

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

June 22, 2001

The Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee meetings were held in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2001. Minutes of the meetings are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

President McPherson called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:42 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Joel I. Ferguson, Dorothy V. Gonzales, Donald W. Nugent, David L. Porteous, G. Scott Romney, and Robert E. Weiss.

Trustee absent: Colleen M. McNamara

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Vice President Poston, Secretary Pogel, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Denbow, Huggett, June, and Webb, Executive Director Williams, and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Faculty Liaisons present: Norman Abeles, Robb Clarke, Ann Slocum, and Ted Tims. Student Liaisons present: Matthew Clayson, Sam Howerton, and Quinn Wright.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Romney, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the revised agenda. The Guiding Principles Report was removed from the agenda.
2. On a motion by Mr. Romney, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the minutes of April 20, 2001.
3. President's Report
 - A. President McPherson noted that Dr. Marylee Davis was attending the meeting along with students from her academic governance class. He said he hopes the meeting will provide insight for Dr. Davis' students.
 - B. President McPherson recognized ten members of the faculty who were named University Distinguished Professors.
 - C. President McPherson mentioned that Faculty Liaison Daniel Kruger, who recently underwent surgery, is recovering and hopes to return to work soon.

- D. President McPherson said that a symposium to honor the late Dr. Jerry Babcock, former Chair of the Chemistry Department, had taken place. Professor Babcock had a very prestigious career and was an excellent scholar and researcher.
- E. President McPherson talked about the completion of the project at MSU's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory which was funded by a \$20 million grant from the National Science Foundation. He said that everyone was pleased that the coupling project was completed successfully.
- F. President McPherson congratulated Professor Anil Jain on becoming a Guggenheim Fellow. Dr. Jain joins an elite group that includes Linus Pauling and Henry Kissinger.
- G. President McPherson noted that a local group lead by Journalism Professor Sue Carter recently returned from Polar Trek 2001, a journey to the North Pole.
- H. President McPherson said that over the summer, more than 35,000 visitors to campus would attend sports camps, clinics, conferences, symposiums, etc. The campus remains very active during the summer.
- I. President McPherson remarked that 17 incoming freshman received the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship, which is the most prestigious scholarship that the University offers.
- J. President McPherson congratulated students from the Department of Advertising who had recently competed in the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition. The MSU team placed first in its district.
- K. President McPherson said that an online masters program in art education would be launched this Fall. It is just one of a number of expansions in the Virtual University program.
- L. President McPherson talked about MSU's involvement in a Washington D.C. conference dealing with hunger in Africa. He said that Professors John Staatz and Mike Webber from Agricultural Economics, as well as the staff in MSU's Washington office, were instrumental in making the conference successful.

4. Public Participation on Items Germane to the Agenda

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees on issues germane to the agenda.

5. Personnel Actions

A. Provost Simon presented the following personnel actions:

- 1) Porter, James E., AY-Professor, Department of American Thought and Language, \$95,333, with Tenure, effective July 1, 2001.
- 2) Baldwin, Roger G., AY-Professor, Department of Educational Administration, \$88,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 3) Okolo, Cynthia M., AY-Professor, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, \$81,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 4) Stanulis, Randi N., AY-Associate Professor, Department of Teacher Education, \$70,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 5) Mackay, Michael E., AY-Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, \$105,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 6) Dyksen, Wayne R., AN-Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, \$160,000, with Tenure, effective August 1, 2001.
- 7) Udpa, Satish S., AN-Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, \$185,000, with Tenure, effective August 13, 2001.
- 8) Peller, Vladimir V., AY-Professor, Department of Mathematics, \$102,500, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 9) Zepf, Stephen E., AY-Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, \$75,000, with Tenure, effective July 1, 2001.
- 10) Breedlove, S. Marc, AY-Professor, Barnett Rosenberg Chair in Neuroscience, Neuroscience Program; Departments of Psychology and Zoology, \$120,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.
- 11) McGarrell, Edmund F., AN-Professor, School of Criminal Justice, \$135,000, with Tenure, effective August 16, 2001.

