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CLOSED INFORMAL SESSION
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BOARD ROOM

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FORMAL SESSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009
11 a.m., ROOMS 157-159
BERNHARD CENTER

Remarks by the Chair – Miller

Remarks by the President – Dunn

Remarks by the WSA President and GSAC Chair – Nate Knappen and Brandi Pritchett

Remarks by the Faculty Senate President – Jellies

Acceptance of the Agenda – Miller

Approval of the Minutes of the April 24 Formal Session – Miller

1. Recommendation re Faculty Promotion and Tenure – Greene

Consent Items (2-6) – Miller
2. Personnel Report
3. Gift Report
4. Grant Report
5. Lease Agreement – MetroPCS Michigan, Inc.
6. Unit Name Change

College of Education Report – Wegenke

Public Comments - Miller
PERSONNEL REPORT

ACADEMIC - TENURE and PROMOTION

Tenure
It is recommended that tenure be approved for the following faculty members, effective with the beginning of the 2009/2010 academic/fiscal year:

Jeffrey Angles, Department of Foreign Languages
Chad Edwards, School of Communication
Steve Feffer, Department of English
Edwin Martini, Department of History
Lisa Minnick, Department of English
Ilana Nash, Department of English
Sherine Obare, Department of Chemistry
Cynthia Pietras, Department of Psychology
Renee Schwartz, Department of Biological Sciences
Ala Al-Fuqaha, Department of Computer Science
Pavel Ikonomov, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Troy Place, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Kapseong Ro, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Bade Shrestha, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Zijiang James Yang, Department of Computer Science
Jay Berkow, Department of Theatre
Carolyn Pavlik, Department of Dance
Gregory Flamme, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Helen Sharp, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Andrea Beach, Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
E. Bryce Dickey, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
Allison Downey, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Educational Studies
JoAnn Atkin, Department of Marketing

Promotions
It is recommended that the following promotions be approved for the following faculty members, effective with the beginning of the 2009/2010 academic/fiscal year:

Professor
Eskander Alvi, Department of Economics
Bruce Bejcek, Department of Biological Sciences
Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Department of Biological Sciences
Paul Clements, Department of Political Science
Charles Crawford, Department of Sociology
Antonio Isea, Department of Spanish
Kate Kline, Department of Mathematics

June 4, 2009
Promotions (continued)
It is recommended that the following promotions be approved for the following faculty members, effective with the beginning of the 2009/2010 academic/fiscal year:

Professor (continued)
Elena Lisovskaya, Department of Sociology
John Miller, Department of Chemistry
John Spitsbergen, Department of Biological Sciences
Steven Butt, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Ho Sung Lee, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Tianshu Liu, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Igor Fedotov, School of Music
James Henry, School of Social Work
Debra Lindstrom-Hazel, Department of Occupational Therapy
Yvonne Unrau, School of Social Work
Kristal Ehrhardt, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies
Allison Kelahe-Young, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Educational Studies
Timothy Michael, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Alan Rea, Department of Business Information Systems
Randle Gedeon, University Libraries

Associate Professor
Jeffrey Angles, Department of Foreign Languages
Chad Edwards, School of Communication
Steve Feffer, Department of English
Edwin Martini, Department of History
Lisa Minnick, Department of English
Ilana Nash, Department of English
Sherine Obare, Department of Chemistry
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June 4, 2009
Promotions (continued)
It is recommended that the following promotions be approved for the following faculty members, effective with the beginning of the 2009/2010 academic/fiscal year:

Master Faculty Specialist
Miriam Coleman, Department of Business Information Systems

Faculty Specialist II
Marilyn Kritzman, School of Communication
Sandra Murphy, School of Social Work
Mary Peterson, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
E. Bryce Dickey, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
Jodie Palmer, Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies
Thomas Edmonds, Department of Finance and Commercial Law
Neal Turner, Department of Finance and Commercial Law
PERSONNEL REPORT

ACADEMIC

Administrative Reappointments
Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective May 1, 2009.

