

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2001

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Klohs, in the absence of Chair St. John and Vice Chair Chormann, at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2001, in the Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center.

Board members present: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Aseritis, Trustee DeNooyer, Trustee Haworth, Trustee Klohs, President Floyd (ex officio). Absent: Trustee Chormann, Trustee Pero and Trustee St. John.

Remarks by Chair. Trustee Klohs congratulated the entire University community on its role in the highly successful Greater Kalamazoo United Way drive. She spoke of a new book, Kalamazoo Lost and Found by Kalamazoo historians, Lynn Houghton and Pam O'Connor, edited by Maria Perez-Stable of WMU's Waldo Library and noted the creation of a new graduate fellowship made possible by the generosity of the Fredrick S. Upton Foundation. Trustee Klohs reported the appointment of Trustee Emerita Joan Krause by Governor Engler to the statewide committee responsible for selecting the design of the Michigan quarter to be released in 2004. She spoke of the December commencement ceremonies, a Universitywide holiday reception being hosted that afternoon by the Board of Trustees and President Floyd, with a Kalamazoo community holiday reception to be held the following week. She wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

Trustee Resignation. Trustee Haworth then announced his decision to resign from the Board of Trustees effective this month, having served since January 1991, citing increased business demands. He stated that it has been a great pleasure to serve his alma mater during a time of significant growth and progress, to be a part of the process that saw the University successfully move from one strong leadership team to another, and leaves knowing that the University is in good hands. The Board members expressed appreciation to Trustee Haworth for his service to the University. President Floyd also noted Trustee Haworth's eleven years of outstanding service, with special thanks for his confidence in him, as he chaired the presidential search committee when President Floyd was selected.

Remarks by the President. President Floyd reported that a new mission statement is being brought to the Board for its action later in the meeting. The original statement was adopted by the Board in 1970 and amended several times. The new version was developed by a campuswide committee, including student, faculty, staff, administration and trustee representation under the leadership of Vice Provost Linda Delene. He noted that a key component of the University's mission is graduate

education, and today's agenda includes a request for approval of three new doctoral programs, bringing the University's total doctoral offerings to 28. He also spoke of a joint program entered into recently with Cooley Law School in Lansing, combining a WMU Ph.D. in public administration and a Cooley law degree. He reported on an additional extension of services with the recently opened Graduate Center in downtown Grand Rapids with special thanks for the leadership of Trustee Emerita Krause and Trustee Klohs in helping to make the Center a reality. He also spoke of another agenda item, the changing of the name of the Division of Continuing Education to Extended University Programs to more accurately reflect the mission of this academic area. President Floyd reported a strong start in the basketball season as evidenced by a victory over the University of Michigan in the first sell-out crowd in the history of the University Arena. He said that 38 University employees have become new members of the 25-year club, stating this is a wonderful statement of our employees' strong sense of commitment and loyalty, as indicated by his executive secretary Barbara Johnston retiring after thirty years of service of the University. President Floyd then wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Acceptance of the Agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented, following a motion Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee Haworth.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2001 Regular Meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed on a motion by Trustee DeNooyer, supported by Trustee Anthony.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Recommendations

Grant Report. Following a motion by Trustee DeNooyer, supported by Trustee Haworth, the grant report for October 2001 was approved.

Personnel Report. The personnel report was approved by the Board after a motion by Trustee Anthony, supported by Trustee DeNooyer.

Administrative Appointment

John H. Coons, Director, University Counseling and Testing Center, effective October 22, 2001.

Appointments - With Tenure

John H. Coons, Associate Professor, University Counseling and Testing Center, effective October 22, 2001.

Richard Katrovas, Professor, Department of English, effective August 5, 2002.

Appointment - Tenure Track

Juanita DeBarros, Assistant Professor, Department of History, effective August 5, 2002.

Joyce Thompson, Professor (Bernadine M. Lacey Endowed Chair), WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective August 5, 2002.

Appointments – Continuing Academic Career Specialist

Barbara Grinwis, Assistant Academic Career Specialist, Department of Physician Assistant, effective July 1, 2001.

Laurie Hays, Instructor Academic Career Specialist, Department of Accountancy, effective August 6, 2001.

Reappointment - Adjunct

David Joslyn, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Social Work, effective August 6, 2001 through October 31, 2002.