- 12) Baba, Marietta L., AN-Professor and Dean, College of Social Science; Department of Anthropology, \$155,000, with Tenure, effective August 1, 2001.

On a motion by Mr. Ferguson, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

Regarding the appointment of Edmund McGarrell as a professor in the School of Criminal Justice, Trustee Weiss asked Provost Simon about Dr. McGarrell's experience. Dr. Simon said that Professor McGarrell has an academic background. Mr. Weiss noted that he appreciates the subject matter about which Dr. McGarrell has written and taught. President McPherson said that Professor McGarrell will need to engage the law enforcement community to create close ties with students in criminal justice.

Director of the School of Social Work, Professor Gary Anderson, spoke on behalf of the College of Social Science Dean Search Committee. He introduced Dr. Marietta Baba, Dean-designate of the College of Social Science, and gave a brief summary of her academic background. Dr. Baba thanked the Board, and said that she is delighted to be at Michigan State University.

B. University Distinguished Professors

It was recommended that the Board approve the University Distinguished Professor designation for the ten individuals listed below, to be effective June 22, 2001.

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| Jeffrey M. Wooldridge | Department of Economics |
| Kris A. Berglund | Departments of Chemical Engineering; Agricultural Engineering; Chemistry |
| M. Richard Zinman | James Madison College; Department of Political Science |
| John A. Breznak | Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics |
| Jack Preiss | Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology |
| William L. Smith | Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology |
| Mercouri G. Kanatzidis | Department of Chemistry |
| Alexander L. Volberg | Department of Mathematics |
| Barbara Given | College of Nursing |
| William S. Davidson | Department of Psychology |

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Ms. Gonzales, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

C. Promotion and Tenure Actions

The report of Promotion and Tenure Actions is included in the Personnel Actions document on file with Board agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Mr. Romney, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendations.

D. Information Reports

Information Reports of Academic Personnel Actions of May 9, 2001 and June 6, 2001 were distributed with the Board agenda. The reports are included with the agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

6. Gift, Grant and Contract Report

Vice President Huggett presented the Gift, Grant and Contract Report for the period of March 29, 2001 through May 29, 2001. The report is a compilation of 260 Gifts, Grants and Contracts, 59 Consignment/Non-Cash Gifts, and two Consignment/Non-Cash Loans with a total value of \$174,611,142.04. The Gift, Grant and Contract Report is included with the agenda materials in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Ms. Cook, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Gift, Grant and Contract Report.

7. The Trustee Finance Committee report and recommendations were presented by Committee Chairperson Nugent. In the Finance Committee, Trustee Weiss asked that Investment Restructuring items 1 and 2 be separated in order to vote on the recommendations individually. Mr. Nugent supported the request.

A. Bids and Contract Awards

- 1) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$375,000 be awarded to Universal Consolidated Enterprises, Inc., of Roseville, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$686,000 be established for the project entitled: Spartan Village - Demolish Zone 1 Buildings.
- 2) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$248,664 be awarded to Mid Michigan Roofing of Saginaw, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$300,000 be established for the project entitled: Spartan Village – Roof Replacement Phase 3.

- 3) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$185,600 be awarded to Bornor Restoration, Inc., of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$225,000 be established for the project entitled: Kellogg Center – Roof Repairs.
- 4) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$99,999 be awarded to J. Perez Construction Inc., of Flint, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$239,000 be established for the project entitled: Center for Integrated Plant Systems - Alterations to Rooms 112, 112A, and 112B.
- 5) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$163,000 be awarded to Dart Construction of Haslett, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$210,000 be established for the project entitled: I.M. Sports Circle – Renovations to Room 26A and Adjoining Corridor.
- 6) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$129,710 be awarded to Gunthorpe Plumbing & Heating, Inc., of East Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$165,000 be established for the project entitled: Hidden Lake Gardens – Boiler Replacement.
- 7) It was recommended that the administration be authorized, once all the appropriate agreements and arrangements have been reached with the City of Lansing, to award a contract in the amount of \$261,600 to Boesch Builders Inc., of Sebawaing, Michigan, and to establish a budget in the amount of \$403,000 for the project entitled: MSU Women’s Varsity Crew Team Boat House.
- 8) It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$6,394,000 (base bid only) be awarded to Kares Construction Co., Inc., of Lansing, Michigan, and that a budget in the amount of \$8,200,000 be established for the project entitled: Jenison Field House - Renovations.