Earlie Washington, Dean, College of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2009.

Administrative Appointments
Linwood Cousins, Director, School of Social Work, effective July 1, 2009.

James Hopfensperger, Senior Associate Dean, College of Fine Arts, effective December 15, 2008.

Paula Kohler, Associate Vice President for Research, Office of Vice President for Research, effective May 18, 2009.

Daniel Morgan, Chairperson, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, effective July 1, 2009.

Anthony Vizzini, Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, effective July 1, 2009.

LouAnn Wurst, Chair, Department of Anthropology, effective July 1, 2009.

Administrator Return to Faculty
Richard Cooper, Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, effective August 10, 2009.

Retirement - Administrative (Change of Date Only)
Gary Wegenke, Dean, College of Education, Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology, effective April 30, 2010.

Appointments - With Tenure
Daniel Morgan, Professor, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, effective July 1, 2009.

LouAnn Wurst, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, effective July 1, 2009.
Appointments - Tenure Track
Blain Auer, Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Religion, effective August 10, 2009.

Amy Damashek, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, effective August 10, 2009.

Yvonne Ford, Assistant Professor, WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective August 10, 2009.

Kirsten Harvey, Assistant Professor, Department of Dance, effective August 10, 2009.

Christopher Pearl, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, effective August 10, 2009.

Reappointments - Term
Diana Berkshire Hearit, Instructor, School of Communication, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Dan Briggs, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Ann Chapleau, Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Gina Garza-Kling, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Virginia Gregory, Instructor, School of Communication, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Christine Horsmon, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Dae Shik Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Mark Schreiner, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, effective August 10, 2009 through August 8, 2010.

Catherine Wall Emerson, Faculty Specialist I, Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies, effective June 15, 2009 through June 13, 2010.

Appointment - Term
Jennifer Langeland, Faculty Specialist II-Lecturer, Department of Physician Assistant, effective August 10, 2009 through April 13, 2010.
Reappointment - Adjunct
John P. Mellein, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, effective summer II 2009 through summer I 2012.

Appointments - Adjunct
J.E. Louis Malenfant, Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, effective summer II 2009 through summer I 2012.

Julie Stock, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Physician Assistant, effective summer II 2009 through summer I 2012.

Resignations
Carmen Corniesles-Domanico, Faculty Specialist II-Lecturer, Early Reading First, College of Education, effective April 22, 2009.

Joyce Walker, Assistant Professor, Department of English, effective April 25, 2009.

Retirements with Emeriti Status (Change of Date Only)
Gary Wegenke, Dean, College of Education, Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology, effective April 30, 2010.

Sabbatical Leaves
Zijang James Yang, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, effective 2009-2010 Academic Year.

NON-ACADEMIC

Administrative Appointment
Peter J. Strazdas, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management, effective May 4, 2009.

Administrative Resignation
Kathryn Lewis-Ginebaugh, Assistant Director, University Counseling and Testing Center, effective June 30, 2009.

Retirements


Donna C. Mearing, Director, University Curriculum, Academic Support, effective August 16, 2009.
Western Michigan University
Board of Trustees

GIFT REPORT

Background

This report includes activity for the month of April. The year-to-date total gifts, pledges and deferred commitments for the current period ending April 30, 2009 was $26,127,251. Information regarding major gifts for April is provided.

Recommended Motion

It is recommended that this gift report including activity for the month of April be approved.
# Western Michigan University Foundation Gift Report

