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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 1983

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was held on February 25, 1983 in the Board of Trustees Room of the University Student Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 9:30 a.m.

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

Also present: Mr. Beam, Mr. Brinn, Vice President Coyne, Dr. Denenfeld, Vice President Ehrle, Mr. Gagie, Mrs. Gordon, Vice President Hannah, Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Matthews, Dr. Moskovis, Ms. Rank, Mr. Smythe, Vice President Wetnight, Mr. Stoddard (Faculty Senate), and Dr. Shull (AAUP).

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

Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Ludlow, the minutes of the January 21, 1983 annual meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence. Mr. Brinn indicated that communications have been received from Barbara S. Havira, President, WMU Commission on the Status of Women, and Christopher Gill, Coordinator, Peacemakers.

President's Remarks. In his prepared remarks (on file in the Board Secretary's Office), President Bernhard reported the following: the very successful visit of computer expert Dr. John G. Kemeny; the cooperative agreement between Western and the Chungnam National University in Taejon, Korea; the selection of Dr. Robert S. Ellinger as one of the representatives at the International Leisure Information Network Conference in the Netherlands; Dr. Jaimy Gordon receiving a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship grant; the naming of Dr. Lawrence Ziring as a Research Affiliate in the Foreign Area Studies Program of the American University, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Sue S. Coates serving as co-chair of the first joint meeting of the Association of Administrators of Home Economics; the naming of Dr. Malcolm H. Robertson to a panel of sixteen experts deliberating on the future of psychotherapy which will be published in the Journal of Professional Psychology; the re-election of Duncan Clarkson to a two-year term on the executive committee of the Michigan ACT Council; the election of Frank Jamison to the board of directors and vice presidency of the newly formed Michigan Chapter of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers; Lew Lang being named as the 1983 Alumni "W" Club "Man of the Year;" The Monastic Rule of Iosif Volotsky, a new volume published by Western's Institute of Cistercian Studies; the "Southwest Michigan Conservation Tillage Conference" held at Western with over 225 persons in attendance; our new energy management computer system which has resulted in

first-year savings of \$60,000; the "Care and Share" drive for money and food-stuffs to be conducted on campus next month for the needy of Kalamazoo County; special campus observations of Black History Month, Handicappers Awareness Week and National Engineers' Week; Western, joining with all other colleges and universities in the state, to urge the Governor and Legislators to approve a tax increase program to help bring Michigan out of its deep deficit; and the Solomon Amendment (a law stating that any student who is required to be registered with Selective Service and fails to register is ineligible for student financial assistance, provided through programs established under Title IV of the Higher Education Act) which President Bernhard believes is unwise law that places a police responsibility on the University but which must be complied with since it is the law. President Bernhard also expressed the University's sympathy at the death of Eleanor E. Walton, associate professor emerita of communication arts and sciences.

Trustee Franks asked if it would be appropriate for the University to go on record as being opposed to the Solomon Amendment. Dr. Bernhard responded that it would not be inappropriate, but at this point we are obligated to comply with it since it is the law and we cannot jeopardize the awarding of financial aid to our students.

Appointment of Board Committees. Chairman Edwards announced the following Board committee appointments.

Academic Affairs

Trustee Caine, Chairman
Trustee Franks
Trustee Ludlow

Advisory

Trustee Edwards, Chairman
Trustee Ludlow
Trustee Parfet
President Bernhard

Budget and Finance

Trustee Parfet, Chairman
Trustee Adams
Trustee Werme

Personnel, Planning and Legislation

Trustee Ludlow, Chairman
Trustee Franks
Trustee Parfet

Student Services

Trustee Adams, Chairman
Trustee Werme
Vacancy

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

APPOINTMENT - FACULTY

Appointment - Tenure Track

Mary E. Ross, Instructor, University Libraries, effective February 12, 1983.