On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Mr. Porteous, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Bids and Contract Awards.

Vice President Fred Poston said that the buildings set to be demolished in Spartan Village were the oldest buildings in the complex and are adjacent to the railroad tracks. They are the least desirable apartments in the housing complex, and have reached the point where it is cost-prohibitive to invest in additional repairs. Trustee Porteous agreed that the apartments are too close to the railroad tracks, and suggested that in the future, the buildings be built at a greater distance from the rails.

In the Finance Committee, Trustee Porteous asked why a consultant was hired to oversee the construction process of the MSU Women's Varsity Crew Team Boat House. Director of Land Management, Chuck Reid, explained that consultants are used for off-campus projects. Mr. Porteous said that since the project is so close to campus, a consultant seems unnecessary. Trustee Weiss said that this would be a good experience for building and civil engineering students in the construction process. President McPherson suggested that the Committee pass the recommendation as-is, with a bias toward using MSU personnel to oversee the construction process. (Mr. McPherson announced at the full Board meeting that MSU would oversee the construction project for the MSU Women's Varsity Crew Team Boat House, and that the cost for consultants Freeman and Smith, \$15,000, would be deleted from the recommendation).

Trustee Porteous encouraged the continued study and review of the intramural sport buildings because of their frequent use by many students. It is vitally important, he said, that they are maintained or that a new facility be considered.

Trustee Porteous congratulated President McPherson, Vice President Steve Webster, and Lansing Mayor David Hollister for their commitment to building the Women's Varsity Crew Team Boat House. President McPherson said that the University's relationship with the city of Lansing and Mayor Hollister has been very good. Trustee Weiss added that he has dealt with the city of Lansing and has not seen a city that is more committed to solving problems. He said that it is refreshing to do business with the city of Lansing. President McPherson added that this boat house is on Lansing city property along the river, and there were many steps along the way to gain approval from the city. He added that the crew team has approximately 80 female athletes and is essential to the University's compliance with Title IX. Mr. Weiss noted that the team recently qualified for and participated in the NCAA crew tournament. They have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time, he said.

Trustee Cook asked if Lansing has input into the style and type of structure that the University wishes to build. Vice President Poston responded that the University proposed a building plan and the city of Lansing approved the facade. He added that the Athletic Department has a very strong relationship with Lansing through this project, as well as through the baseball program and Oldsmobile Park in downtown Lansing.

In the Finance Committee, Trustee Weiss recommended that because the Jenison Field House Locker Room Renovation project affects so many parts of the building, it should be

called Jenison Field House Renovation rather than just locker room renovation. He said that with its current title, it appears that the University is spending \$6 million on locker room renovations. The committee voted to recommend the project with its amended title.

Trustee Weiss said that Jenison Field House is one of the recognizable treasures of the University, and there is a lot of history there.

Associate Athletic Director Greg Ianni gave a brief presentation on the Jenison Field House renovation. Because the building sits on a floodplain, changes to the footprint of the building would be difficult. He said that the only addition to the footprint of the building is a small addition to the south side for electrical and plumbing space. Trustee Cook asked if the small addition would take up any parking lot space. Mr. Ianni responded no. An elevator is also being added during this construction, which will make the building completely accessible to persons with disabilities.