Appointments - Adjunct

Ollie Barnes III, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Community Health Services, effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

Patricia Daniels, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre, effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

Margaret Pearce, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

Resignations

Estella Atekwana, Associate Professor, Department of Geosciences, effective December 8, 2001.

Retirements with Emeriti Status

Seamus Cooney, Professor, Department of English, Professor Emeritus, effective April 14, 2002.

Jay Easwaran, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, Associate Professor Emeritus, effective October 26, 2001.

Retirements with Emeriti Status – Continued

Earl Halvas, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Information Systems, Assistant Professor Emeritus, effective June 30, 2002.

Diann J. Miller, Assistant Professor, University Counseling and Testing Center, Assistant Professor Emerita, effective April 30, 2002.

Promotion

Mary Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, effective August 6, 2001.

Sabbatical Leaves

Jane Baas, Department of Dance
Robert Bensley, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Karen Blaisure, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
Peter Blickle, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
James Butterfield, Department of Political Sciences
James Croteau, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
Karim Essani, Department of Biological Sciences
Nancy Eimers, Department of English
Paul Farber, Department of Educational Studies
Thomas Ford, Department of Sociology
Sandra Glista, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Theresa Grant, Department of Mathematics
David Guth, Department of Blind Rehabilitation
Wei-Chiao Huang, Department of Economics
Gunilla Holm, Department of Educational Studies
Catherine Julien, Department of History
Joseph Kayany, Department of Communication
Sheldon Langsam, Department of Accountancy
Charles LoVerme, Department of Art
David Lyth, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Niloufer Mackey, Department of Mathematics
Inayat Mangla, Department of Finance and Commercial Law
Arthur McGurn, Department of Physics
Nickola Nelson, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Dasha Nisula, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
William Olsen, Department of English
K.C. O'Shaughnessy, Department of Management
Betty Parker, Department of Marketing
Dewei Qi, Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering
Curtis Rhodes, Department of Art
Jianping Shen, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership

Sabbatical Leaves – Continued

Susan Stapleton, Department of Chemistry

Robert Vann, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Victor Xiong, Department of History

Zoann Snyder, Department of Sociology

NON-ACADEMIC

Retirements

Sue L. Barnette, Office Coordinator, School of Social Work, effective December 31, 2001.

Bonnie Guminski, Office Assistant, Department of Economics, effective December 31, 2001.

Master of Fine Arts in Performing Arts Administration. As moved by Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee DeNooyer, the Board of Trustees approved a master of fine arts degree in performing arts administration, effective fall semester 2002. The program, offered with significant encouragement and financial support from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, will provide graduates of the program with the appropriate academic and credential skills needed for administrative positions in the arts and is the first of its kind in the Midwest.

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Following a motion by Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee DeNooyer, a Doctor of Audiology degree was approved by the Board of Trustees. The program, effective fall semester 2003, will be offered through the College of Health and Human Services. It is designed to prepare audiology practitioners to meet the accreditation criteria of the Council on Professional Standards of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and meets the new clinical certification standards that include a doctorate as the entry-level degree for the practice of audiology.

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering. The Board of Trustees approved a new Doctor of Philosophy degree in electrical and computer engineering following a motion by Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee Anthony. The degree program, effective fall semester 2002, will bring the number of doctoral programs in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to five. The program is designed to meet the technology needs of Michigan and beyond and will take advantage of the faculty's expertise and research ability.

Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Studies. A new degree program was approved following a motion by Trustee Anthony, supported by Trustee Aseritis. The Doctor of Philosophy degree in interdisciplinary health studies, effective fall semester 2002, is designed to meet the career advancement needs of working health

and human service professionals. It will be offered through the College of Health and Human Services and includes a unique student-centered curriculum that focuses on an interdisciplinary core curriculum and strong research preparation that will provide the knowledge and understanding necessary to function effectively in all settings. In order to meet the needs of working professionals, courses will be offered through intensive weekend and summer on-campus sessions as well as through distance learning.

Name Change – Division of Continuing Education to Extended University Programs.

Following a motion by Trustee DeNooyer, supported by Trustee Haworth, the Board of Trustees approved the change of name from the Division of Continuing Education to Extended University Programs, effective immediately. As indicated, the new name more accurately reflects the University's presence in communities around the state and its mission in terms of delivering programs at a time, place and format convenient to the needs of the adult, part-time learner. Extended University Programs also includes an active conference and seminar unit as well as a separate office for Kalamazoo and statewide programs, specializing in working with communities that may not have a WMU campus but still want to take advantage of University programs.