Reappointment - Adjunct Status

Robert E. Pyke, Adjunct Clinical Professor, Physicians' Assistants Program, effective February 1, 1983, terminating June 30, 1985. (M.D., Internal Medicine)

Transfer

Richard E. Munsterman, from the Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education, to the Department of Industrial Engineering, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, effective August 15, 1983.

APPOINTMENTS - NON-FACULTY

Appointment as Clinical Coordinator

Christine F. Legler, Clinical Coordinator, Physicians' Assistants Program, effective January 5, 1983.

RETIREMENT WITH EMERITUS STATUS

Herbert E. Ellinger, Associate Professor, Department of Transportation Technology, effective April 30, 1983, with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Transportation Technology.

Don C. Iffland, Professor, Department of Chemistry, effective January 1, 1984, with the title Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Atilla Dicle, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, from August 31, 1983 to April 21, 1984, to pursue professional objectives in Turkey.

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

RETIREMENTS

Steve T. Czuhajewski, Maintenance Mechanic, Mechanical Shop, effective February 18, 1983.

Kenneth E. Glittenberg, Electrician II, Electrical Shop, effective March 4, 1983.

Earl R. Hemstreet, Supervisor, Custodial Services, effective February 28, 1983.

Gift and Grant Report. Following a motion by Trustee Ludlow, supported by Trustee Parfet, the Board of Trustees accepted the gifts and grants for the University as contained in the Gift and Grant Report for January 1983. The Secretary was asked to acknowledge these gifts and express appreciation to the donors on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Presidential Salary. A supporting statement and motion were made by Trustee Ludlow, endorsed by the Personnel, Planning and Legislation Committee, and supported by Trustee Werme, that President Bernhard's salary be increased from \$66,000 to \$72,000, effective January 1, 1983. A supporting statement was also made by Trustee Parfet. The increase was approved on a 5-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Franks abstaining. Trustee Franks said he felt not only the President's but all administrative salaries should be frozen and that his comments were not a reflection on the President's performance but were based on economic conditions in the state.

Name Changes. As presented by Vice President Ehrle, on a motion by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Werme, the following name changes were approved, effective immediately.

School of Librarianship to the School of Library and Information Science.

Department of Business Education and Administrative Services to the Department of Business Information Systems.

Public Comments. (This item was switched from its usual last place on the agenda for the convenience of those who wished to address the Board. The executive session was moved to the last item on the agenda.)

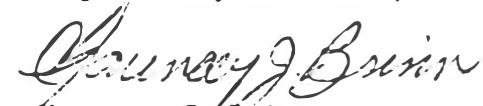
There were five requests from students to address the Board of Trustees. Christopher Gill read a letter from the Peacemakers in opposition to the Solomon Amendment (which President Bernhard had discussed in his remarks). Michael Villaire, spoke on behalf of the Western Herald, stating he had hoped to speak regarding the Open Meetings Act after the Board's executive session; therefore, he had no statement at this time. Burton Cardwell and Dan Perry, residents from Stinson Hall and Hoekje Hall respectively, spoke on the possible changes (Valley III closing and Heokje Hall changing from single room occupancy to double room occupancy with a no-food contract) in their residence halls and requested that the halls stay as they are now. President Bernhard asked that

both students send their comments, in writing, to him for further consideration. It was pointed out that no decisions have been made regarding the residence halls at this time. Kris LaGuire, Academic Vice President of the Western Student Association, told of a student lobbying visit to Lansing and read a WSA resolution to the Board supporting the Western Herald's position regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Adams asked if any plans have been made for the use of the residence halls that have been closed or may be closed. Vice President Wetnight responded that discussion is taking place, including the possibility of senior citizens' occupancy. Trustee Franks questioned whether it was possible to again require freshmen to live in residence halls. Vice President Wetnight said that the majority of freshmen do live in residence halls and that it is difficult to tell students where to live once you have given them the right to choose.

Executive Session. After a motion by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Ludlow, on a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees went into executive session to discuss litigation at 10:40 a.m. and returned to general session for adjournment at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Chauncey J. Brinn
Secretary

Board of Trustees

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