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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents

Official /minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of July 30, 1984

Board members present:

Richard N. Robb, Chairman  
Geraldine M. Ellington, Dolores A. Kinzel, Beth W. Milford,  
William Simmons, Geneva Titsworth and Anthony Derezinski

Board member absent:

Warren L. Board

Administration present:

Provost Ronald W. Collins  
Vice Presidents: John C. Fountain, Robert J. Romkema and Laurence N. Smith  
Assistant to the President Roy Wilbanks

Administration absent:

President John W. Porter

Chairman Robb called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. He remarked that the meeting is a Special Meeting of the Board of Regents and the only items that can be discussed are the agenda items. He continued, the purpose of the Special Meeting is "A Discussion of Eastern Michigan University as a full member of the Mid-American Conference and continuance of the Intercollegiate Athletic Football Program."

The Chairman explained they will hear a summary of the activities regarding the football program after which it will be necessary for the Board to go into an Executive Session as this is a sensitive situation and the ramifications need to be explained legally. The Chairman asked Provost Collins to give a summary for the need of the meeting in the absence of President Porter.

Provost Collins explained that the President sends his regrets that he could not attend the meeting, and reported that President Porter has had minor surgery and is planning to be back at his office on August 6th.

Provost Collins verbally covered the history of the Mid-American Conference football situation with Eastern Michigan University, saying that President Porter had been involved in the total process. He stated the University is extremely grateful for the interest shown in the athletic program and appreciated their concern. He then gave a historical perspective of the total football program starting with Fall 1983.

Provost Collins ended his report saying the Board of Regents now have the awesome position of making the decision whether or not to have a football program at Eastern Michigan University. He stated that he believed the administration is positioned in this program and can promote a sales promotion if the decision is made to continue the program.

Chairman Robb queried the members of the Board if there were any questions to Provost Collins' report, and thanked him for a very thorough and helpful report that he covered extremely well.

Chairman Robb noted now he would entertain the motion to go into Executive Session.

.2951 M EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Simmons moved and Regent Titsworth seconded the Board go into Executive Session at this time to hear the legal ramifications regarding the Mid-American Conference decision that Eastern should drop football or be removed from the MAC.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to take a roll call vote on the motion. Secretary Wilbanks took the roll call vote and reported that all seven Regents present voted yea.

Motion carried.

Chairman Robb noted the Board would go into Executive Session at this time (6:15 p.m.) and would reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Robb reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and thanked the audience for their patience and apologized for being late.

The Chairman asked Regent Milford to read the Resolution that was prepared at the Executive Session regarding the football program.

.2952 M RESOLUTION: Mid-American Conference

Regent Milford read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents desires to reaffirm its strong commitment to the Mid-American Conference, and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents desires to inform its faculty, staff and loyal Huron fans of its commitment to the football team and the continuation of a comprehensive mens' and womens' inter-collegiate athletic program;  
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby authorize the administration to continue to explore whatever informal action it deemed appropriate in the circumstances to continuing its football program and participation in the Mid-American Athletic Conference. If these actions do not achieve the necessary results, then we further authorize the administration to seek whatever legal course is available.

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Regent Milford moved and Regent Ellington seconded the Resolution.

Chairman Robb asked the Secretary to the Board to take a roll call vote on the Resolution.

Secretary Wilbanks took the roll call vote regarding the Resolution as follows:

Ellington....yea	
Kinzel.....yea	Board.....absent
Milford.....yea	Dereqinski...abstained
Simmons.....yea	Due to conflict of
Titsworth....yea	interest with W.M.U.
Robb.....yea	

Secretary Wilbanks reported that the Resolution passed.

Motion carried.

Chairman Robb announced that there was no other business at this time and the meeting was adjourned. (8:12 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted.