

**Western Michigan University  
Board of Trustees  
Annual Meeting  
January 19, 2001**

The annual meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Franklin at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2001, in the Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center.

Board members present: Trustee Franklin, Trustee Klohs, Trustee Krause, Trustee St. John, Trustee Waddles, and President Floyd (ex officio). Absent: Trustee Chormann and Trustee Haworth.

Acceptance of the Agenda. On a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Waddles, the agenda was amended to include an additional item re General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, and to move the executive session from the last item on the agenda to the beginning of the meeting.

Executive Session. Following a 5-0 roll call vote after a motion by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Klohs, the Board of Trustees went into executive session as provided for under Michigan law, returning to general session at 2:30 p.m.

Remarks by the Chair. Chair Franklin spoke of the past year and indicated how gratifying it has been to see the results of much hard work by the entire University community. He highlighted the gift of the 747 from Northwest Airlines and the commitment by Delta Airlines for pilot training; attainment of the highest Carnegie classification; and participation in commencements with over 5,000 students graduating during the past year.

Remarks by the President. President Floyd expressed his sincere thanks to Chair Franklin on behalf of the University for his leadership during the past year and stated that he is also looking forward to working with incoming Chair St. John. President Floyd noted that the upcoming academic convocation will be held, for the first time, in conjunction with a Faculty Senate Meeting. He reported that a play, written and directed by Professor Von Washington, will be presented on the life and times of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks in the Gilmore Theatre Complex as part of the University's Black History Month Celebration. He stated he will be visiting alumni groups in Arizona and Florida during February and March. He reported that the North Central Association accreditation team will have its site visit on campus in February and thanked Provost Dobney and Dr. Linda Delene, head of the reaccreditation team, for their efforts on this most important project. President Floyd noted that the 2001/2002 state higher education appropriation process is about to begin, with the first hearing tentatively set for late February in Lansing.

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Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2000 Regular Meeting. The minutes of the December 8 meeting were approved as distributed following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles.

Election of officers. (Under Board bylaws, officers are elected for one-year terms at the annual meeting.) Trustee St. John was elected chair for 2001 as nominated by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles, with Trustee Chormann elected vice chair as nominated by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Krause. On a motion by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Klohs, the remaining officers were re-elected for one year terms – Betty Kocher, secretary; Robert Beam, treasurer and assistant secretary; and Lowell Rinker, assistant treasurer. President Floyd presented mementos of appreciation to Trustee Franklin and Trustee St. John and thanked them for their service as chair and vice chair respectively.

Authorization to Confer Degrees. Following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles, the Board of Trustees authorized the President to confer degrees at the April 21 commencement ceremonies as recommended by the Faculty.

Recommendation re Honorary Degree. The Board of Trustees, after a motion by Trustee Waddles, supported by Trustee Klohs, approved the awarding of an honorary doctor of public service degree to Commissioner Don Gilmer of the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery at April 21 commencement ceremonies. Prior to his appointment as commissioner, Mr. Gilmer served eleven terms in the Michigan House of Representatives.

#### Academic and Student Affairs Committee Recommendations.

Grant Report. The grant report for November and December 2000 was approved as moved by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Waddles.

Personal Report. The report was approved as presented following a motion by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Klohs.

#### **Administrative Appointment**

Thomas Gossman, Ombudsman, University Ombudsman Office, effective May 1, 2001.

#### **Appointments - Term**

William Argo, Instructor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, effective December 11, 2000 through August 6, 2002.

**Appointments – Term (Cont.)**

Morna McDermott, Instructor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, effective December 11, 2000 through August 6, 2002.

Ronald Prange, Instructor, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, effective December 11, 2000 through April 15, 2002.

Jean Treacy, Instructor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, effective December 11, 2000 through August 6, 2002.

**Reappointments - Adjunct**

Paul Daniels, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Jack Gray, Adjunct Professor, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Michael Mueller, Adjunct Professor, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Jay Shoemaker, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Hayden Smith, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Jeroen Wagendorp, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Geography, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

**Appointments - Adjunct**

Louis Adler, Adjunct Professor, Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Angela Janik, Adjunct Assistant Professor, WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Thomas O'Brien, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

Matthew Wolff, Adjunct Professor, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, effective February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2004.

