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The Board of Trustees formal session was called to order by Chair Hettinger at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10.

Acceptance of the Agenda. The agenda was accepted on a motion by Trustee Milleder, supported by Trustee Hall, with the addition of four action items—Fall Tuition, EUP Tuition Rates, General Fund Budget, and Police Officers Contract.

Remarks by the Chair – Attachment A

Remarks by the President – Attachment B

Remarks by the WMU/AAUP President - President Lisa Minnick spoke on the work on the AAUP.

Remarks by former Faculty Senate President Bill Rantz and Introduction and remarks by Incoming President Dennis Simpson. President Rantz spoke of his tenure as Senate President and President Simpson reported that he was looking forward to his term as incoming President and spoke of future plans for the Senate.

Remarks by the Western Student Association President Abby Wallace and Graduate Student Association President Damon Wallace poked on the activities of their groups and plans for the Upcoming year.

Presentation by Marcia Fetters, Professor, Woodrow Wilson Program, College of Education and Human Development. Dr. Fetters spoke on the focus of the program in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics resulting in a Master of Arts in Teaching, with school partners—Bangor Public Schools, Battle Creek Public Schools, Benton Harbor Public Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools, and Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Easement for New Residence Halls Water Main. As presented by David Dakin, on a motion by Trustee Debel, supported by Trustee Carlson, the Board of Trustees approved the actions necessary by the
Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to enter into the easement agreement between Western Michigan University and the City of Kalamazoo.

Approval of the Amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws. As presented Chair Hettinger, the proposed amendments have been approved by the Faculty Senate, a majority of The WMU Faculty that voted and President Dunn, and were approved by the Board of Trustees on a motion by Trustee Johnston, supported by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp.

Recommendation re Approval of Faculty Tenure and Promotions. As reviewed by Provost Greene, following a motion by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Carlsson, the Board of Trustees approved faculty being recommended for tenure, promotions to professor, associate professor, master faculty specialist, and faculty specialist II, all effective with the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic/fiscal year. (All recipients were honored by the Board at a luncheon following the meeting.)

Fall 2014 On Campus Tuition and Required Fee Rates. On a motion by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Carlson, following a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved an increase and required fees for 2014-15 by 3.2%, meeting the proposed tuition restraint cap established for the coming year. (Attachments on line).

Extended University Programs Tuition Rate, Effective Fall 2014. Following a motion by Trustee Asmonga-Knapp, supported by Trustee Miller, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved a 3.2% increase for all regional location courses and a new tuition structure for undergraduate courses delivered 100 percent online. (Attachments on line).

General Fund Budget. As presented by Colleen Lewis, Budget Officer, the Board of Trustees approved the General Fund Budget for 2014/15 following a motion by Trustee Carlson, supported by Trustee Hall, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved the proposed budget. (Attachments on line).
Police Officers Association (POA) Labor Agreement. As reviewed by Warren Hills, Chief Human Resources, after a motion by Trustee Miller, supported by Trustee Carlson, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to implement the 2014-2017 tentative agreement between WMU and the WMU Police Officers Association.

Consent Items. As presented by Chair Hettinger, the Board approved the following consent items on a motion by Trustee Johnston, supported by Trustee Hall—Personnel Report, Gift Report, Grant Report, Liquor License, Operating Cash Investment Performance Report, and Annuity and Life Income Funds Investment Performance Report.

Public Comments. Eric Denby, representing the Teaching Assistants Union, spoke with the requests that all graduate assistant tuition be charged at resident rates.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Betty A. Kocher, Secretary – Board of Trustees
Good morning, and thank you all for being with us this today. With tenure and promotion on the agenda, this is a momentous day for a number of faculty members. We have several important items on the agenda and reports to hear before we can consider those hallmark career moments, but we understand the sense of anticipation and will move quickly.

Trustee Michelle Crumm

There are only seven trustees at the table today. Last week, our colleague, Trustee Michelle Crumm, notified Gov. Snyder that she has resigned from our board. She subsequently alerted President Dunn and me as well. As a principal reason for her decision, Trustee Crumm noted her inability, because of distance, to spend the kind of time on campus she feels is essential to truly know the University and be an effective trustee. We, of course, respectfully accept that decision and wish her the very best moving
forward. While she says she remains a Bronco in spirit, we regard her connection to the University as one that is even stronger. She is a part of our extended Bronco family.

**Commencement and incoming students**

Since we were last together as a board, more than 2,700 students earned their degrees during April commencement ceremonies. Another approximately 1,300 will walk across the Miller stage to receive their diplomas in just over two weeks. But their successors are already in the pipeline. As we meet this morning, this building is filled with hundreds of new incoming students and families who are here for orientation. Some 8,000 students and family members will be part of our Orientation sessions, which run through July 2. I find the enthusiasm and energy in the building today to be incredibly affirming.

