

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 13, 2007

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Melanie Foster, Dorothy V. Gonzales, Colleen McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, Faylene Owen and George Perles.

Trustees absent: Joel Ferguson and G. Scott Romney

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox, Vice President Poston, Secretary Barber, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Gray, June, Webster and Webb, Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell, and Acting Executive Director Beekman. Faculty liaisons present: Catherine Ernst, Jim Potchen and Richard Weber. Student liaisons present: Eric Hinojosa, Brad Love, and Roger Ludy.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Trustee Nugent, supported by Trustee Owen, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. On a motion by Trustee Nugent, supported by Trustee Foster, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the revised minutes of the Board meeting of February 23, 2007.
3. GPA Award Presentations

Trustee Foster presented GPA awards to the following students:

1. Adrienne M. Wisda, Howell, MI—Major: Human Biology; Member of the Honors College; 4.0 GPA
2. Alyssa M. Aubry, Brighton, MI—Major: Nutritional Science; 4.0 GPA
3. Daniel J. Baker, Saint Paul, MN—Major: Electrical Engineering; Member of the Honors College; 4.0 GPA

Vice President Poston commented that this project emerged during the process of rebuilding Snyder/Phillips Hall. He asked Bob Nestle, University Engineer, to discuss the recommendation.

Mr. Nestle said that the primary focus for the plan was the elimination of Dormitory Road. The problem with the Collingwood entrance to campus is too many turning movements in a small space. It was concluded that the best option was to eliminate the Physics Road connection at the Collingwood entrance. An entrance will be created off Bogue Street on Auditorium Road. Traffic would use this to move to the middle of campus and access Farm Lane. The elimination of Dormitory Road will allow for green space to be created in its place.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

E. Bid and Contract Award—IM Sports West—Indoor Pool Maintenance & Repair

It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that a contract in the amount of \$1,019,000 be awarded to Thatcher Construction Co., Inc., for the project entitled IM Sports West—Indoor Pool Maintenance and Repairs.

Trustee Nugent **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Owen.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

9. Policy Committee

Trustee McNamara presented the Trustee Policy Committee Report and recommendations.

A. Revision to Anti-Discrimination Policy

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to the Anti-Discrimination Policy, Article II, reflecting the addition of “gender identity” to the anti-discrimination clause. (Appendix B)

Trustee McNamara **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Owen.

Provost Wilcox said that in 2002, there was a proposal from the Associated Students of Michigan State University to add “gender

identity” to the University’s Anti-Discrimination Policy (ADP) and that proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by Academic Governance. The Board members were each mailed a comprehensive report that has been endorsed at every level of faculty governance.

Vice President and General Counsel Noto said the report was extremely well drafted and comprehensive. In particular, the development of a users manual at the suggestion of President Simon will facilitate implementation by helping to create a common law of implementation.

Ms. Granberry Russell commented that the committee worked extremely hard to grapple with some complex and significant issues. It researched and consulted with various individuals across campus, both within the Administration and among the community that may be directly impacted by this change.

President Simon asked Faculty Liaison Dr. James Potchen to speak about the action of Academic Governance.

Dr. Potchen said that this has been reviewed and approved by Academic Governance and asked that Professor Allen, Executive Committee of Academic Council representative, comment.

Professor Allen thanked the committee members for their hard work and said that it was a privilege to work with them. This has been educational for all involved.

President Simon asked for comments from the Board.

Trustee McNamara thanked the committee for its work, especially for recommending the creation of the users manual. She said that it was a great way to go forward.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

10. Audit Committee

Trustee Perles said that there was no action this month. However, the Committee reviewed the Fiscal 2007 Audit Plan from Plante and Moran and agrees with and supports its strategy.

Trustee Perles mentioned that some universities are being investigated for receiving kickbacks in connection with their student loan programs. MSU has been operating within the rules and law regarding this matter.