**Appointments - Academic Career Specialist**

Harold Hladky, Assistant Academic Career Specialist, Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering, effective January 1, 2001 through June 29, 2001.

Kathleen Young, Assistant Academic Career Specialist, WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective December 11, 2000.

**Sabbatical Leave**

Rozanne Elder, Department of History

**NON-ACADEMIC****Appointment**

John Coons, Interim Director, University Counseling and Testing Center, effective August 28, 2000.

**Retirement**

Mary Vandenberg, Medical Office Assistant, Sindecuse Health Center, effective December 31, 2000.

Transfer of Major. As moved by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Waddles, the Board of Trustees approved the transfer of the journalism major from the English Department to the Communications Department, including the transfer three full-time faculty members and current resources, effective July 1, 2001.

Department Separation. The Board, following a motion by Trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Waddles, approved the separation of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective July 1, 2001. As indicated, two separate units are typical at universities similar to WMU and allow each department to develop a distinct identity. Budget resources are to be divided proportionately between the two new departments.

Department Transfer. After a motion by trustee Krause, supported by Trustee Waddles, the Board of Trustees approved the transfer of the Department of Computer Science from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, effective July 1, 2001. As determined by the faculty of the department and the deans of the two colleges, the department more appropriately falls into the purview of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

### Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations.

Gift Report. The gift report for November 2000 was approved by the Board of Trustees after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Franklin.

Personnel Report. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel report following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Franklin.

### Retirements

Carol Converse, First Cook, Davis Dining Services, effective February 1, 2001.

Melrose Hensley, Custodian, Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, effective January 1, 2001.

Katherine McLain, Second Cook, Bernhard Center Dining Services, effective March 1, 2001.

Ratification of WMU/Michigan State Employees Association. On a 5-0 roll call vote, after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Franklin, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to implement the 2000-2004 agreement with the MSEA (representing the University's Power Plant employees). The agreement was ratified by MSEA membership on December 11.

Appointment of External Auditor. The Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Krause, approved the appointment of Plante & Moran as external auditor for the financial audit of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. As indicated, it is the intention that the engagement will be a minimum of five years subject to annual review by both the University and the public accounting firm.

Resolution re Refunding 1991B Series General Revenue Bonds. On a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Franklin, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to refund a set of 1991B General Revenue Bonds. As indicated, the recent bond market has made refinancing the note and bonds an attractive option. (Resolution on file in Board office)

Resolution re General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000. The Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles, approved a resolution (on file in the Board office) authorizing capital projects to be funded by the debt proceeds received from the General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000. (Attachment A)

Easement Agreement – Arboretum Apartments. On a 5-0 roll call vote, following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to enter into the appropriate easement agreement (on file in Board office) and execute all necessary documents to grant such an easement. As indicated, the easement will allow Consumers Energy access across University property for underground electric and gas facilities for the next phase of University Arboretum apartments on Emajeon Street in Kalamazoo.


Easement Agreement – Grand Rapids Regional Center Roadway. The Board of Trustees, on a 5-0 roll call vote after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Waddles, authorized the administration to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Easement Agreement and execute all necessary documents to grant such as easement. The amendment describes the realignment of the road intersection at University Drive and Claystone. (on file in Board office)

Provost Remarks. An update on the academic affairs area was provided by Provost Dobney.

Public Comments. Chad True reported on the work of the Western Student Association.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Betty A. Kocher  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees

## EXHIBIT A

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

	<u>Currently Estimated Cost*</u>
1. Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new student housing project located at the Arboretum site	\$32,000,000
2. Acquisition, renovation and furnishing of a new site for a Grand Rapids downtown campus located at Cherry Street landing	10,637,000
3. Construction, furnishing and site development and related professional fees for facilities located at Lake Michigan College in a collaborative effort	1,800,000
4. Site development and professional fees for facilities relating to an athletic indoor practice project	3,000,000
5. Site development and professional fees for facilities relating to a new College of Health and Human Services	3,000,000
6. Land acquisition and site improvements needed to develop athletic soccer fields	3,000,000

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\*Excludes capitalized interest and bond issuance expense.