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<tr>
<th>WMU Foundation Gifts:</th>
<th>April 2009</th>
<th>Year-to-date 2008-09</th>
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<tr>
<td>CASH</td>
<td>$2,238,986</td>
<td>$10,481,014</td>
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<td>Deferred (CRT's &amp; Gift Annuities @ Fair Market Value)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$260,000</td>
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<td>Non-Cash</td>
<td>$13,629</td>
<td>$497,786</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal - Gifts Received by WMU Foundation</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,252,615</strong></td>
<td><strong>$11,238,800</strong></td>
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<td>Paper Technology Foundation Gifts</td>
<td>$9,049</td>
<td>$169,600</td>
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<td><strong>Total Gifts</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,261,664</strong></td>
<td><strong>$11,408,400</strong></td>
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<tr>
<th>Pledges &amp; Deferred Commitments (WMU Fdn. &amp; Paper Tech. Fdn.)</th>
<th>April 2009</th>
<th>Year-to-date 2008-09</th>
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<td>Pledges</td>
<td>$414,184</td>
<td>$2,578,851</td>
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<td>Deferred (Bequests &amp; Life Insurance)</td>
<td>$160,000</td>
<td>$12,140,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Pledges &amp; Deferred Commitments</strong></td>
<td><strong>$574,184</strong></td>
<td><strong>$14,718,851</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Gifts, Pledges &amp; Deferred Commitments</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,835,848</strong></td>
<td><strong>$26,127,251</strong></td>
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## Total Gifts Received (Year to Date)

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<th>Gift Level</th>
<th>Amount Received</th>
<th>Number of Donors</th>
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<td>$1M +, $1,750,000</td>
<td>$1,750,000</td>
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<td>$100K to $1M, $4,554,766</td>
<td>$4,554,766</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>$25K to $100K, $1,239,913</td>
<td>$1,239,913</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>$10K to $25K, $703,245</td>
<td>$703,245</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>$1K to $10K, $3,160,476</td>
<td>$3,160,476</td>
<td>19,491</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$11,408,400</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,583</strong></td>
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GIFTS & PLEDGES $10,000 AND OVER
April 2009

New Gifts April:
Anonymous Estate Gift
Speckhard-Knight Charitable Foundation

New Pledges April:
Anonymous Donor
Anonymous Donor

New Deferred April:
Rodney and Sharon Krieger
Ms. Joan McCarn

*Paper Technology Foundation, Inc. gifts.
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<th>WMU FOUNDATION CASH GIFTS:</th>
<th>Current Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Prior Five Fiscal Years</th>
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<tr>
<td>Alumni</td>
<td>$2,657,897</td>
<td>$3,257,738</td>
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<td>Individual Friends</td>
<td>$1,906,927</td>
<td>$1,738,238</td>
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<td>Corporations/Foundations/Other Organizations</td>
<td>$3,422,888</td>
<td>$6,759,389</td>
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<td>Estate Gifts</td>
<td>$2,493,302</td>
<td>$384,491</td>
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<td><strong>CURRENT CASH GIFTS</strong></td>
<td>$10,481,014</td>
<td>$12,139,856</td>
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<td>Deferred Gifts: Charitable remainder trusts and annuities (shown at fair market value)</td>
<td>$260,000</td>
<td>$36,400</td>
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<td><strong>SUBTOTAL-CURRENT CASH &amp; DEFERRED GIFTS</strong></td>
<td>$10,741,014</td>
<td>$12,981,648</td>
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<td>Non-Cash Gifts:</td>
<td>$497,786</td>
<td>$1,698,983</td>
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<td><strong>SUBTOTAL-GIFTS RECEIVED BY WMU FOUNDATION</strong></td>
<td>$11,238,800</td>
<td>$14,680,631</td>
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<td>PAPER TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION</td>
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<td>Cash Gifts:</td>
<td>$157,700</td>
<td>$913,737</td>
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<td>Non-Cash Gifts:</td>
<td>$11,900</td>
<td>$65,401</td>
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<td><strong>SUBTOTAL-GIFTS RECEIVED BY PAPER TECH. FDN.</strong></td>
<td>$169,600</td>
<td>$979,138</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GIFTS</strong></td>
<td>$11,408,800</td>
<td>$15,658,739</td>
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**Year Range:**
- 7/1/08-4/30/2009
- 7/1/07-4/30/2008
- 7/1/06-4/30/2007
- 7/1/05-4/30/2006
- 7/1/04-4/30/2005
- 7/1/03-4/30/2004
Grant Report

Background

The grant report for the month of April 2009 indicates a total of $811,789.85 in externally funded awards. The year-to-date total is $26,365,375.12.