**Medallion Scholars**
When I mention incoming students, I would be remiss if I didn't note the credentials of 24 of the members of the class of 2018. Last week we announced the winners of our highly competitive Medallion Scholarship program. We awarded 24 $50,000 scholarships to some of the best high school seniors in the nation. A total of 738 high school seniors from across the U.S. came here during the winter to take part in the daylong round of competitive events. The 24 2014 winners have an average ACT score of 31 and a grade point average of 4.23. Eight of them come from underrepresented or minority groups. In addition to the $50,000 monetary award, Medallion Scholars become members of WMU's Lee Honors College, which is one of the oldest honors programs in the nation.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

This University's learning resources are also being put to work for older members of the communities we serve. I am delighted that the quality of our Lifelong Learning Institute has been recognized by the Bernard Osher Foundation with $100,000 and the potential for a $1 million endowment to support it in the future. Our programs are now part of a national network of
such programs that the Osher Foundation supports. Our programs are the product of careful coordination between staff and a small army of volunteers, and our programs are an enormous asset to our community.
Opening
Good afternoon, and let me add my thanks to you all for being with us today. We may be officially into the summertime, but things have definitely not slowed down on campus. The incoming students and their families Trustee Hettinger mentioned are just the beginning to all that is happening on campus.

Climate Leadership Award
First of all, I'd like to take note of some news reported last week. Western Michigan University has been selected to receive a 2014 Climate Leadership Award, recognizing the campus for its innovation and leadership in sustainability.

We're one of just six colleges and universities in the nation to earn this accolade from Second Nature, a national nonprofit organization that works to transform higher education to create a healthy, just and sustainable society. Presented annually, the awards recognize institutions that "demonstrate innovative and advanced leadership in education for sustainability and climate mitigation and adaptation." Second Nature reports that this year's nominees were the most competitive to date in the five-year history of the program. Our award recognizes not only our long track record in sustainability and a
number of "firsts" that we can claim as an institution. but also our commitment moving forward to assess and develop responses to climate change.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant
Another important and prestigious external validation of our work as a University was announced last week as well. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute announced a $1.4 million grant to Western Michigan University to be used over five years to enhance undergraduate introduction to science, with the goal of attracting and retaining more students in the STEM disciplines—science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The research and development effort will be centered on WMU's introductory courses in biological sciences. The grant is one of just 37 awards made by HHMI this year to American research universities invited to compete in the institute's 2014 funding round. A total of 203 universities were invited to apply, and the eventual winners were selected after three rounds of peer review.

International connections
Our international connections are increasing in strength and number. Last month, we celebrated our 15th anniversary of a study abroad partnership with Spain's University of Burgos. Alumni from around the nation showed up in Kalamazoo to mark the occasion, along with
visitors from Spain. The overwhelming takeaway from the event was the level of impact that study abroad experience has had on the hundreds of students who have participated.

Our ties with China's Beijing Language and Cultural University through the Confucius Institute have entered a new phase. After five successful years of partnership, we've just signed a new contract to continue that very successful relationship. BLCU and the Confucius Institute sent a team here in May to discuss the contract and explore even stronger relationships for the future. I will travel to China in July to continue the conversation.

Faculty and student accomplishments
I always like to close with brief comments about some of the accomplishments and accolades received by our faculty and students. There is always a wealth of achievement to highlight.

Faculty accolades

Dr. Carla Koretsky, dean of our Lee Honors College and longtime geosciences researcher, is being honored in Sacramento this week with the Geochemical Society's Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes and documents outstanding service to the Geochemical Society, the largest international organization of
professional geochemists. Dr. Koretsky is being recognized for her long-running contributions as the 2001-08 co-editor of Geochemical News and for her service to a travel grant program, which provides funding for students and scholars to travel to Geochemical Society events to present their research.

Student accolades
Our students continue to capture awards and honors around the nation. There are a number of them to note, so let me just do a quick sentence or two on a few of them

• Trombone triumph was WMU's again last week when sophomore Nick Dewyer of Chelsea, Mich., won the soloist competition for students to age 23 at the 2014 International Trombone Festival held at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. Nick came home with a $4,000 trombone for his efforts.

• Two advertising and promotion students from the Haworth College of Business are among just five students statewide to win 2014-15 scholarships from the Adcraft Club of Detroit's Adcraft Foundation. Robert Carroll of Saline, Mich., and Andrew Barrowman of Roseville, Mich., continued a long winning tradition for those awards.
• Last week, an April graduate of our College of Engineering and Applied Sciences was in Montreal was accepting an award as 2014's top industrial engineer student in the nation. Kyle Croes of New Baltimore, Mich., is already a prized recruit at Eaton Corp.

• And Four Western Michigan University athletic teams—men's basketball, men's tennis, golf and gymnastics—have been honored for posting GPAs in the top 10 percent for their respective sports and have won NCAA Public Recognition Awards. The gymnastics team boasted the second highest team GPA in the nation at 3.8086, also ranking as the highest GPA on record ever for any WMU team.

This has been a great year on and off the field and in classrooms and performance venues across the campus. We're ready for even greater achievements next year.

And now, I'll turn the mic back to Chair Hettinger so he may introduce our student and faculty leaders who will make remarks as well.