Mr. Porteous asked if tearing down Jenison and building a new facility was ever considered. Mr. Ianni said that a new building was considered, but the cost of that building would have been much greater than renovating the current structure. Trustee Romney asked if any sacrifices had been made by not constructing a new building. Mr. Ianni responded that everything the Athletic Department wanted had been included in the renovation. Responding to a question from Trustee Cook, Mr. Ianni said that Jenison would be back in full use by August 1, 2002.

B. Architect/Engineer Selection

It was recommended that O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Associates (OCBA) of Kalamazoo, Michigan, be appointed as the architect/engineer for the project entitled: New Running Track and Artificial Turf Infield.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Weiss, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Architect/Engineer Selection.

Mr. Ianni explained that the track reconstruction was related to installing grass in Spartan Stadium. The new 400 meter track will be shifted south toward Shaw Lane, and an artificial turf infield will be installed in the middle of the track. Bleachers, a small press box, and lights will also be constructed. Trustee Porteous asked when the last Big Ten Track and Field Championship took place at MSU. Mr. Ianni said it had been eight years, and that the Big Ten, at that time, said it would not come back to that track. MSU will again host the

championship meet in spring 2003 on the new track. Mr. Ianni added that there will not be a loss of parking spaces for football games due to the new configuration.

C. Funds Functioning as Endowments

- 1) It was recommended to establish the Elsie Hornbacher Fund for Educational Enhancement in the Human Anatomy Program as a fund functioning as an endowment.
- 2) It was recommended to establish the Persons with Disabilities Empowerment Fund as a fund functioning as an endowment.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Ferguson, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the Funds Functioning as Endowments.

Trustee Weiss said that Elsie Hornbacher served the community for many years. This is an extremely thoughtful gift from a person who worked more than 50 years in the public school system. He added that he is most appreciative of this generous gift, and it will be put to good use.

D. Interim Budget Authorization

It was recommended to adopt an interim budget that will permit the operation of the University at 2000-2001 budget expenditure levels until the 2001-2002 budgets have been established.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Porteous, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

E. Investment Restructuring

- 1) It was recommended to invest \$10 million in Wellington Energy Sector Fund.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Ferguson, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation. Trustee Weiss voted No.

Trustee Weiss indicated that he would vote No on Investment Restructuring item one, Wellington Energy Sector Fund, because the firm expressed an interest in investing in companies that may drill for oil under the Great Lakes. He added that the fund does not have an environmental performance requirement for companies in which it invests. Their investments are based on financial performance. He also said that he appreciates the fact that the University is not invested in any tobacco firms at this point.

Mr. Ferguson said that a Yes vote does not indicate approval of drilling for oil under the Great Lakes, and that it is not wise to vote No simply because this company may do something in the future. He added that he believes that even though it may not be politically safe to support drilling in the Great Lakes, it is environmentally safe to do so. Trustees Porteous and Romney said that they agree with Mr. Ferguson, but appreciate Mr. Weiss' concerns.

Trustee Nugent said that investment in energy was recommended to the Board because the University is heavy in real estate investments. This move, he said, will balance the University's portfolio, and it is a wise decision to invest in the Wellington Energy Sector Fund.

- 2) It was recommended to invest \$15 million in Catalyst Fund, L.P.

On a motion by Mr. Nugent, supported by Mr. Ferguson, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

8. The Trustee Policy Committee report and recommendations were presented by Trustee Cook. Committee Chairperson McNamara was absent.

- A. Revised Policy on Copyrighted Materials

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revised policy on copyrighted materials as stated in Policy Committee Agenda attachment 2.B. A copy of the revised policy is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Romney, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the revised policy.

Provost Simon said that the Policy on Copyrighted Material replaces a policy that was established in 1973. The proposed policy was widely discussed on campus. Changes reflect what is happening nationally and internationally, she explained, and protect the intellectual property of faculty, students and staff.

