

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 5, 1999

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Governor Dunaskiss in the Alumni Lounge. Secretary McClain called the roll.

Committee Members Present: Governors Dunaskiss, Kelly, Lewis, and Scribner; William Stine, Faculty Representative; Sheldon Alexander, Faculty Alternate Representative; Mike Socha, Student Representative; Clifton Clark, III, Student Alternate Representative

Committee Members Absent: Governor Hardy

Also Present: Governors Jackson and Miller; President Reid, Chief of Staff Gibbs, Vice Presidents Davis, Johnson, Nelson and Stoltman; Vice President and General Counsel Lessem; Interim Vice Presidents Carter, Dambach, Ritzenhein; Deputy Provost Oliver for Senior Vice President and Provost Williamson; and Secretary McClain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, March 10, 1999

ACTION – Upon motion by Governor Kelly and seconded by Governor Scribner, the Minutes of March 10, 1999 were approved as submitted by the Secretary. The motion was adopted with a vote of 6 to 0.

Deputy Provost John Oliver presented the academic affairs reports and recommendations on behalf of Provost Williamson.

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES – RECHARTERING

In accordance with a Board of Governors statute, the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee makes periodic reviews on the status of existing centers and institutes and requests to establish new units. Following a recent review by the Advisory Committee and by the Academic Senate, recommendations were made for the rechartering of the three existing institutes for a five-year period:

Institute for Manufacturing Research

Institute of Chemical Toxicology

Institute of Gerontology

The Academic Affairs Committee also received a recommendation that the following centers and institute be established:

Douglas Fraser Center for Workplace Issues

Center for Research on the Reproductive Effects of Alcohol and Other Drugs

Institute for Scientific Computing

State Policy Center

Morris Hood, Jr. Comprehensive Diabetes Center

Deputy Provost Oliver noted that charters for the new centers were recommended for five-year terms, but the charter for the State Policy Center is for one year. The reason is that there were several concerns about the establishment of the Center, as shown in the background document. Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommended a one-year provisional charter until the issues are resolved.

Governor Miller said it appeared that the purpose of the State Policy Center is to coordinate the influence of the University with State government and that was not the understanding of the role of centers and institutes. Provost Oliver explained that the purpose of the proposed center is not that of an advocacy group for the University. The center was established with State funding that was given to the University to provide information to the State

Legislature. One of the projects was to teach an economics class for the new State legislators in Lansing; term limits caused a large turnover and there is a need to provide information on a non-partisan basis. In addition, a number of faculty have received grants to conduct research related to a large range of issues. Professor Stine added that reports that are written are not for lobbying purposes but are like white papers.

Vice President Nelson explained that after the higher education budget was completed, the three research institutions, Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State, were appropriated extra dollars to their base to use for policy advise to new legislators. Senator Joe Schwarz envisioned the establishment of a policy center to support the concerns and anticipated needs of the new legislators in light of term limits. Although legislative language in that regard was not included in the bill, the University created the State Policy Center. Vice President Nelson agreed with Deputy Provost Oliver's remarks that the Center is not engaged in lobbying but provides non-partisan policy guidance to legislators on a variety of issues. In the long run, it will enhance the visibility of the University in Lansing in a very positive way

Governor Kelly said it would be very helpful if future reports include the names of the person(s) who are employed by the centers and institutes and a short version of the budgets. Governor Lewis agreed and said it would be good if such a summary could be kept to no more than a page for each of the units. Deputy Provost Oliver said all of that information is available and was reviewed by the Advisory Committee, but it just was not put into the Board document.

Professor Stine said the Board should be aware of the fact that the review process for centers and institutes is carried on in considerable depth, and noted as examples the concerns about the Institute of Gerontology and the Institute of Chemical Toxicology. Professor Alexander added that there are at least three Academic Senate committees that are involved in the review, and each one goes into considerable detail about the issues within its purveyance. That information should be included in the background document. Governor Kelly said he was not looking for great detail but would like to know whether the units are still funded; the Institute for Gerontology, for example. Deputy Provost Oliver said Gerontology receives funds from a number of sources; some from the federal government and some from the General Fund of the University. Many people who work in Gerontology have appointments in University departments.

ACTION – Upon motion by Governor Kelly and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve continuation and rechartering of the following Centers and Institutes:

Institute for Marketing Research – 5 years

Institute of Chemical Toxicology – 5 years

Institute of Gerontology – 5 years

And further, that the Board of Governors grant charters to the following:

Douglas Fraser Center for Workplace Issues – 5 years

Center for Research on the Reproductive Effects of Alcohol and Other
Drugs – 5 years

State Policy Center – 1 year

Morris Hood, Jr. Comprehensive Diabetes Center – 5 years

The motion was adopted with a vote of 6-0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF ARTS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

The Academic Affairs Division recommended the establishment of the above named program. Deputy Provost Oliver said the new program has been approved by the College of Urban Labor and Metropolitan Affairs and by the Law School. The program will allow people in the legal professions to obtain a Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution, and it is a way to enhance the abilities of law students and to provide additional outlets for their expertise.

Governor Miller asked whether the Center for Conflict Resolution would be involved. Deputy Provost Oliver said Fred Pearson of the Center for Conflict Resolution is one of the major players in the program. Mr. Socha asked whether there are dispute resolution courses offered in the Law School. He also wondered whether students who do not want to seek the additional degree could cross register for courses in dispute resolution and continue with their Juris Doctorate studies and still graduate in three years as opposed to four. Can the courses be taken as electives? The answers to those questions were not available but will be at Thursday's Board meeting.

ACTION – Upon motion by Governor Dunaskiss and seconded by Governor Scribner, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the establishment of a Joint Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution program in the Law School and in the College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, effective Fall Term 1999. The motion was adopted with a vote of 6-0.

CHANGE OF NAME OF MAJOR FROM NURSING, PARENTING AND FAMILIES, TO ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING WITH WOMEN, NEONATES AND CHILDREN

ACTION – Upon motion by Governor Dunaskiss and seconded by Mr. Socha, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize a change in name of the master's level major in Nursing; from Nursing, Parenting and Families, to Advanced Practice Nursing with Women, Neonates and Children, in the College of Nursing, effective Fall Term 1999. The motion was adopted with a vote of 6-0.

CHANGE IN THE NAME OF MAJOR FROM SERVICE AGENCY ADMINISTRATION, TO NON-PROFIT SECTOR STUDIES

ACTION – Upon motion by Governor Scribner and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize a change in name of the major leading to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Service Agency Administration, to Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Non-Profit Sector Studies, in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, College of Lifelong Learning, effective Fall Term, 1999. The motion was adopted with a vote of 6-0.

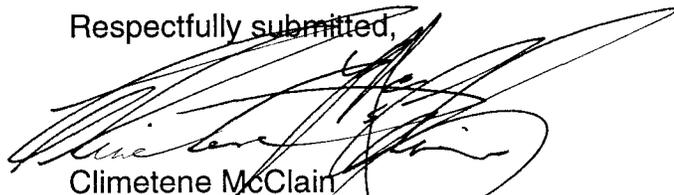
MICHAEL SOCHA

Governor Lewis congratulated Mike Socha who was graduated on May 4, 1999 and received the Howard A. Donnelly Award. She commended him on behalf of the Board for his participation on Board of Governors committees and for the service he has given the University as President of the Student Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Climetene McClain", written over a large, stylized flourish or scribble.

Climetene McClain
Secretary to the Board of Governors

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