Mission Statement. The Board of Trustees, after a motion by Trustee Haworth, supported by Trustee DeNooyer approved the revised mission statement, replacing the original statement adopted by the Board in 1970 and last amended in 1990. The statement (attachment) was reviewed by Vice Provost Delene, detailing the 10-month project of the 30-member campuswide committee.

Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations

Gift Report. The gift report for October 2001 was approved by the Board of Trustees following a motion by Trustee Haworth, supported by Trustee Anthony.

Personnel Report. After a motion by Trustee Haworth, supported by Trustee Aserities, the personnel report was approved.

Retirement

Patricia J. Berner, Office Assistant, Public Safety, effective January 31, 2002

Public Hearing: Grant of Powers and Authority to Public Safety Officers and Establishment of a Public Safety Department Oversight Committee. Following a motion by Trustee Haworth, supported by Trustee Anthony, the Board of Trustees approved the scheduling of a second public hearing at its next meeting. As indicated, this is the next step toward permitting the University to swear in its own public safety officers. A 1990 state law allows four-year public universities to grant law enforcement power to their own officers. WMU public safety officers are currently sworn in by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department, giving them the same power and authority as other Kalamazoo County deputy sheriffs. By the University granting its own power and

authority, WMU public safety officers could act independently, if needed, on any University property throughout the state. The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) is urging all Michigan universities to empower their officers. In keeping with the Public Safety Officers Act, two public hearings are required, with the first hearing officially noted at 10:50 a.m. today during the Budget & Finance Committee meeting. There were no comments from the public in attendance.

Western Michigan University-Lake Michigan College Ground Lease. On a 5-0 roll call vote, the Board of Trustees, following a motion by Trustee Haworth, supported by Trustee Anthony, authorized the treasurer/assistant treasurer to execute the necessary documents to effect a 75-year ground lease with Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. This lease, with conditions deemed appropriate by the administration, provides for the placement of WMU's new Southwest Michigan campus building on the LMC campus.

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

Executive Session. On a motion by Trustee DeNooyer, supported by Trustee Aseritis, the Board of Trustees went into executive session as provided for under Michigan law at 12:55 p.m. On returning to general session at 1:45 p.m., the agenda was amended to include an additional item, Acceptance of Property, as moved by Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee Haworth.

Acceptance of Property. On a 5-0 roll call vote, the Board of Trustees, as moved by Trustee Aseritis, supported by Trustee Anthony, authorized the treasurer/assistant treasurer to execute the necessary documents to effect the acceptance of the properties (four buildings including and surrounding the old Cole-Gilmore dealership in downtown Kalamazoo) and associated mortgage under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the administration. As indicated, this action is a result of an agreement between the University, Gesmundo-Cole-Gilmore, LLC (GCG, LLC), and Downtown Tomorrow, Inc. (DTI) to provide a University presence in the downtown area. It was indicated that presently there are no plans for the future use of this area.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty A. Kocher
Secretary
Board of Trustees

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Kalamazoo, Michigan

MISSION: Western Michigan University is a student-centered research university, building intellectual inquiry, investigation, and discovery into all undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University provides leadership in teaching, research, learning, and public service. Nationally recognized and internationally engaged, the University:

- Forges a responsive and ethical academic community
- Develops foundations for achievement in pluralistic societies
- Incorporates participation from diverse individuals in decision-making
- Contributes to technological and economic development
- Engenders an awareness and appreciation of the arts

GOALS: Western Michigan University's mission is characterized by its pursuit of the following institutional goals:

- To foster a safe, civil, and healthy University community
- To provide access to academic programs at reasonable cost and in multiple settings
- To strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration and international programs
- To increase diversity within the student body, faculty, and staff through institutional practices and programs
- To recognize excellence in the teaching, research, learning, creative work, scholarship, and service contributions of students, faculty, and staff
- To conduct ongoing assessment activities and engage in continuous improvement initiatives within the University
- To establish life-long relationships between alumni and the University
- To advance responsible environmental stewardship
- To support community and regional partnerships that elevate civic, cultural, social, and economic life