Vice Provost Paul Hunt said that the policy was considered thoroughly by the University Committee on Faculty Affairs and Academic Council. Vice Provost Hunt said that this policy includes coverage for academic staff other than the faculty, which the original policy did not cover. An additional aspect covered in this policy is University retention of ownership of copyrightable works made in the course of outside work for pay which competes with the University's products and services. There is an increase, he explained, in the threshold of royalty-sharing by authors of works owned by the University. The

new policy states that 100% of the first \$5000 in royalties will be shared with the author.

Faculty Liaison Norman Abeles said that the policy was fully discussed in academic governance and was passed unanimously.

B. Reorganization of the Department of Materials Science and Mechanics

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the elimination of the Department of Material Science and Mechanics and the reassignment of its faculty, staff and related programs to other units within the College of Engineering effective July 1, 2001.

On a motion by Ms. Cook, supported by Mr. Romney, **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

Provost Simon said that the reorganization of the Department of Materials Science is designed not to eliminate academic programs, but to find ways to strengthen academic programs in areas that are important to the University, i.e. mechanics, manufacturing, and materials science. It also provides for support of the engineering arts degree and a college level program that will make the degree much more responsive to the industry's demands. She explained that this recommendation for reorganization grew out of an external review of the college's departments and efforts to find ways to strengthen the quality of academic programs. This proposal has gone through the University's governance process, and requirements have been met. Trustee Romney said that this will bring greater excellence to Materials Science and Mechanics, which is the purpose of making this change.

9. Trustees' Comments

A. Trustee Nugent commented that he recently attended an alumni event which included several Honors College students. It was an enlightening time and he congratulated the Honors College for its work.

Trustee Nugent said that the University needs help in every way on the upcoming budget and appropriation from the State of Michigan. He said that the Conference Committee would be deciding the future of MSU's budget, and he appreciates the help the University has received in the past. Mr. Nugent indicated that higher education should not be the place to try to balance the State budget. He suggested that legislators repeal the Tuition Tax Credit because very few students around the State are eligible for the credit.

B. Trustee Weiss said that because MSU would probably not be funded at the rate of inflation this year, the University will not be able to offer the Tuition Guarantee to incoming Freshmen. Mr. Weiss added

that faculty and staff have provided students with access to a quality education at an affordable price. Because the legislature is reducing funding to the University, there is a tax shift to middle class families who will have to pick up the increase in tuition, he said. He urged the legislature to take into account that the University has had responsible management in keeping tuition at the rate of inflation. MSU, he emphasized, should be recognized for good stewardship of tax dollars.

Mr. Weiss added that he supports the Tuition Tax Credit, but that people cannot take advantage of it because schools' tuition rates have been above the cut-off point. He said that 1.5% of the State higher education budget has been encumbered for the Tuition Tax Credit which has not been used. The money then returns to next year's surplus and does not go to higher education. Mr. Weiss said that a formula should be proposed so that universities that are responsible in their tuition increases are allowed to share in the 1.5% that was intended for higher education. There is a solution, he indicated, without doing away with the Tuition Tax Credit. He said that the State is taking away money that was intended for universities. The taxpayers of this State and their children deserve to have access to a quality education. If the State funded the University at the appropriate level, MSU students would qualify for the tax credit. If the tax credit is not used, he emphasized, it is the fault of the legislature and a lack of funding.

Trustee Weiss recognized the Women's Golf Team who won the Big Ten Championship this year, and said that he is very proud of the team. He also noted that the Women's Crew Team went to the NCAA tournament. Mr. Weiss said that MSU's Athletic Department is making great strides across the board and should be recognized for those accomplishments.

- C. Trustee Cook said that repealing the Tuition Tax Credit would benefit students and their families greatly. She added that she finds it hard to accept that maintaining a tax credit for which virtually no student qualifies, is more important than funding higher education.

Trustee Cook noted that she had just returned from Italy on a trip sponsored by the MSU Alumni College. She said that it was a very stimulating experience, because the trip, which was co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota, involves input from the local citizens at each tour stop. Trustee Cook thanked Alumni Association Executive Director Keith Williams for a wonderful job in organizing the tour. She said that she formed some good friendships with people from the University of Minnesota, as well as with Spartans whom she had never met. She recommended Alumni College programs to everyone.

