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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 1981

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was held on March 20, 1981 in the Board of Trustees Room of the University Student Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maury E. Parfet at 9:35 a.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Asher, Mr. Beam, Mr. Brinn, Vice President Coyne, Dr. Denenfeld, Vice President Ehrle, Dr. Ethridge, Mr. Gagie, Vice President Hannah, Dr. Harkenrider, Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Matthews, Ms. Rank, Mr. Smythe, Vice President Wetnight, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stoddard, Ms. Rothstein and Dean Luscombe (Dean's Council Representative).

Acceptance of the Agenda. Following a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Ludlow, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Adams, the minutes of the February 20, 1981 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence. Dr. Ethridge indicated that a letter had been received from Juan V. Azuela, WMU student. Chairman Parfet said that she will be responding to Mr. Azuela's communication. Dr. Ethridge indicated that a thank you note had been received from President Emeritus James W. Miller and copies had been sent to the Trustees.

President's Remarks. In his prepared remarks (on file in the Secretary's Office), President Bernhard highlighted the following: a probable reduction in federal financial aid assistance; the upcoming visitation by a North Central Association accrediting team, the first comprehensive evaluation of the University by the NCA since 1971 and the coordination of the advance self-study by Dr. A. L. Sebaly; the publication of the second edition of Automotive Engines written by Herbert E. Ellinger; a new book, The Quasi-Dramatic St. John Passions, written by Dr. Audrey Ekdahl Davidson and issued by WMU's Medieval Institute Publications; Dr. Susan B. Hannah's selection as a participant in the National Forum on Women in Higher Education; the election of Dr. Ellen Page-Robin and Dr. Claude S. Phillips as president and vice-president of the Faculty Senate; the recognition of Professor Roger Bennett's excellent leadership of the Faculty Senate for the past two years; the preparation of a map showing the distribution and species of trees, prairies, and wetlands of Kalamazoo County from 1825 to 1830 prepared by Dr. Thomas W. Hodler, assisted by Dr. Henry A. Raup, Dr. Richard Brewer, and Lawrence G. Brewer, graduate student in biology; the implementation of TEL-U, a system of 110 informational telephone tapes, produced as a cooperative effort by Student Services, the Switchboard Information Center, the Division of Instructional Communications and participating departments; the fall offering of a 21-hour minor in Latvian language and literature, supported by a grant from

the American Latvian Association; the eighth annual "Professors of the Day" event sponsored by the College of Business; the Honors Convocations banquet sponsored by the Faculty Senate, recognizing forty-six seniors selected as Presidential Scholars; the naming of Robert M. Garlock, a December graduate from Lockport, New York, and Jeffrey P. Lemke, a senior student from North Tonawanda, New York, as two of the seven "most outstanding" students in the nation in foundry education programs; the awarding of second place and \$750 to a display booth constructed by automotive engineering students at the National Automotive Congress and Exposition; the free assistance with income tax returns provided to senior citizens by Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting fraternity; the March 26 public lecture to be given by Dr. Herbert A. Simon of Carnegie-Mellon University, recipient of the 1978 Nobel Prize in Economics; the appearance of another distinguished Foundation lecturer, Professor Kenneth Boulding of the University of Colorado; the fourth annual open house sponsored by the College of Applied Sciences on March 27 and 28; a one-day conference on "Competition for Water in Michigan," co-sponsored by the WMU's Agriculture Department, MSU Cooperative Extension Service's Institute of Water Research, the Michigan Lake and Stream Association, the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, the Southwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission and the U.S. Interior Department's Office of Water Research and Technology; the conclusion of an Awareness Week "Women in the Arts" program sponsored by the Association for Women Students; a leadership conference sponsored by the Consortium of Ebony Concerns featuring author Nikki Giovanni, Rosey Grier, actor, and Carl Officer, mayor of East St. Louis; Western's 37-33 lead over Miami University in the Reese Cup standings, the granting of a patent for a normalized coefficient lift indicator for light aircraft to Arthur Hoadley; the receipt of two additional gifts, a \$500,000 gift from an anonymous benefactor and a \$25,000 pledge from Hasting Fiber Glass Products, Inc., in memory of the firm's late president, Earl W. McMullin, a 1965 WMU graduate, for the "Partners in Progress" capital campaign; and a memorial service for the slain black children of Atlanta, sponsored by the Alpha Angel auxiliary of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, with participation by Richard Redden, director of minority student services. Dr. Bernhard also reported the death of Richard M. Rosga, general manager of the Western Herald, on February 27.

Trustee Franks inquired about the reorganization of the Affirmative Action area, especially the appointment of Mr. Chauncey Brinn as chief administrator of the program, to replace Dr. Robert Ethridge. In this connection, Trustee Franks also asked why Mrs. Jewell Street, as Affirmative Action Officer, was not a member of the Cabinet reporting directly to the President. President Bernhard responded that Mrs. Street specifically requested that she not become a member of the Cabinet, but she will continue to have direct access to the President on major issues affecting the Affirmative Action program. On day-to-day operations, Mrs. Street will report directly to Mr. Brinn, as she did with Dr. Ethridge.