April 2009

Awards by Category

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Instruction</td>
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<td>Research</td>
<td>606,214.85</td>
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<td>Public Service</td>
<td>205,575.00</td>
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<td>Academic Support</td>
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<td>Student Services</td>
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<td>Operations and Maintenance of Plant</td>
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<td>Scholarships and Fellowships</td>
<td>0.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total for April 2009</strong></td>
<td><strong>$811,789.85</strong></td>
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Notable awards for this period were from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Grand Valley State University, American College of Cardiology Foundation, and Haworth, Inc.

Recommended Motion

It is recommended that the grant report for April 2009 be approved.
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<tr>
<td>To provide support for certain medical event simulation experiments conducted as part of the project &quot;Center of Excellence in Simulation Research&quot; funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Tri-Corridor initiative (New)</td>
<td>American College of Cardiology Foundation</td>
<td>Ms. Beth M Beaudin-Seiler Dr. William Hamman College of Aviation</td>
<td>$150,000.00</td>
<td>4/30/2009</td>
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<td>To investigate the relationship between local forces and pressure in industrial seating in order to improve product performance (New)</td>
<td>Haworth, Inc.</td>
<td>Dr. Tycho K Fredericks Dr. Steven E Butt Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering</td>
<td>$100,000.00</td>
<td>4/14/2009</td>
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<td>To review state-of-the-art traffic monitoring technologies and best practices in other states and develop guidelines for effective deployment of a traffic monitoring system along the Michigan I-94 corridor (New)</td>
<td>Michigan Department of Transportation</td>
<td>Dr. Juri-Seok Oh Civil and Construction Engineering Dr. Kapseong Ro Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering Dr. Li Yang Computer Science</td>
<td>$99,781.85</td>
<td>4/14/2009</td>
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<td>To conduct research to define and measure the effectiveness of ATE Centers and projects (New)</td>
<td>University of Colorado, Boulder</td>
<td>Dr. Stephen Magura The Evaluation Center</td>
<td>$71,219.00</td>
<td>4/17/2009</td>
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<tr>
<td>To develop reduction methods for extracting global heat transfer from surface temperature fields in a Mach-6 quiet tunnel (Non-Competing Continuation)</td>
<td>Purdue University</td>
<td>Dr. Tianshu Liu Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering</td>
<td>$60,472.00</td>
<td>4/30/2009</td>
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<td>To test human users ability to operate Mobile Geo GPS device developed by Sendero (New)</td>
<td>Sendero Group, LLC</td>
<td>Dr. Paul E Ponchillia Blindness and Low Vision Studies</td>
<td>$32,000.00</td>
<td>4/29/2009</td>
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<td>To employ case study methodology to identify the undocumented and, perhaps,</td>
<td>University of Colorado, Boulder</td>
<td>Dr. Charles R Henderson</td>
<td>$31,839.00</td>
<td>4/15/09</td>
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<td>unanticipated impacts (both positive and negative) of mature national NSF-ATE</td>
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<td>Mallinson Institute for Science Studies</td>
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<td>Centers on their home institutions (New)</td>
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<td>To identify the state of online instruction in NSF/ATE funded technical</td>
<td>University of Colorado, Boulder</td>
<td>Dr. Brian S Horvitz</td>
<td>$26,243.00</td>
<td>4/16/09</td>
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<td>education programs at community colleges (New)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Educational Leadership, Research and Technology</td>
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<td>To develop a videogrammetric system for deformation measurements of aircraft</td>
<td>Innovative Scientific Solutions, Inc.</td>
<td>Dr. Tianshu Liu</td>
<td>$16,660.00</td>
<td>4/14/09</td>
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<td>wing surfaces as part of an US Air Force SBIR Phase I project (New)</td>
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<td>Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering</td>
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<td>To conduct three undergraduate research projects in engineering under MSGC</td>
<td>Michigan Space Grant Consortium</td>
<td>Dr. Frank L Severance</td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
<td>4/14/09</td>
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<td>Fellowship program for 2009-2010 (New)</td>
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<td>Electrical and Computer Engineering</td>
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<td>Dr. Andrew A Kline</td>
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<td>Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and</td>
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<td>Imaging</td>
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<td>To revise appraisal tool, appraise 2008 evaluation reports, survey</td>
<td>International Labor Organization</td>
<td>Dr. Daniela Schroeter</td>
<td>$8,000.00</td>
<td>4/2/09</td>
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<td>evaluators regarding compliance with evaluation processes and results and</td>
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<td>The Evaluation Center</td>
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<td>to report findings back (New)</td>
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**TOTAL RESEARCH** $606,214.85
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<td>Public Service</td>
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<td>To continue the third year project agreement between GVSU and WMU-HCoB, it subscribes to the federal commitment to develop small business activity in southwest Michigan (Renewal)</td>
<td>Grand Valley State University</td>
<td>Dr. David Shields</td>
<td>$180,000.00</td>
<td>4/16/2009</td>
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<td>To provide funds for the production and US satellite distribution of the public radio program &quot;Broadway Revisited.&quot; This annual grant has been renewed since it was first made in 1998 (Renewal)</td>
<td>Irving S. Gilmore Foundation</td>
<td>Mr. Gary W Pientka</td>
<td>$25,575.00</td>
<td>4/28/2009</td>
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**TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE** $205,575.00

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED TO WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY** $811,789.85
LEASE AGREEMENT – MetroPCS Michigan Inc.

Background

The Administration continues to attempt to meet the demands of our students' ever-increasing usage of electronic communication devices. That usage requires additional communications towers. MetroPCS Michigan Inc. has approached WMU with a request to place a communications tower on University property at the corner of Valley Drive and Howard Street.

At this time the Administration is requesting authorization from the Board of Trustees to enter into a lease agreement with MetroPCS Michigan Inc. for ground space necessary to construct a 160 foot flag pole that will also serve as a tower for locating cell phone transmission equipment. The term of the initial lease is for 5 years and includes four additional options to renew for five years each. The monthly payment starts at $1,500.00 per month increasing by 10% at the end of each 5 year term. The lease will become effective Summer/Fall 2009, with the exact date to be determined.

While the cell phone transmission equipment will be housed inside the flag pole, the flag pole will host a very large WMU Bronco flag located at the top.

Recommended Motion

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to enter into a new lease agreement for 5 years with four, 5-year extensions with MetroPCS Michigan Inc. to construct a flag pole housing electronic communication devices and hosting a very large WMU Bronco flag on WMU property near the corner of Howard Street and Valley Drive.
UNIT NAME CHANGE

PROPOSAL

To change the name of WMU’s Extended University Program’s “Academic Technology and Instructional Services” unit to “Online Education”.

Background

Academic Technology and Instructional Services (ATIS) was formed in 2005. At that time, ATIS served the general academic population through coordination of campus-wide technology and innovative projects, such as classroom technology and the Faculty Laptop Initiative. In addition, ATIS focused on expanding access to educational opportunities through e-learning modalities (online, compressed video-interactive television, etc.) for Western Michigan University students.

In 2007, ATIS was merged with Extended University Programs, effectively creating one department for all courses and programs that focus on providing educational opportunities for WMU students outside of the main campus. In addition to the merge, the academic technology projects in ATIS (including classroom technology and the Faculty Laptop Initiative) were either discontinued or assumed by WMU’s Office of Information Technology. Therefore, ATIS’s mission now focuses on e-learning, online instructional support for faculty, and support services for students. To more accurately represent their current mission, the unit is requesting its name to be changed from Academic Technology and Instructional Services to Online Education, effective July 1, 2009.

Recommended Motion

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the motion to change the name from ATIS to Online Education, effective July 1, 2009.