

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 23, 2012

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:20 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Brian Breslin, Dianne Byrum (via phone), Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster, Mitch Lyons (via phone), Faylene Owen, George Perles (via phone), and Diann Woodard.

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox, Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Groves and Swain, and Interim Vice President Maybank. Faculty liaison present: William Anderson. Student liaison present: Daniel Mitchell.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Trustee Ferguson, supported by Trustee Foster, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. There was no Public Participation on Issues Germane to the Agenda
3. Personnel Actions

President Simon presented the following personnel action:

Hsu, Stephen D.H., AN—Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, \$270,000, with Tenure, effective August 20, 2012.

Trustee Owen **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Ferguson.

President Simon said that the appointment of the vice president for research and graduate studies is one of the most important appointments that the Board makes because of its significant impact on the direction of the institution. As one of the major research universities in the world it is important that the research program remain vital with leadership that is supportive of MSU's fundamental values as well as visionary imagining what the future could be.

President Simon said that Dr. Hsu comes to MSU from the University of Oregon, where he is the director of the Institute for Theoretical Science and a professor of physics. He is the founder of two companies, SafeWeb, a pioneering network security company, and Robot Genius, California-based information security company. Dr. Hsu received his bachelor of science degree in physics from the California Institute of Technology, and his master's degree and doctorate in physics from the University of California, Berkeley.

President Simon noted that Dr. Hsu was raised in Ames, Iowa, the son of an Iowa State faculty member, spending his early years in the shadow of a Midwestern, land grant University. Dr. Simon expressed excitement that Dr. Hsu is returning to his land grant roots, joining Team MSU.

President Simon thanked the members of the search advisory committee and its Chair, Dr. Tony Nunez.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

Dr. Hsu said that it was a great honor and pleasure to obtain the appointment. He stated that MSU is a world-class university that combines world-class research with a sense of service to the community and its students. Dr. Hsu said that he would work hard to continue to move MSU forward.

4. Trustees' Comments

Trustee Ferguson welcomed Dr. Hsu to MSU.

Trustee Owen said she was thrilled to have Dr. Hsu at MSU.

Trustee Breslin congratulated Dr. Hsu on his appointment and welcomed him to MSU.

Trustee Lyons welcomed Dr. Hsu to MSU.

Trustee Perles congratulated Dr. Hsu.

Trustee Byrum congratulated Dr. Hsu.

Trustee Woodard congratulated Dr. Hsu on his appointment.

Trustee Foster welcomed Dr. Hsu to Team MSU.

5. There was no Public Participation on Issues Not Germane to the Agenda.
6. Request to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Ferguson, supported by Trustee Foster, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Beekman
Secretary of the Board of Trustees