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## REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 1980

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was held on October 17, 1980, in the Board of Trustees Room of the University Student Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maury E. Parfet at 9:32 a.m.

Trustees present: Adams, Caine, Dykema, Franks, Kemp, Ludlow, Parfet and President Bernhard (ex officio).

Also present were: Mr. Beam, Vice President Coyne, Dr. Denenfeld, Vice President Ehrle, Dr. Ethridge, Mr. Gagie, Vice President Hannah, Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Matthews, Dr. Poulton, Ms. Rank, Mr. Smythe, Dean Stevens, Mr. Wetnight, Dr. Clark (for Mr. Bennett), Mr. Stoddard, Dr. Lick, Mr. Kirchherr, Dean Clarke (Dean's Council Representative).

Acceptance of the Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Ludlow and supported by Trustee Adams that the agenda for the meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Franks asked if any Trustee had the right to place an item on the agenda. Attorney Smythe explained that while each Trustee has the right to place an item on the temporary agenda, such action cannot take place on the approved agenda without the consent of a majority of the Trustees at the Board meeting. Trustee Franks requested that Attorney Smythe obtain a ruling from the Attorney General regarding the right of an individual Trustee to place items on the agenda at the Board meeting. The Board of Trustees then approved the agenda for the meeting as distributed, with Trustee Franks abstaining.

Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Caine, supported by Trustee Dykema, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the September 19, 1980 Regular Meeting as distributed.

Correspondence. Chairman Parfet reported that item #3 on the agenda designated "Correspondence" replaces that formerly referred to as "Petitions and Communications." Dr. Ethridge indicated that two letters had been received from Brian Rosecrance, SASO II. As requested by Trustee Franks, Dr. Ethridge read the letter from Brian Rosecrance dated October 7, 1980.

President's Remarks. In his prepared remarks (on file in the Secretary's office), President Bernhard highlighted the following: Connor P. Ottenson's report on Western's economic impact on

Kalamazoo and southwestern Michigan of over \$100,000,000 a year, representing 15% of the local economy, and the possibility of a 50% spending cut in two or three years if Proposal D (the "Tisch Amendment") is approved; the election of four persons to three-year terms on the Western Michigan University Foundation Board of Directors, John W. Dwyer, president of American Seating Company, R. E. Riebel, president and chief executive officer of the Foremost Corporation of America, Gwen Frostic, owner of Prescraft Papers, Inc., and Harold H. Holland, president, chairman and chief executive officer of the American National Bank and Trust Company and the American National Holding Company; Sterling Breed's election as president of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association for 1980-81; the Faculty Scholar Award recipients, Dr. Robert E. Harmon, Dr. Edward T. Callan, and Dr. Oscar H. Horst, who were honored at the Fall Academic Convocation; the Alumni Association presentation of Teaching Excellence Awards to Dr. Lowell Crow, Dr. Jack Humbert, Dr. Louis Junker, Phyllis Rappeport and Archie Watson at the Academic Convocation; the Associated Student Government voter registration drive resulting in 1,457 new student voter registrants; Dr. Richard W. Pippen's one-year chairmanship of the Michigan Natural Areas Council; the naming of Dr. Robert I. Sundick as fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Western's Sky Broncos Precision Flight Team winning, for the second consecutive year, the Region III Nation Intercollegiate Flight Association Competition and the naming of Philip Barber, Portage junior student, as best pilot of the competition; the induction of Herbert "Buck" Read, Jack Streidl, Fred Stevens and Ron Pohlonski into the Western Michigan University Athletic Hall of Fame and the recognition of Western's all-time 75th anniversary football team; the granting \$1,200 in scholarship money from the Tag and Label Manufacturers Institute, for the printing management curriculum. Dr. Bernhard reported that a memorial service will be held on October 28 at 3 p.m. in Kanley Chapel by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages for Mathilde Steckelberg, professor emerita and department head, who died on September 6. He also reported the death of William M. Olds, a Kalamazoo senior, on October 12.

Don Van Hoeven requested a card to address the Board at 9:47 a.m. This request was denied per requirements specified in the Procedure for Addressing the Board approved on February 15, 1980. Dr. Van Hoeven made a similar request at approximately 10:00 a.m. during the September meeting and was denied on the same basis.

Academic Personnel Report. Prior to Vice President Ehrle's report, Chairman Parfet com-

mended Dr. Ehrle on the first Fall Academic Convocation held on October 16, which she felt was very well received. On a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Ludlow, the Board of Trustees approved the Academic Personnel report as presented by Vice President Ehrle.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Appointment - Temporary

Donald J. Heid, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, effective August 18, 1980, terminating April 25, 1981.

Theodora J. Richards, Instructor, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, effective September 4, 1980, terminating May 31, 1981.

##### Appointment - Adjunct Status

David W. McShane, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Health and Human Services, effective September 1, 1980, terminating August 31, 1981. (Theology)

Robert S. Merrill, Adjunct Clinical Instructor, College of Health and Human Services, effective August 1, 1980, terminating July 31, 1983. (M.D., Internal Medicine)

Phyllis C. Nicolaou, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Health and Human Services, effective January 1, 1981, terminating December 31, 1981. (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing).

