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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMAL SESSION\
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

The Board of Trustee formal session was called to order by Chair Archer at 11:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. in Room 157-159, Bernhard Center.

Board members present: Chair Archer, Vice Chair Johnston, Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Hettinger, Trustee Miller and Trustee Tolbert.

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

Approval of the Minutes of the July 22, 2011 Formal Session. The minutes were approved as distributed following a motion by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp.

Remarks by the Chair. Chair Archer spoke of the fall being a special time to be on campus and said he also enjoyed being here earlier in the month to attend the Academic Convocation and be part of the celebration of awards being given for teaching, research and service excellence. He said he wanted to be on hand as President Dunn gave his State of University address and wanted his presence to convey the Board's appreciation to the awardees and support of President Dunn's message. Chair Archer spoke of the University's commitment to diversity as reflected by a 10 percent increase in both the number of minority students and the number of international students. He reported a partnership with FedEx Express and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals that brought a Boeing 727 to the College of Aviation and enhanced learning opportunities for aviation students. He also reported a partnership with Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids that will allow students to earn both a J.D. and a Masters of Social Work at the same time noting a JD.Master if Public Administration and JD/Master of Business Administration have been in place for several years.

Remarks by the President. President Dunn thanked Chair Archer for attending the Academic Convocation, noting his presence was greatly appreciated by all. President Dunn announced that Dr. William "Bill" Pickard has finalized a \$25,000 gift to WMU to establish a scholarship in Chair Archer's name in celebration of their time together at WMU students and fraternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha . President Dunn reported the unveiling of "The Epic Bronco", a giant mural by artist Revere LaNoue, wrapping part of the WMU Downtown Graduate Center as part of the Grand Rapids Art Prize competition. He spoke of student and faculty achievements and noted progress in fundraising and the development of a governance structure for the School of Medicine.

Remarks by Western Student Association President Erin Kaplan and Graduate Student Advisory Committee Chair LaTasha Chaffin. WSA President Kaplan and GSAC Chair reported on the activities of their groups and plans for the upcoming semester.

Remarks by the Faculty Senate President. Dr. Peter Krawutschke spoke of support for School of Medicine and the University Center for the Humanities, both on the agenda and recommended for approval later in the meeting.

Report on Haworth College of Business. Dean Kay Palan of the Haworth College of Business reported on her college, noting its vision and core strategy, fast facts, academic programs, student and staff, resources and centers, academic excellence, connectin with business and communities and new initiatives.

Recommendaton re Appointment of Associate Vice President for Business And Finance and Assistant Board Treasurer. As presented by Vice President VanDerKley and a motion by Trustee Tolbert, supported by Trustee Carlson, Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sandra Steinbach as Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Assistant Board Treasurer.

Recommendation re Western View Apartment Rental Rates., 2012-2013. The Board of Trustees, following a motion by Trustee Johnston, supported by Trustee Hettinger, and a 7-0 roll call vote, approved a 3.5 percent increase in rental rates For the 2012-13 academic year. The newest on-campus residential complex Offers single-bedroom housing contracts to upper-level and graduate students. The Apartment complex with 144 units, opened in August, with a 100 percent occupancy and offers one-, two-,three- or four-bedroom options.

Recommendation re State Capital Outlay – Priority List - As moved by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, supported by Trustee Tolbert, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution outlining a list of campus building priorities. As indicated, the state of Michigan requires that all state universities annually submits a five-year master plan that prioritizes all bulding projects, those that the universities self fund.. The state also requires each university to identify one project as their top priority and submit it as their capitaly outlay request (attachment A).

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)Agreement. Following a motion by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, supported by Trustee Tolbert, the Board of Trustees approved a 2011-2014 contract between the University and IATSE. The Agreement covers independent stage workers for major productions at Western's Venues such as Miller Auditorium, and provide part-time professional stage help Beyond that provided by the University's permanent staff. The contract provides No wage increase for the 2011-12 year, but provides 1% increases in July 2012, January 2013, July 2013, and 1.5% in Janauary 2014. The IATSE members are not On the University's health or retirement plans, but the University contributes Benefit payments to IATSE, with a 1% increase in the benefit payments beginning in 2011-12.

