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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 1989

The annual meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, January 20, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 10:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Bernhard Center.

Board members present: Trustee Edwards, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Howard, Trustee Reed, Trustee St. John, Trustee Waszkiewicz, Trustee Williams, and President Haenicke (ex officio).

Acceptance of the Agenda. The Board of Trustees accepted the agenda as amended on a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Fraser, Action on the Waldo Library/Computer Center project contract was deleted from the amended agenda.

Approval of the Minutes. Following a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Fraser, the minutes of the December 16, 1988 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence. Secretary Brinn indicated that a communication had been received from Mr. William Wayne Works, Librarian, L. C. Mohr High School Library, South Haven Public Schools, re interlibrary loan policy. It was also indicated that Provost Dennison had responded to Mr. Works.

Remarks by the President. In his remarks, President Haenicke spoke of the University's observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, including Trustee Geneva Williams' "inspiring and inspired" speech at the King banquet; the recognition of February as "Black History Month;" the newly published President's Report coordinated by Vice President Burke; and the formation of the community CEO (Creating Economic Opportunity) Council. President Haenicke also spoke of the outstanding service records of Trustee Alfred Edwards and Trustee Maury Reed. Their appointments ended December 31, 1988, with Trustee Edwards having completed eight years of service and Trustee Reed seventeen years. They will continue to serve until reappointed or successors are named by Governor Blanchard. (Trustee Reed indicated that she has communicated to Governor Blanchard that she is not seeking reappointment.)

Election of Officers. As nominated by Trustee Howard, supported by Trustee Williams, Trustee Carol Waszkiewicz was elected chair of the Board. Trustee Geneva Williams was elected vice chair, on a motion by Trustee Reed, supported by Trustee St. John. Re-elected, on a motion by Trustee Reed, supported by Trustee St. John, were Chauncey Brinn, secretary,

Robert Beam, treasurer, and Gerald Schwemmin, assistant treasurer, with Betty Kocher elected as assistant secretary. All officers were elected for one-year terms.

President Haenicke presented Trustee Edwards and Trustee Waszkiewicz with mementos of appreciation (by ceramist Jeff Cline, a senior from Kalamazoo) for their excellent work as chair and vice chair respectively. Trustee Waszkiewicz then assumed duties as Board chair.

Recommendation re Honorary Degree. On a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Howard, the Board of Trustees approved the award of an honorary degree to Dr. Tadao Ishikawa. As presented by Dr. Haenicke, an honorary doctor of public administration degree will be conferred on Dr. Ishikawa, President of Japan's Keio University, at either the June or December commencement. As indicated by President Haenicke, Western has maintained relations with Keio University for the past 27 years with a student exchange agreement in place for the last 17 years.

#### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Report. As moved by Committee Chair Fraser, supported by Trustee Edwards, the Board of Trustees accepted the grant report for November 1988.

Personnel Report. The personnel report, as revised, was recommended for Board approval on a motion by Trustee Fraser, supported by Trustee Reed.

#### PERSONNEL REPORT

##### Appointment - Adjunct Faculty

Prudence Allen, Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, effective January 1, 1989.

Richard Washburn, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Management, effective January 4, 1989.

##### Appointment as Chair

Ronald Davis, Chair, Department of History, effective July 1, 1989.

##### Appointment as Interim Chair

Thomas Deckard, Interim Chair, Department of Engineering Technology, effective January 1, 1989.

### Resignation

William Gephart, Professor and Chief of Staff, The Evaluation Center, effective December 15, 1988.

Ortrud Oellerman, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective August 15, 1989.

### Change of Retirement Date

James Robinson, Manager of Audiovisual Center, Media Services, effective January 18, 1989.

### Retirement

Phyllis Burnham, Regional History Curator, University Archives, effective December 31, 1988.

Nita Clarkson, Student Advisor I, Department of Art, effective January 3, 1989.

Aira Lielzuika, Supervisor, Academic Records, effective June 30, 1989.

### Retirement with Emeriti Status

J. William Armstrong, Associate Professor, Department of Education and Professional Development, effective December 31, 1989, with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Education and Professional Development.

Mary Cordier, Associate Professor, Department of Education and Professional Development, effective January 3, 1990, with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Education and Professional Development.

Sherwood Cordier, Professor, Department of History, effective January 3, 1990, with the title of Professor Emeritus of History.

J. Lindsley Foote, Professor of Chemistry of English, effective December 31, 1989, with the title of Professor Emeritus of English.

Martin Gingerich, Professor, Department of English, effective January 1, 1990, with the title of Professor Emeritus of English.

James Matthews, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, effective May 1, 1990, with the title of Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering.