William B. Thommes, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Management, effective January 1, 1981, terminating January 1, 1984. (Business Policy)

Leon VanderLaan, Adjunct Clinical Instructor, College of Health and Human Services, effective March 30, 1980, terminating June 30, 1982. (Physicians' Assistant)

Nan P. Young, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Medical Technology, effective September 19, 1980, terminating September 18, 1983. (Medical Technologist)

#### APPOINTMENTS - NON-FACULTY

##### Appointment - Temporary

Ann Hallawell, Project Associate, Evaluation Center, effective September 1, 1980, terminating May 31, 1981. (Grant)

#### RETIREMENT WITH EMERITUS STATUS

Helen Jennings, Associate Professor, Department of Education and Professional Development, effective January 2, 1981, with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Education and Professional Development.

#### CHANGE OF RETIREMENT DATE

Harold Bahlke, Professor Emeritus of Humanities, change retirement date from January 1, 1981 to January 2, 1981.

Gift and Grant Report. Following a motion by Trustee Dykema, supported by Trustee Ludlow, the Trustees accepted the gifts and grants for the University as contained in the Gift and Grant report for September 1980. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge these gifts and express appreciation to the donors on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution Regarding Investments with Banks Doing Business in South Africa. Discussion was held on the resolution which had been tabled at the March 21, 1980 Board meeting and referred to the Advisory Committee. Chairman Parfet reported that the recommendation of the committee is not to support the resolution. Jerry Hermans, of the American Friends Service Committee, and Don Cooney, of SASO II, spoke in favor of the resolution. Trustee Ludlow left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. for another appointment. The vote to accept the resolution was defeated on a roll call vote (0 aye, 5 nay, with Trustee Franks abstaining).

Proposal D (The "Tisch Amendment") Resolution. A slide presentation was given by Mr. Gagie and Dr. Hannah regarding the negative impact of Proposal D (if approved) on the state, and Western Michigan University in particular. Dr. Hannah also reported on the other proposals on the November ballot. President Bernhard emphasized the gravity of the situation should the Tisch Amendment be approved. Carol Meyer, Western Michigan University alumna, spoke regarding the Tisch Amendment as did Dr. Don Lick, representing the American Association of University Professors. Dr. Lick commended the administration for bringing the resolution to the Board and for its other efforts in opposition to Proposal D. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Caine. Trustee Dykema moved to amend the resolution and was supported by Trustee Kemp. The vote for amendment was 5 aye, 1 nay (Trustee Franks). The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution as amended on a vote of 5 aye, 1 nay (Trustee Franks).

RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSAL D (THE "TISCH AMENDMENT")

A RESOLUTION of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY authorizing necessary action if Proposal D (The "Tisch Amendment") is passed by the voters of this State on November 4, 1980.

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposal D (The "Tisch Amendment") on November 4, 1980, can be anticipated with reasonable certainty to result in a drastic reduction of state support for many social services and other public programs in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Western Michigan University is also presently dependent on state support for some 68 percent of its operating budget and any significant reduction of state support would, therefore, mandate curtailment or cessation of some or all of the University's operations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY THAT:

IF PROPOSAL D (THE "TISCH AMENDMENT") IS PASSED BY THE VOTERS OF THIS STATE ON NOVEMBER 4, 1980, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS AUTHORIZED TO CURTAIL AND/OR ELIMINATE PROGRAMS AND COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, REDUCE THE UNIVERSITY'S GENERAL OPERATIONS, AND TAKE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL STEPS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY.

University Distinguished Service Award. On a motion by Trustee Caine, supported by Trustee Adams, the Board of Trustees authorized the presentation of the University Distinguished Service Award at the December 1980 Commencement to:

Leo C. Stine - faculty member and administrator (1952-1979), Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science, author of Western Michigan University history: Western - A 20th Century University.

William John Upjohn - first president of the Western Michigan University Foundation, honorary co-chairman of the "Partners in Progress" campaign, Adjunct Professor of Management, and University benefactor.

Board Committee Reports. Chairman Parfet reported that Trustee Caine had just returned from an Association of Governing Boards conference in San Francisco and will be making a report on the conference at a future meeting.

Academic Affairs - No report.

Advisory - Chairman Parfet indicated that the committee's recommendations had been presented earlier in the meeting.

Budget and Finance - Trustee Kemp reported they had discussed sale of land, easement, revised gift policy, cash investments, and the current status of the level of appropriations from Lansing.

Capital Outlay - Trustee Franks reported they had reviewed goals, priorities for the coming year, and the Fine Arts Building construction.

Personnel, Planning and Legislation - Trustee Dykema reported they had a general discussion of administrative matters.

Student Services - Trustee Adams reported they were having an afternoon meeting.

Registrar Report - Dennis Boyle introduced Charles Carson and Mary Kay Leamy from his staff and gave a report on the area of records and registration. President Bernhard commended Mr. Boyle and his staff for their fine work, loyalty and dedication to the University.

Public Comments - Brian Rosecrance and Mark Kane spoke on behalf of SASO II.

Adjournment - Following a motion by Trustee Caine, supported by Trustee Dykema, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Maury E. Parfet  
Chairman

  
Robert W. Ethridge  
Secretary