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Board of Regents

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Official minutes of regular meeting of August 19, 1988

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Titsworth at 11:00 a.m.

Chairwoman Titsworth asked Secretary Wilbanks for an attendance roll call.

The Board members present were:

Geneva Titsworth, Chairwoman
Anthony A. Derezinski, Geraldine M. Ellington,
Thomas Guastello, Richard N. Robb, Donald E. Shelton and
William Simmons
Absent: John Burton

Administration present:

President John W. Porter
Provost Ronald W. Collins
Vice Presidents: Janet G. Pichette, Laurence N. Smith and
Roy Wilbanks

Chairwoman Titsworth stated that Section 1 through 6 (Consent Agenda) would be held until the September Board meeting.

Chairwoman Titsworth also stated that there would be no need for an Executive Session (Section 9).

Chairwoman Titsworth asked Secretary Wilbanks if there were any formal communication requests or announcements. Secretary Wilbanks stated that there were no communication requests received.

.3804M

Regent Derezinski moved and Regent Robb seconded that the preliminary minutes of June 22, 1988, be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

PROCLAMATION: HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK

Chairwoman Titsworth asked Regent Shelton to read the Hispanic Heritage Week Proclamation.

.3805M

Regent Shelton moved and Regent Simmons seconded that the Board of Regents approved the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have played an important role in the development of America's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic people have long played a distinguished role in the history of the State of Michigan and have contributed to the diversity and strength of our Great Lakes State; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics strongly believe in the importance of education and continue to strive for equity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans have distinguished themselves in the academic fields of arts and sciences, humanities, education, business, industry and health sciences, among others; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics-Americans continue to play an important role at Eastern Michigan University;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John W. Porter, by the authority vested in me as President of Eastern Michigan University, and on behalf of the Board of Regents of our great academic institution, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 1988, as HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK and urge all Eastern Michigan University students, faculty and staff to join the President of the United States, the Governor of our State of Michigan and the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs in observing this important week by appropriately recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic people in our state and nation, and joining in the Hispanic Heritage Week celebration festivities.

Motion Carried.

ASCS PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH REPORT

.3806m

Section 7

Regent Robb moved and Regent Simmons seconded that the Board of Regents implement the consultant's recommendations contained in the report on the presidential search process dated June, 1988.

Chairwoman Titsworth asked if there was any discussion. Regent Robb stated that we had received the initial report from the consulting firm prior to the last Board meeting. There has been a great deal of deliberation and consideration in this report and if it is approved today, there is a time-table in one of the appendices that will be observed. If all goes according to plan it is hopeful that sometime after the first of the year, possibly February, the Board will be able to make a final recommendation as to who the next President of the University will be.

Chairwoman Titsworth stated that she wanted to give a special thanks to the process committee who had worked extremely hard on defining the process. She also thanked the staff and the people on campus that were involved in the preliminary activities. She reiterated, on the part of this Board, that the process will be open and adhered to.

Regent Guastello asked for clarification of the "Academic Credentials - A record of professional success and an appreciation for and understanding of higher education" on page six of the report. Regent Robb responded stating that the committee felt that it was not necessary for a person to establish a record Phd and be confined to the education process in their working life. If someone had demonstrated great skills in the management profession, had distinguished themselves in their field and had good credentials, they could make a good president for Eastern Michigan University. That is why we didn't just limit it to the educational background.

Regent Simmons noted that in the posting it clearly specified that a doctorate was preferred.

Chairwoman Titsworth stated that there was agreement by the committee that the preferred doctorate would be in the posting. Regent Guastello asked if it could be placed in this document also.

Regent Guastello moved that the Academic Credentials section in the report submitted by the Presidential Search Committee be modified to indicate that a doctorate was preferred. Chairwoman Titsworth asked if there was any support. No support was given.

Regent Ellington stated that as long as the language is in the posting that she was comfortable with it.

Regent Simmons stated that this was a report from two persons who signed the report and we should not change it. If a change is made, it should come from the committee.

Chairwoman Titsworth stated that perhaps no one is totally pleased with the document; however, it is a good document, it has received the blessings of the committee, and she expressed her faith in the process and is hesitant to make changes that will create further delays.

Regent Shelton asked if, by Board action today, the posting was being approved. After further discussion, Regent Shelton asked what the role of the classification specification is in the process.

President Porter stated that two actions needed to be taken; 1) accept the report from the Presidential Process Committee and 2) authorize the posting which will become the official organ to the world explaining what the Board of Regents is looking for in a President.

Regent Derezinski stated that this process has to be squeaky clean. We all have a responsibility to this process and its going to be very important that the successor to President Porter be as good as the University is and as good as we are.

Regent Shelton remarked on communications he received from Student Government which had been distributed to the Board members from Jerry Raymond, President of the Student Body. He noted that Mr. Raymond had suggested some changes in the methods of appointment, some changes in desirable characteristics and some changes in institutional priorities. The changes in the method of selection would be a 12 member search committee as opposed to a 10 member committee. Mr. Raymond's changes in characteristics included "a record of working cooperatively and constructively with student leaders". Mr. Raymond suggested that we add to the institutional priorities the following: "maintain the University's historic role of providing an affordable quality education to students from middle income, low income and working class families". Regent Shelton noted the concept is right and we have phrased it in different words. He also stated that he hoped the search committee was aware that we need someone who will adhere to our basic commitment to obtain three different types of students; those of quality, uniqueness and opportunity.

Chairwoman Titsworth stated that we have a motion on the floor that the Board of Regents implement the consultant's recommendations contained in the report on the presidential search process dated June, 1988.

Chairwoman Titsworth asked Secretary Wilbanks for a roll call vote. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

Motion Carried.

.3807M

Regent Shelton moved and Regent Derezinski seconded that the Board of Regents authorize staff to go ahead with the posting of the Presidential position.

Chairwoman Titsworth asked Secretary Wilbanks for a roll call vote. 7 yeas.

Motion Carried.

TUITION

.3808M

Section 8

Regent Derezinski moved and Regent Simmons seconded that the Board of Regents endorse the President's statement to the University community to effect a reduction in the 1988-89 tuition rates to achieve a 9.9 percent tuition increase in 1988-89.

President Porter discussed in detail the reasons for the reduction in the tuition increase. Further discussion was held.

Motion Carried.

Chairwoman Titsworth took the opportunity to thank the staff for the retreat which took a lot of work and appreciated all the reports presented.

In keeping with the ASCS Presidential Search Report adoption, Chairwoman Titsworth announced her appointment of Regents to the Search Committee. She appointed Regent Shelton as Chair of the Search Committee and Regents Simmons and Burton as members of the Committee.

.3809M

Regent Robb moved and Regent Derezinski seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roy Wilbanks
Secretary to the Board