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BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Official Minutes of the Meeting January 16, 1974
Regents' Room, McKenny Hall

Members present:

Virginia R. Allan, Charles L. Anspach, Timothy J. Dyer,
Edward J. McCormick, Richard N. Robb, Mildred Beatty Smith,
George E. Stripp

Members absent:

Veda S. Anderson

Administration present:

President Harold E. Sponberg, James B. Campbell, Gary D.
Hawks, Richard C. Kerr, Bruce K. Nelson, Lewis E. Profit

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman McCormick gave a report on the status of the development of a position statement to be adopted by representatives of the Michigan Association of State College and University Governing Boards for presentation to the Governor's Commission on Higher Education.

The Chairman read the following draft of a statement being considered:

January 14, 1974

STATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF THE
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BOARDS

The Michigan Association of Governing Boards has discussed at length the draft proposals presently being considered by the Governor's Commission on Higher Education. These proposals suggest a means for accomplishing state-wide coordination of higher education.

This Association finds itself in general disagreement with many of the provisions contained in these proposals. It therefore offers the following recommendations to the Commission as constructive alternatives which would preserve the present high quality system of higher education in the state of Michigan and provide an efficient means of achieving necessary

state-wide coordination:

1. From both a qualitative and cost standpoint, it can be amply demonstrated that the Michigan system of higher education is equal to or superior to that in any other state. One of the major factors that has enabled this state to develop such a system is the constitutional provision vesting basic policy and fiscal responsibilities in the governing boards of the individual institutions. We feel it is absolutely essential that, in the development of any vehicle for coordination, both the spirit and the letter of the existing constitutional language dealing with institutional autonomy must be retained.
2. There is general agreement that there should be established some effective means for achieving state-wide coordination of higher education. This can be accomplished either voluntarily between the individual institutions and the State Government or it may be done through constitutional amendment. If the boards of the individual institutions agree to support such an amendment, then this Association recommends the creation of a constitutionally separate Commission for Higher Education with responsibility for advising the Governor, the Legislature, and the institutional governing boards on matters of planning and coordination of higher education.

In arriving at such a conclusion, the Association considered several factors:

- a. The present State Board of Education is so completely enmeshed in its primary task of supervising the State's K-12 educational effort that it is impossible for it to give proper attention to the area of higher education. In addition, there are other significant differences between the K-12 system and higher education, such as the basic funding process, which suggest separate agencies for coordination at the state level.
- b. The Association obviously cannot speak for the junior and community colleges of the State. It leaves for them to decide either individually or collectively the agency which can best serve their interest at the state level.

The Association feels the junior and community colleges would likely prefer either inclusion within the area of higher education or independent status because of their varied constituencies. It therefore makes no recommendation on this question.

- c. In establishing the aforementioned Commission for Higher Education, the Association feels that the Commission's responsibilities, which would include general planning and coordination of higher education, must be carefully articulated so that it can function in a compatible and complimentary manner with the individual institutions of higher education.

The Association takes no position on the matter of election versus appointment of this Commission or any institutional board as this is a political question better resolved elsewhere.

In conclusion, the Michigan Association of Governing Boards reaffirms its commitment to providing high quality higher education in this state in that it offers these recommendations and comments.

. 1304 M - MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGE AND
UNIVERSITY BOARDS

Chairman McCormick moved and Regent Smith seconded that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents accept the position of the Michigan Association of State College and University Governing Boards. Motion carried.

Regent Smith moved and Regent Stripp seconded that the minutes of the December 5, 1973, meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for December was read. Regent Stripp moved and Regent Smith seconded that the Treasurer's Report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

Vice Chairman Stripp chaired the meeting upon the departure of Chairman McCormick.

. 1305 M - BOARD OF REGENT OFFICERS

Regent Dyer moved and Regent Smith seconded that the Board re-elect the current slate of officers for the coming year: Chairman - Edward J. McCormick, Vice Chairman - George E. Stripp, Treasurer - Lewis E. Profit, Secretary - Gary D. Hawks. Motion carried.

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the Summary Audit Reports dated December 3, 1973, and January 2, 1974, be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

. 1306 M - AUDIT REPORTS

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the following audit reports be received and placed on file; and that the Treasurer be authorized to transmit copies to the appropriate offices:

1. National Direct/Defense Student Loan Fund
2. College Work-Study Program
3. Upward Bound Program
4. Educational Opportunity Grant Fund Program

--Motion carried.

. 1307 M - RECOVERIES

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the report on recoveries be received and placed on file. It was further recommended that the list of accounts receivable as proposed for transfer to inactive status be approved. Motion carried.