Chairman Parfet reported on the "Professors of the Day" event and the Honors Convocation banquet. She also recognized the outstanding contributions of Roger Bennett who is stepping down after serving as President of the Faculty Senate.

Academic Personnel Report. On a motion by Trustee Johnson, supported by Trustee Kemp, the Board of Trustees approved the report as presented by Dr. Ehrle and endorsed by the Academic Affairs Committee.

APPOINTMENTS - NON-FACULTY

Appointment as Director

Philip Kramer, Director, School of Social Work, effective April 1, 1981.

Appointments - Continuing

Deanna Haney, Director, Grand Rapids Regional Center, Division of Continuing Education, effective April 1, 1981.

Linda Rexer, Director, Center for Continuing Legal Education, Division of Continuing Education, effective March 9, 1981.

RESIGNATION

Alan R. Curtis, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Education and Administrative Services, effective April 25, 1981.

Non-Academic Personnel Report. The Board of Trustees approved the report as presented by Vice President Wetnight on a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Ludlow.

APPOINTMENT

Anne Thompson, Wage and Salary Administration Manager, Personnel Department, effective March 16, 1981

RETIREMENT

Maxel Kirby, Director, Purchasing, effective March 15, 1981.

Gift and Grant Report. Following a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Franks, the Board accepted the gifts and grants for the University as contained in the Gift and Grant Report for February 1981. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge these gifts and express appreciation to the donors on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Authorization to Confer Degrees. As presented by Dr. Ethridge, moved by Trustee Adams and supported by Trustee Johnson, the President of the University was authorized to confer degrees at the April 25, 1981 Commencement, as recommended by the Faculty.

Resolution re Student Housing Rates for 1981/82. Vice President Wetnight reported that both the student housing rate increases and the tuition and fees increases were brought to the Board this month to meet the April 10 deadline for the Student Financial Assistance Service of the Michigan Department of Education to determine the amount of state scholarship awards. The student housing rates as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and presented by Vice President Wetnight, moved by Trustee Kemp and supported by Trustee Ludlow, were approved on a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is clear that Student Housing Rates will need to be increased for 1981/82, and

WHEREAS, it permits planning time for the student body to know the Student Housing Rates as soon as is possible, and

WHEREAS, the Student Financial Assistance Service of the Michigan Department of Education makes student aid awards based upon officially enacted student charges in effect as of April 10, and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the students of Western Michigan University who would be eligible to receive financial aid awards granted by the Student Financial Assistance Service of the Michigan Department of Education to have the minimum rates for 1981/82 established by April 10, 1981, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may, at subsequent meetings, establish Student Housing Rates at rates greater than the minimums,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopt as minimum Student Housing Rates the following schedule effective Fall 1981:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Room Only (East Campus)			
Fall	Semester	\$350	\$ 403
Winter	Semester	360	403
Spring	Session	175	200
Summer	Session	172	196
Room and Board			
Fall	Semester	893	994
Winter	Semester	935	1,017
Spring	Session	445	489
Single Room Premium	Day	1.75	2.00
Elmwood & Goldsworth Valley			
1 Bedroom-Furnished	Month	148	166
2 Bedroom-Furnished	Month	164	184
1 Bedroom-Unfurnished	Month	141	158
2 Bedroom-Unfurnished	Month	154	173
Stadium Drive I			
1 Bedroom-Furnished	Month	158	177
2 Bedroom-Furnished	Month	171	192
Stadium Drive II			
2 Bedroom-Unfurnished	Month	171	192

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees may review the above minimum rates and, no later than April 24, 1981, may adopt a rate schedule with higher rates.

Resolution re Tuition and Fees for 1981/82

Minimum tuition and fees as presented by Vice President Wetnight, recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee, moved by Trustee Kemp and supported by Trustee Ludlow, were approved on a 6-1 roll vote with Trustee Franks voting no.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is clear that Tuition and Fees will need to be increased for 1981/82, and

WHEREAS, it permits planning time for the student body to know the Tuition and Fees as soon as is possible, and

WHEREAS, the Student Financial Assistance Service of Michigan Department of Education makes student aid awards based upon officially enacted student charges in effect as of April 10, and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the students of Western Michigan University who would be eligible to receive financial aid awards granted by the Student Financial Assistance Service of the Michigan Department of Education to have the minimum rates for 1981/82 established by April 10, 1981, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may, at subsequent meetings, establish Tuition and Fees rates at rates greater than the minimums,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopt as minimum Tuition and Fee rates the following schedule effective Fall 1981:

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	<u>Tuition</u>			
	Resident Undergrad.-Lower Div.	Credit Hour	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.00
	Resident Undergrad.-Upper Div.	Credit Hour	31.00	36.25
	Resident Graduate	Credit Hour	41.75	46.00
	Non-Resident Undergrad.-Low. Div.	Credit Hour	75.00	85.00
	Non-Resident Undergrad.-Up. Div.	Credit Hour	77.50	90.50
	Non-Resident Graduate	Credit Hour	100.00	114.75
2.	<u>Facility Fee</u>			
	All Students	Credit Hour	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will review the above minimum rates and may, no later than June 19, 1981, adopt a fee schedule with higher rates.