Western Michgan University Foundation: Support for the School of Medicine. As presented by Vice President Thomas, following a motion by Trustee Johnston

supported by Trustee Tolbert, the Board of Trustees approved a Foundation bylaw change to add the following provision to the last paragraph of Article III: The purpose of the Foundation shall include providing support for the objectives, goals and mission of Western Michigan University School of Medicine, and its successors or affiliates that is consistent with the manner such support is provided to Western Michigan University by the Foundation. The Officers of the University, or any one of them, are authorized and directed to take any action as they, or any one of them, deems necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing amendment.

School of Medicine. As reviewed by Dr. Hal Jenson and Vice President Jan VanDerKley, following a motion by Trustee Hettinger, supported by Trustee Aspmonga-Knapp, the Board of Trustees authorized 1) the University President or Treasurer to take all action deemed necessary or appropriate and in the best interests of the University to finalize the bylaws and articles of Incorporation for the School of Medicine and related entities; 2) The Use of the University's name and directs the President or Treasurer to prepare and execute an agreement providing authorization of the use of "Western Michigan University School of Medicine" on terms and conditions approved by the President or Treasurer; and 3) The administration to take all other actions they deem appropriate or necessary and in the best interests of the University to effectuate the establishment and operation of the "Western Michigan University School of Medicine", and take other actions and to execute and deliver all agreements, contracts, instruments, filings, and other documents, they, in their sole discretion, believe are appropriate or necessary to carry out these actions of the Board of Trustees.

Presidential Evaluation. As presented by Chair Archer, the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Carlson, supported by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, approved the recommendation of the presidential evaluation committee, (Trustee Debel, Trustee Miller, and Trustee Tolbert), in keeping with the evaluation criteria developed and approved earlier this year. Citing a record of "outstanding leadership and commitment to the University, the community and beyond," the Board of Trustees demonstrated its support of President Dunn by approving a two-year extension to his contract through June 30, 2016. The recommendation noted that budgetary constraints have kept the University from providing salary increases to any employees except those with previous contractual commitments. and for that reason, no salary increase was being recommended for President Dunn. As noted by Chair Archer, "I will tell you that to a person on this Board, we have been exceedingly impressed and pleased by the hard work and sacrifice shown by not only President John Dunn, but also his partner, his wife Linda."

Consent Items. On a motion by Trustee Johnston, supported by Trustee Miller, the following consent items were approved—personnel report, gift report, grant

report, program addition, the University Center for the Humanities, and operating cash and life income and annuity performance reports.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty A. Kocher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty A. Kocher
Secretary
Board of Trustees

**Western Michigan University
Building Project Priority List
For the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan
FY 2013**

Major Projects: WMU FY 2011 - 2012

Priority	Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Capital Outlay Request
#1	Multidisciplinary Science Research Facility	\$100 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#2	New Student Union and Services Center	\$50-\$75 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#3	Campus Housing	\$40 M	WMU	No
#4	College of Aviation Academic Classroom and Fleet Maintenance Building - Renovation and Addition	\$18 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#5	Renovation of Dunbar Hall (Classroom Buildings)	\$20 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#6	Renovation of North and Central Kohrman Hall (Classroom Building)	\$23 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#7	Addition to College of Engineering for Research, Instruction, and Civil Engineering	\$50 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#8	University Libraries: Archives and Storage Facility for Collections and Information Commons	\$10 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#9	Sprau Tower Renovation	\$10 M	WMU	No
#10	East Campus Buildings Renovations	\$96 M	Private	No
#11	Upgrades and improvements to athletics facilities	TBD	WMU	No
#12	Relocate Physical Plant	TBD	WMU	No
#13	College of Aviation, Aviation and Flight Operations and Aviation Maintenance Building - Renovation and Addition	\$32 M	State / WMU	Proposed
#14	Faculty, Center, and Institute Office Facility	\$5 M	WMU	No
*15	Miller Auditorium Addition	\$10 M	WMU	No
#16	New Parking Ramp	\$7.5 M	WMU	No
#17	New Auditorium Hall	\$10.5 M	State / WMU	Proposed