. 1308 M - GIFTS

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the gifts for the months of November and December 1973 be officially received with appreciation as presented. Motion carried.

. 1309 M - POLICY CHANGES

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the following policy changes be approved, effective with the Fall Semester 1974:

1. Re: Credits for Withdrawals or Reduction in Program

It is recommended that the present policy regulating account credits for withdrawals and/or reduction in academic loads be changed from:

60% credit during the first 21 days of the semester and -0- credit after 21 days, to

100% credit during the first seven calendar days after the beginning of classes for the semester, and

60% credit during the next 14 calendar days, and

-0- credit after the first 21 days after the beginning of classes for the semester.

2. Re: Student Registration Fee

It is recommended that the non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 (formerly paid with the installment tuition payments) be charged and collected at the time of the student's registration.

3. Re: The Installment Payment Program

It is recommended that the installment payment program be modified as follows:

- a. The present plan of an initial payment of 40% and three payments of 20% each, adopted for the semester plan, be revised to a plan of an initial payment of 40% and two subsequent payments of 30% each.
- b. A schedule shall be adopted to require the initial payment to be made approximately 20-30 days in advance of the beginning of the term to provide time for identifying those who have and have not paid for tuition and residence hall charges, and to provide an early control for delinquent accounts.
- c. For students who register after the cut-off date for sending the invoice for the first payment, a payment of 40% of the assessment shall be required in addition to the registration fee.
- d. For non-payment of the first installment, by the end of the first week of classes, the administration is authorized to cancel registration. This will clear the accounts of "no shows," and will identify those attending without payment. Reinstatement shall be by authority of the Vice President for Instruction.
- e. The late payment fee of \$6.00 for the installment payments shall be charged only for the first installment after the initial payment under the principle that the late payments for the initial payments result in cancellation and the final payment is controlled by the advance registration process.

--Motion carried.

. 1310 M - LABOR AGREEMENT - EMU and YPOA
 Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the proposed labor agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the Ypsilanti Police

Officers Association (YPOA), Eastern Michigan University District, to be effective October 1, 1973, and terminate August 15, 1974, be approved. It is further recommended that the sergeants salaries be adjusted to conform to policy. It is further recommended that the Safety Coordinator's classification and salary be adjusted as noted due to the fact that this position has been negotiated out of the bargaining unit. Motion carried.

. 1311 M - ALL EVENTS BUILDING CONTRACT

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the administration be directed to enter into a contract with Geiger-Berger Associates of New York City for a feasibility study to be made of a proposal to enclose Rynearson Stadium for use as an All Events Building. Regent Dyer emphasized that the domed stadium, if found feasible, would not be constructed to merely be a covered field for the football team; this building would serve all aspects of student life on campus and hopefully would be available for student use twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He further noted that such a facility would free Bowen Fieldhouse for academic and intramural programs. Motion carried.

. 1312 M - EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that the following educational grants be accepted:

1. Department of Justice - Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant in the amount of \$32, 120 with Dean Ralph Gilden as the Institutional Representative.
2. Parke, Davis & Company grant for a double blind study of Ponstel and Placebo in Dysmenorrhea in the amount of \$5,000 for the period January 1, 1974, through June 30, 1974, with Glen O. Lease, M. D., as the Project Director.

--Motion carried.

. 1313 M - SABBATICAL LEAVES

Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that the following sabbatical leaves of absence be approved, subject to enrollment and availability of funds: Professor Monroe Friedman, Psychology Department, Winter 1975; Associate Professor David Kurtz, Marketing Department, Fall 1974; Professor Alfred Nelson, English Department, Fall 1974; Professor James McDonald, Geography Department, Academic year 1974-75; Professor Louis Zickgraf, History Department, Fall 1974; Professor Samuel Karson, Head, Psychology Department, 12 months; Professor Professor Frank Ross, English Department, Fall 1974; Professor Daniel Turner, Geography Department, Fall 1974; Professor Catherine Hebert, English Department, Winter 1975; Associate Professor Joseph

Gurt, Music Department, Winter 1975; Associate Professor David Tammany, Art Department, Winter 1975; Assistant Professor Thelma McDaniel, Speech Department, Fall 1974; Professor George Perkins, English Department, Academic year 1974-75; Assistant Professor Atelia MacLeod, English Department, Winter 1975; Assistant Professor Elaine Godfrey, Art Department, Winter 1975; Associate Professor Delmar Larsen, Industrial Education Department, Fall 1974; Associate Professor Arthur Harris, English Department, Winter 1975; Assistant Professor James Angle, English Department, Fall 1974; Associate Professor Charles Fensch, Art Department, Fall 1974; Professor Robert Williams, Head, Marketing Department, Spring 1975 and Spring 1976; Associate Professor Armand Abramson, Music Department, Fall 1974; Associate Professor John Wescott, Industrial Education Department, Winter 1975; Associate Professor Stuart Karabenick, Psychology Department, Fall 1974; Assistant Professor Marshall Tymn, English Department, Winter 1975. Motion carried.