R. Mark Spink, Professor of Instructional Communication, Division of Academic Services, effective December 27, 1989, with the title of Professor Emeritus of Instructional Communication.

Jess Walker, Associate Professor, Department of Education and Professional Development, effective June 30, 1989, with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Education and Professional Development.

#### Leave of Absence

Susan Kieft, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, extension, effective April 22, 1989, to April 28, 1990 to complete doctoral degree requirements in audiology at Ohio State University.

#### Sabbatical

John Kapenga, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Academic Year 1989-90, to work on the design and performance analysis of parallel algorithms and software, at the Concurrent Supercomputing Division of the California Institute of Technology.

### STUDENT SERVICES

#### Retirements

Sara A. Sopjes, Clerk II, Sindecuse Health Center, effective December 30, 1988.

Emily White, Nurse, Sindecuse Health Center, effective January 3, 1989.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Gift Report. The Board of Trustees accepted the gifts for the University as contained in the November 1988 gift report as recommended by Committee Chair Howard, supported by Trustee St. John. Trustee Reed asked that special efforts be made to encourage corporations to increase their scholarship gifts.

Personnel Report. The personnel report, as revised, was approved by the Board on a motion by Trustee Howard, supported by Trustee Williams.

### NON-ACADEMIC

#### Appointments

James Mort, Interim Director, Data Processing, effective January 30, 1989.

Janice J. VanderKley, Director, Internal Audit, effective January 23, 1989.

### Resignation

Timothy Fitzpatrick, Director, Data Processing, effective January 27, 1989.

### Retirements

John G. Hungerford, Director of Operations, effective December 31, 1988.

Eugene Keller, Supervisor Food Service, Davis Dining, effective January 2, 1989.

Terri Mahone, Supervisor Food Service, Draper Dining, effective January 2, 1989.

Louwina Petersen, Custodian, Residence Hall Custodial, effective December 30, 1988.

Robert S. Petersen, Painter, Plant-B/E Maintenance, effective December 30, 1988.

Appointment of External Auditor. Following a motion by Trustee Howard, supported by Trustee St. John, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of the firm of Ernst & Whinney to audit the University's financial statements for the 1988/89 fiscal year. As indicated by Trustee Howard, the appointment of Ernst & Whinney is for the fourth year of a five-year rotating cycle.

(Trustee Howard stated that the Waldo Library/Computer Center project contract had been removed from the amended agenda. He reported that Vice President Beam had reviewed preliminary information with the committee, that additional time was needed before action could be recommended, and that it was expected that the Board would meet in special session sometime within the next few weeks to consider the contract.)

Grand Rapids Building Architect. On a 7-0 roll call vote, after a motion by Trustee Howard, supported by Trustee Edwards, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to enter into a contract with the Grand Rapids architectural firm of Robert Lee Wold and Associates. The contract will cover plans for the remodeling of the Grand Rapids Building located at 2333 E. Beltline, S.E. The building, with the purchase authorized by the Board at its October 21 meeting, will provide classroom space and offices for the University's Grand Rapids Regional Center.

Trustee Howard also reported that President Haenicke had presented a construction update to the Budget and Finance Committee. President Haenicke reported on projects underway, those planned, and some proposed for the next ten years. Trustee Howard expressed appreciation to the

President and administration for the foresight and planning for the more than \$175 million of projects covered in the report.

MAGB Report. As Board representative to the Michigan Association of Governing Boards, Trustees Fraser reported on some of the current projects of the association, including a report on the "Status of Women Faculty" and the annual MAGB Convocation to be held in Lansing on April 18 at which time two faculty members and two students from each member institution will be honored. On the afternoon of April 18, MAGB has invited President Haenicke and the other persons involved in the University/AAUP contract settlement to speak about their very successful non-adversarial negotiations. As indicated by Trustee Fraser, much interest has been expressed in such a presentation from across the state.

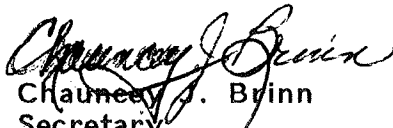
Remarks by the Provost. Attached.

Public Comments. There were no requests to address the Board.

Remarks by the Chair. Chair Waszkiewicz announced that the next regular meeting will be held on March 3, a change from the previously scheduled March 17 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Detroit. It was felt that since the University has a very significant number of students and alumni from the eastern part of the state, it would be appropriate to hold a meeting in that area as was done in Grand Rapids several years ago. Chair Waszkiewicz also asked that Board members contact her as to their committee preference so that new assignments may be made.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chauncey J. Brinn

Secretary  
Board of Trustees

Attachment