- D. Trustee Gonzales noted that she had spent the previous Saturday with Faculty Liaison Dan Kruger, who recently underwent surgery.

Professor Kruger asked Trustee Gonzales to thank everyone for the phone calls, letters and cards. She said that he is doing very well.

Trustee Gonzales echoed what other Trustees had said regarding tuition. She said she hopes that students would take an active role in talking with legislators regarding funding for the University.

Trustee Gonzales welcomed Professor Marylee Davis' class to the Board meeting.

- E. Trustee Romney commended President McPherson for his efforts toward ending world hunger. He said that the project incorporates many traditions of the University, such as providing volunteer and public service, and also highlights our agricultural and international programs. He said it is important for everyone to recognize their responsibility to become engaged in communities.

Trustee Romney said that although the Tuition Tax Credit is not intended as a deception, it is a deception because the money that is allocated for that purpose never gets used for the purpose of higher education. He said that only one university out of 29 qualified for the tax credit last year.

Trustee Romney said that the administration is working hard at driving efficiencies to save as much as possible in terms of the cost of tuition, without sacrificing the quality of the institution and its programs. He added that it is important to make progress on faculty salaries in order to maintain excellence in the University. There is a responsibility to the students to maintain tuition at the best possible level.

- F. Trustee Porteous said that it is important, regarding tuition and the budget, that over the past several years, the State has worked diligently to enhance funding for higher education. He said that legislators understand the crown jewel that higher education represents. Mr. Porteous explained that the University has been a good steward of tax dollars, and has proven this to the State. Unfortunately, he noted, the economic slow-down means all of us in Michigan are faced with tough challenges regarding resources and how they will be spent. He said that if there is progress in waiving the Tuition Tax Credit, it is in large part due to the good leadership of

President McPherson, Vice President Webster, and the administration. Mr. Porteous said that rarely a week goes by that someone in State government doesn't approach him to talk about the willingness of President McPherson and Vice President Webster to engage thoughtfully with legislators on issues of higher education. He added

that it is difficult to be optimistic about this year's funding, and if it does not work out, it is not because the people at Michigan State are not paying attention to faculty salaries and the efforts of others on campus. If progress is not made this year, it should not deter us from making additional efforts in the future.

Trustee Porteous echoed Trustee Romney's comments regarding President McPherson's efforts on world hunger. He said that this puts Michigan State at the leading edge and in the spotlight.

10. Public Participation on Issues Not Germane to the Agenda

A. Mary Wurtzel spoke on behalf of her husband, Fred Wurtzel, who is the president of the National Federation of the Blind of Michigan. Ms. Wurtzel said that she is an alumna of the Michigan School for the Blind, and many of her teachers had been students at MSU. She referred to a rally which had recently taken place on campus and said that it was attended by many people who support the visual impairment program. Ms. Wurtzel said that Provost Simon was very gracious on the day of the rally. Ms. Wurtzel urged the University to lift its moratorium on admitting new students to the program, and hopes that the program will not be discontinued.

B. Daniel Furton, a student and member of the Committee for Students with Disabilities, said that MSU has a national reputation for producing the best teachers of the visually impaired because the program is lengthier, the courses are more comprehensive, and there is an emphasis on child development.

Mr. Furton, who is legally blind, indicated that his current grade point average at MSU is 3.9655 because his instructors are trained to teach the visually impaired. He urged the University to maintain the visual impairment program and to lift the enrollment moratorium.

C. Geer Wilcox, a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Michigan, said that this program is very important to the community of blind people of Michigan and around the country. He said that many school systems in Michigan do not have teachers who are qualified to teach the visually impaired. He encouraged the University to lift its enrollment moratorium.

11. An Executive Session was not requested.

12. On a motion by Mr. Weiss, supported by Mr. Nugent, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H. Pogel, Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees