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BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Official Minutes of the Meeting September 26, 1973
Regents' Room, McKenny Hall

Members present:

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

Administration present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

The minutes of the August 15, 1973, meeting of the Board were approved as presented.

Chairman McCormick reported that he had requested from Vice President Profit a copy of the University policy on the letting of construction bids and stated that he had received a reply along with a report on the Brown-Munson Project. He stated that Eastern was completely in error in their letting of bids on this project. After hearing Chairman McCormick's remarks, Regent Stripp expressed concern that facts presented to the Board in August were not complete.

Chairman McCormick reported that representatives of the governing boards of each institution in the state had met on September 18, 1973. Autonomy is the main concern of all the boards of control. He reported that a formal organization to be known as the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Colleges and Universities had been established and that EMU had been invited to name one official delegate and one alternate to serve.

. 1261 M - MAGB DELEGATE

Regent Smith moved and Regent Anspach seconded that Chairman McCormick be nominated to serve as delegate. Nominations were closed and the motion carried.

. 1262 M - MAGB ALTERNATE

Regent Anderson moved and Regent Smith seconded that Vice Chairman Stripp be nominated to serve as alternate. Nominations were closed and the motion carried.

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents unanimously supports the pursuit of autonomy of individual boards of control.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Regent Robb moved and Regent Stripp seconded that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

There was a discussion concerning the University investment policy. Regent Smith suggested that Vice President Profit review the existing University policy to determine if a revision is needed to conform with state policy.

Regent Anspach requested an accounting of the various funds and the types of revenue included in each fund.

Regent Dyer requested that policies concerning deposits be taken to the Finance Committee for review. He also noted that a revenue report had been given to the Finance Committee but that it contained only General Fund revenue. He requested another report including all revenue.

Vice President Profit gave a report on the status of the Brown-Munson apartments construction.

Regent Robb moved and Regent Stripp seconded that the Summary Audit Report dated September 4, 1973, be received and placed on file. Carried.

. 1263 M - GIFTS

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the list of gifts for the month of August be officially received with appreciation. Carried.

. 1264 M - RECOVERIES

Regent Robb moved and Regent Stripp seconded that the report of recoveries and inactive receivables be received and placed on file. Carried.

. 1265 M - EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the following educational grants be accepted:

1. National Science Foundation grant in the amount of \$54,600 for "Program for the Preparation of Prospective Teachers of the Physical Sciences," for the period September 1, 1973, through August 31, 1975, with Charles Breedlove as Project Director.
2. Health, Education and Welfare grant in the amount of \$1,467 for a Nursing Student Loan and Scholarship Program, for the period July 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974, with Dean Ralph Gilden Institutional Representative.
3. Health, Education and Welfare grant amendment in the amount of \$23,265 for the "Training of Professional Personnel in the Education of the Handicapped" (amended total \$119,334), for the period June 1, 1973, through May 31, 1974, with Frank Wawrzaszek Project Director.
4. Michigan Department of Education grant in the amount of \$25,575 for consultant work to be performed by the College of Business, for the period August 1, 1973, through July 31, 1974, with Louis Graziano Project Director.

---Carried.

Regent Stripp requested that the administration prepare an evaluation of all educational grants showing benefits to the University.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 4:00 p.m. following a tour of the remodeled Roosevelt Building.

Regent Robb reported that the Finance Committee feels progress has been made in the development of the 1973-74 budget, but a few areas of concern make it necessary to delay a recommendation for approval. He also announced that any salary adjustments made, will be retroactive to the beginning of the year. With the clarification of those few items, the Finance Committee will recommend that the budget be passed at the October meeting.

. 1266 M - PROPERTY ACQUISITION (417 Perrin Street)

Regent Robb moved and Regent Stripp seconded that the Board of Regents authorize the Administration to exercise its option in the amount of \$19,500 for the property commonly known as 417 Perrin Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and described as "the South 28 feet of Lot 16 of Normal School Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof." Carried.

. 1267 M - CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET REQUEST

Regent Robb moved and Regent Dyer seconded that the Capital Outlay Budget Request, as prepared and presented, be approved for submission to the Office of Bureau of Programs and Budgets in accordance with the procedures and policies established by and communicated to state agencies. Regent Dyer voted no. Motion Carried. Regent Dyer expressed grave concern that this is an after the fact action and stated that he feels this practice must be stopped.

. 1268 M - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Regent Smith moved and Regent Anderson seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Baccalaureate Program in Public Administration. Carried.

. 1269 M - APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, CHANGES OF STATUS
AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

. 1270 M - JOAN MARSHALL REQUEST FOR HEARING

Regent Smith moved and Regent Anspach seconded that Joan Marshall's request for a hearing be referred to the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee. Carried.

. 1271 M - APPEAL PROCEDURE

Regent Smith moved and Regent Anderson seconded that appeals at all levels be made in the following order:

1. Department Head
2. Dean
3. Vice President
4. Faculty Senate Grievance Committee or appropriate grievance committee.
5. President

An aggrieved person may waive his right to grievance procedure and appeal directly to the president.

It was further recommended that women be appointed to serve on all evaluating committees. Carried.

Regent Stripp stated that the Board of Regents' appeal policy has not been changed. The Regents do not want any aggrieved person to think the Board will never consider a request to hear an appeal; however, the grievance procedure should be followed before contacting the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Regent Smith requested that Secretary Hawks answer the Civil Rights document.

Chairman McCormick reported that he had received a letter from the president of Local 1666 and that he had responded September 20, 1973. He further reported that the Board had received three letters from members of Local 1666. He stated that as a result of his suggestion to the Union, it was his understanding that Labor-Management meetings were currently being conducted. He asked Vice President Hawks to give a report.

Vice President Hawks reported that University representatives met with State and Local Union representatives on September 25, 1973, and reached a formal agreement to schedule regular Labor-Management meetings for the purpose of discussing subjects of concern to either or both parties. He further reported that he had just received a copy of an additional agreement reached today concerning the recall of certain employees who had been laid-off in dormitory and food service units. Higher occupancy levels in the residence halls than anticipated caused a greater work load, which necessitated the recall of certain staff. In the future, Labor-Management meetings will be directed toward the resolution of differences at an early stage of concern and yet maintain the integrity of the existing grievance procedure.

President Sponberg announced that the Roosevelt dedication will be held on October 6.

Regent Robb expressed a concern for students who developed academic problems during the first years of their college education which may have resulted in dismissal and thus their inability to return to college after they had attained a higher degree of maturity or had resolved the problem which may have caused the poor grades. All of the Regents expressed a similar concern and requested the administration make a study and possibly develop a policy to accommodate these students. It was agreed that such a study and any recommendation should be considered by the Educational Policies Committee first.

Regent Dyer reported that the Finance Committee had received copies of a supplemental statement to the proposed Athletic Code. It was suggested that each Regent study the document and be prepared to discuss it at the October meeting. President Sponberg is to send to the Regents copies of the individual coaches rules.

. 1272 M - HONORARY DEGREES

Regent Anderson moved and Regent Allan seconded that the following Honorary Degrees be granted at the December 9, 1973, commencement:

Jewel Lafontant (speaker)	Doctor of Laws
Mary Stirling Cross	Doctor of Humanities
Richard Eugene Cross	Doctor of Laws
Max M. Fisher	Doctor of Humanities
Kathleen B. Hester	Doctor of Letters

---Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

~~_____~~, Secretary