective fall semester 2012.

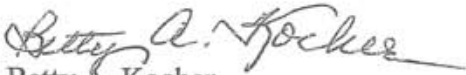
Lease Agreements Extension – PNC Bank, Bernhard Center. On a motion by Trustee Tolbert, supported by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, and reviewed by Vice President Anderson, the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer is authorized to enter into a five (5) year lease extension with PNC Bank, effective May 1, 2012, for property owned by Western Michigan University located at the Bernhard Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Consent Items On a motion by Trustee Debel, supported by Trustee Tolbert, the Board of Trustees approved the following consent items – Personnel Report, Gift Report, Grant Report, Academic Program Recommendation, and Liquor License Application – College of Aviation Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony and Dinner.

Public Comments - Representatives of TAU (Teaching Assistants Union) spoke re some of their concerns and thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty A. Kocher
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Western Michigan University
Room and Board and Apartment Rental Rates

Proposed student room and board and apartment rental rates for 2012-13, effective Fall 2012.

<u>RESIDENCE HALLS</u>	<u>2009/10 Advantage* Rates</u>	<u>2010/11 Advantage* Rates</u>	<u>2011/12 Advantage* Rates</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Proposed 2012/13 Rates</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<u>Room and Board (Gold/20 Meal Plan)</u>						
Academic Year	\$7,784	\$8,095	\$8,249	2.00%	\$8,414	\$165
<u>Room and Board (15 Meal Plan)</u>						
Academic Year	\$7,591	\$7,895	\$8,045	2.00%	\$8,206	\$161
Summer Session	\$1,818	\$1,890	\$1,926	2.00%	\$1,965	\$39
<u>Room and Board (10 Meal Plan)</u>						
Academic Year	\$7,146	\$7,432	\$7,573	2.00%	\$7,724	\$151
Summer Session	\$1,712	\$1,780	\$1,814	2.00%	\$1,850	\$36

Rates include \$25 per semester/\$12.50 per session deferred maintenance fee.

*Residence Hall & Dining Advantage is the Division of Student Affairs program that supports the Western Edge.

<u>APARTMENTS (Per Month)</u>	<u>2011/12 Rates</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Proposed 2012/13 Rates</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Goldsworth Valley				
1 BR - Furnished	\$629	2.00%	\$642	\$13
2 BR - Furnished	\$772	2.00%	\$787	\$15
1 BR - Unfurnished	\$597	2.00%	\$609	\$12
2 BR - Unfurnished	\$688	2.00%	\$702	\$14
Stadium Drive				
2 BR - Furnished	\$744	2.00%	\$759	\$15
2 BR - Unfurnished	\$659	2.00%	\$672	\$13
Elmwood				
1 BR - Furnished	\$638	2.00%	\$651	\$13
2 BR - Furnished	\$875	2.00%	\$893	\$18
1 BR - Unfurnished	\$626	2.00%	\$639	\$13
2 BR - Unfurnished	\$792	2.00%	\$808	\$16

Rates include \$6 per month deferred maintenance fee.