## Board Committee Reports

Academic Affairs - Trustee Johnson reported they had reviewed the academic personnel report. Dr. Asher and Vice President Ehrle briefly discussed retention rates at the University and what is being planned to improve these rates. Dr. Bernhard indicated that a more detailed report on this subject will be presented to the Board in the near future. The President also requested that Trustees express their questions and concerns to Dr. Ehrle prior to the report. It was reported that Trustee Johnson's report of the MAGB meeting at Ferris State on March 5 had been distributed to the Trustees.

Advisory - No report

Budget and Finance - Trustee Kemp indicated that the Budget and Finance committee recommendations had been given throughout the meeting.

Capital Outlay - No report.

Personnel, Planning and Legislation - No report.

Student Services - Trustee Adams reported their committee would be meeting in the afternoon.

Communication Arts and Sciences Report. Dr. Richard J. Dieker introduced Ernest Stech and Ruth Heinig from his department, Nancy Struch, graduate assistant, and Nancy Creed, presidential scholar, and gave a report on the Communication Arts and Sciences Department. President Bernhard thanked Dr. Dieker and his colleagues for their very fine program which has received national and international recognition.

The meeting was then moved to the West Ballroom of the University Student Center to accommodate the large number of persons in attendance for the public portion of the meeting.

Public Comments. There were nine requests to address the Board. Caren Rothstein, new president of ASG, spoke regarding the final exam schedule and a request for three reading days prior to the start of the exams.

James Walker spoke in opposition to the proposed UHF television station and possible financial obligation on the part of the University. Dr. Bernhard indicated that the proposal is a four-college consortium agreement and no public funds will be used. If ample funds are not available, the station will not go on line.

Rhonda Sherman, Mhidi D. Jebbar, Bruce Jacob and Barb Potter spoke in support of SASO II. Dr. Donald VanHoeven then read a proposed resolution in opposition to apartheid and asked that action be taken on the resolution. Trustee Franks moved that the resolution be accepted as read (with a minor amendment), seconded by Trustee Edwards. On a roll call vote, as requested by Trustee Franks, the following resolution was approved: 5 aye, 1 nay (Trustee Parfet) and 1 abstention (Trustee Johnson). Following the vote, Charles Farrugia and Alexander Worth also spoke in support of SASO II.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS the Western Michigan University Human Rights Policy states:

It is a fundamental policy of Western Michigan University not to discriminate on the basis of sex, color, race, age, religion, national origin, or handicap in its educational programs, admissions, employment, promotions, salaries and social activities. Through its example and teaching, Western strives to foster in its students, faculty and staff respect for basic human rights. In its external relationships, the University is supportive of those activities that seek constructive change in the development of human rights in this country and abroad.

WHEREAS the President of Western Michigan University has stated that "Without any question, apartheid in South Africa is a pernicious evil. It represents an institutionalized racism which is the very antithesis of human rights"; and

WHEREAS hundreds of persons concerned to seek an end to the racial violence in that country have through petition and personal appearance urged the Board of Trustees to enact a policy which would end the investment of university monies in banks and corporations which do business with South Africa; and

WHEREAS community and campus organizations including the WMU Faculty Senate, Associated Student Government, NAACP, Edison Neighborhood Organization, Northside Ministers Alliance, the Institute For Global Education, AFSCME Local, and The Oakwood Neighborhood Organization, have expressed their grave concerns regarding the abuse of human rights and the resultant, massive human suffering, and have similarly sought to impose sanctions on the use of university monies which may now be used to support this violence; and

WHEREAS the oppressed people of South Africa have sought to bring about a non-violent end to that country's racism and a meaningful enactment of political, economic, and social justice; and

WHEREAS the 21st of March 1960 is remembered by the people of South Africa as a day when their nonviolent protests at Sharpeville were met with violence, deaths, and further repressions through constitutionally racist laws and structures; and

WHEREAS the present South African government's "racial reforms are virtually non-existent", (Business Week, Oct. 20, 1980); therefore be it

RESOLVED that this Board of Trustees present this resolution to the appropriate branches of the South African government urging them to dismantle the apartheid system and grant to all the people of South Africa their full political, social, and economic rights as citizens of the Republic of South Africa, and be it further

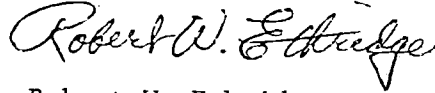
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and the President of Western Michigan University inform the Michigan Congressional delegation and the President of the United States of this resolution for the purpose of enhancing a national public



policy toward the government of South Africa formulated by the Congress and the Department of State which will coordinate and make effective American objection and resistance to South African racial discrimination and abuse of human rights.

Adjournment. On a motion by Trustee Kemp, supported by Trustee Ludlow, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert W. Ethridge  
Secretary