Regent Dyer asked that the administration prepare a report stating the reasons for a "noticeable lack of sabbaticals for members of the College of Education."

. 1314 M - PROJECTION OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that Eastern's Five Year Projection of New Academic Programs (AP-1), dated November 1, 1973, and submitted to the State Board of Education, be revised as follows:

1. Amend the year for introduction of the College of Business Master's degree programs in Information Systems and in Administrative Communication from 1975-76 to 1974-75.
 2. Add the introduction of the Community Mental Health Master's degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences for 1974-75.
- Motion carried.

. 1315 M - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DIRECTOR

Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that Victoria Elizabeth Fox be appointed Affirmative Action Director (A-4), effective February 4, 1974. Motion carried.

. 1316 M - APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, CHANGES OF STATUS AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that the appointments, resignations, changes of status and leaves of absence be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Regent Dyer asked President Sponberg to prepare a study and report which would compare Eastern Michigan University coaches duties, responsibilities and salaries with those of other coaches in the Mid American Conference to see if this may be the reason for our losing so many good people.

.1317 M - COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Regent Smith reported that the Honorary Degree Committee has reached agreement on the names of persons to receive honorary degrees at the April 20, 1974, commencement. The Faculty Senate approved the list today and the candidates will now be contacted to obtain their consent. Regent Smith moved and Regent Allan seconded that Elliott Richardson, formerly U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; U. S. Under Secretary of Defense; and formerly the U. S. Attorney General, be invited to be the commencement speaker and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Motion carried.

President Sponberg reported that we have an enrollment count of 17,768 students this semester. It was also reported that occupancy in the residence halls is about the same as that projected in the budget.

President Sponberg reported that he and other members of the administration met with Governor Milliken on December 13, 1973, concerning the Governor's proposed budget and Eastern Michigan University's 1974-75 Program Revision Request (PRR's).

Regent Stripp questioned if the Eastern Michigan University administration had made contact with other members of the Mid American Conference to see if there was any interest in developing joint programs in fields other than athletics.

President Sponberg reported that the next Mid American Conference meeting is scheduled for February 8, 1974, and he has asked that this subject be placed on the agenda. President Sponberg noted that he would report on this meeting at the next Board meeting.

Secretary Hawks reported that the Federal Communications Commission has granted Eastern Michigan University's petition and has ordered the University of Michigan to show cause in an evidentiary hearing why WCBN-FM should

not operate on 88.3 MHz. Mr. Hawks noted that the proceedings could be quite long and costly. We will proceed with the hearings as they are scheduled.

Regent Stripp reported on the actions of the Student Affairs Committee. He explained that he had talked with Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance Rene Hauser regarding the architectural barriers for the handicapped. Mr. Hauser told him that all new buildings on campus would meet state requirements, but that the existing buildings are difficult to remodel to conform to state code.

. 1318 M - RESOLUTION - HANDICAPPED STUDENT

Regent Stripp moved and Regent Dyer seconded the following Resolution: "Be it resolved that where any architectural barrier to the exceptional student (physically handicapped) can be removed or corrected, and such action will not be in violation of state law, the same will be accomplished as soon as reasonably possible and as funds are available therefore." Motion carried.

Regent Robb reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the Women's Commission request regarding salary disclosure. It was decided at the Finance Committee meeting that present policy should be continued. The motion was made by Regent Robb and seconded by Regent Dyer that the present policy be continued regarding disclosure of salaries.

A lengthy discussion followed. It was suggested by the Regents that the administration contact two attorneys, Jim Tracy of the law office of Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow and Trigg in Detroit; and Paul Jackson of the firm of Jackson and Lamb in Ypsilanti; to get legal opinions regarding salary disclosure of state employees, as well as the Auditor General's opinion in this matter.

Since the motion did not pass (2 for and 2 against) the Vice Chairman decided that due to the importance of the subject matter, he would not vote and the subject would be considered again at the next meeting of the Board, when, hopefully, more members would be present.

. 1319M - SALARY DISCLOSURE

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the subject of salary disclosure be deferred until the next meeting for full Board consideration. Motion carried. Regent Smith voted no.

President Sponberg gave a report on Administrative organizational changes, effective January 1, 1974: