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Board of Regents

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents

.Official minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of June 10, 1985

Board members present:

William Simmons, Chairman
John H. Burton, Anthony A. Derezinski, Geraldine M. Ellington,
Thomas Guastello, Richard N. Robb and Geneva Y. Titsworth

Board member absent:

Beth W. Milford

Administration present:

President John W. Porter
Provost Ronald W. Collins
Vice Presidents: Robert J. Romkema, Laurence N. Smith and Roy Wilbanks

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that the special meeting was called in order to discuss two agenda items and also one person's input in the "communications" section of the meeting.

Chairman Simmons called for President Porter to present the first item on the agenda, which was "Discussion of issue paper entitled Resolving the Deterrents to Adopting a Balanced University General Fund Budget for 1985-86."

President Porter first introduced Mr. Richard M. Stone as the Acting Executive Director of Human Resources and outlined his four major responsibilities in that position.

President Porter then gave an overview of the issue paper and the six options to be considered by the Board. Then called upon George Johnston, Executive Director of University Planning, to present and address the 26-page issue paper beginning with a detailed explanation of the state's forward-funding provisions and outlining a proposed policy change which would eliminate the University's dependency on forward-funding and gradually eliminate a \$4.3 million debt incurred by the University because of its use of forward-funding.

.3114 M FORWARD FUNDING -- Policy Change

Regent Derezinski moved and Regent Burton seconded that the policy change regarding the use of forward funding and the retirement of the debt, as recommended by President Porter be approved.

Motion carried.

Mr. Johnston then proceeded with the discussion of the issue paper and the remaining recommendations/issues.

The presentation was interrupted by Regent Guastello and several Regents discussed their concerns regarding the appropriateness of the tuition and negotiation issues set before the Board.

President Porter responded to the Regents' concerns with support for delaying action on any of the other items except Cooperative Education funding because that is not "above-base" but "picking up federal money" that expires June 30, 1985.

After further discussion, Chairman Simmons suggested that further study be made of the budget and budget alternatives, but the discussion supported the Cooperative Education funding.

Regent Guastello moved and Regent Titsworth seconded that the Cooperative Education Program be funded for 1985-86 and that all other above-base proposals be held in abeyance until the budget is finalized.

Motion carried.

Chairman Simmons deferred the tuition increase issue to further study by the Finance and Student Affairs Committees, perhaps in a joint meeting.

It was expressed by President Porter and Chairman Simmons that the issues be resolved by a target date of June 26, 1985. A discussion ensued and Chairman Simmons restating that the remaining issues will be addressed in the committees aforementioned.

Chairman Simmons then asked Mary Linblade, President of UAW Local 1975, to address the Board as she had requested. Ms. Linblade gave the opinion of Local 1975 as to the hiring of outside attorneys for negotiations.

Regent Guastello moved that the Board should go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations, this was seconded by Regent Titsworth. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss the negotiations. Chairman Simmons reconvened the public meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman Simmons announced that there were two further items before the Board, namely the announcement of the University's negotiating team by President Porter and consideration of the appointment of counsel to join with that team.

It was suggested by Regent Guastello the University appoint the firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone to join the negotiating team.

President Porter announced the University's AAUP negotiating team representatives: David Tammany, director of Staff and Union Relations; Dr. Donald Drummond, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Joan Connell, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Dennis Beagen, head of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts.

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Regent Guastello moved and Regent Robb seconded that the University employ Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone for the purpose of negotiations with the EMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors in cooperation with the appointed University team.

Motion carried.

Regent Titsworth moved and Regent Guastello seconded the meeting be adjourned. Chairman Simmons adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

ROY W. BANKS, Secretary
Board of Regents