

MAY MEETING, 2000

*The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor
Thursday, May 18, 2000*

The Regents convened at 1:45 p.m. in the Music Room at the Henry Ford Estate-Fairlane on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Present were President Bollinger and Regents Brandon, Horning, Maynard, McGowan, Newman, and Deitch. Also present were Provost Cantor, Vice President Feagin, Interim Vice President Harper, Executive Vice President Kasdin, Interim Chancellor Klein, Vice President and General Counsel Krislov, Chancellor Mestas, Executive Vice President Omenn, Vice President Rudgers, Vice President and Secretary Tedesco, Vice President Ulaby, and Vice President Wilbanks. Regents Taylor and White were absent.

Comments from President Bollinger

President Bollinger commented on a number of recent accomplishments of faculty members, including news that Provost Cantor and Professor Donald Lopez, Jr., had been chosen as Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also noted that the Michigan softball and women's rowing teams had each won Big Ten Conference championships.

Chancellor of University of Michigan-Dearborn

President Bollinger announced that Daniel Little was being recommended for approval as chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and introduced Dr. Little to the assembly. He noted that the search committee had been tireless in its efforts to find the best possible candidates, and thanked the committee for its efforts. He observed that Dr. Little was a

distinguished scholar and administrator and welcomed him to the campus. A round of applause followed.

Michigan Greats

Vice President Ulaby observed that this month's presentation would highlight undergraduate research in the natural sciences at University of Michigan-Dearborn. He introduced John Thomas, associate professor of biology at UM-Dearborn, and Nicholas Urbanczyk, a senior majoring in biological sciences. Professor Thomas gave a presentation about undergraduate involvement in research in the environmental sciences on the Dearborn campus and Mr. Urbanczyk described a research project he had conducted under the direction of Professor Thomas on the molecular genetics of plants under environmental stress.

Vice President for Communications

President Bollinger introduced Lisa Rudgers, vice president for communications, and welcomed her to the University.

Consent Agenda

Minutes. Vice President Tedesco submitted the minutes of the April 13, 2000 meeting.

Reports. Executive Vice President Kasdin submitted reports of investment and plant extension.

Vice President Krislov submitted the Litigation Report.

Vice President Ulaby submitted the report of projects established for April, 2000.

Michigan Student Assembly Report. Hideki Tsutsumi, president of MSA, reported on projects underway during the summer months. These include a voter registration drive and creation of a website listing required textbooks that would be completed before classes start so

that students can save money by purchasing books online. He introduced Siafa Hage, treasurer of MSA. Mr. Hage reviewed activities planned for the next academic year, which include continuing with the voter registration drive; increasing lobbying efforts in Lansing and Washington; making student organizations aware of funding available from sources other than MSA; and continuing to work on the club sports initiative. He concluded that MSA also plans to continue to foster a positive relationship with the administration. President Bollinger responded that he is looking forward to working with MSA.

Communications to the Board. President Bollinger submitted a memorandum from the Arthur Miller Theatre Advisory Committee in support of the proposed Walgreen Drama Center and the Arthur Miller Theatre. He noted that Charles and Jean Walgreen have been tremendous friends of the University in many different areas. They have given \$11.3 million towards this project, and a bequest of \$5 million from another source will also be designated for it, bringing total gifts to \$16.3 of the approximate \$18 million total project cost.

President Bollinger observed that Arthur Miller, one of the greatest playwrights of our time, is devoted to the University of Michigan and is greatly in favor of a theatre being named in his honor. He distributed copies of a handwritten postcard from Mr. Miller expressing that “The theatre is a lovely idea. I’ve resisted similar proposals from others but it seems right from Ann Arbor.” President Bollinger noted that this “is a linkage between the University and a great, great figure of our time that we do not want to let pass by.”

President Bollinger observed that there is currently more demand for theatre space than there is supply at the University, and this demand will not be met even once the Arthur Miller Theatre has been completed. The idea is to create a complex of theatres, including the Power Center at 1400 seats, the Arthur Miller Theatre at 600-800 seats, and an experimental theatre at

100 seats, along with facilities that would provide other forums for education and research. President Bollinger observed that the plan for the theatre complex and the programming for the various theatres, including co-productions with other regional theatres, was developed with assistance of Professor Emeritus John Russel Brown, a renowned authority in this area. He also noted that the University Musical Society has recently begun to integrate its offerings with the educational activities of the University, and that next year for the first time in many years it will be developing a theatre program. The signature event of this program will involve the Royal Shakespeare Company, which will be in residence in March and will stage three of Shakespeare's historical plays in addition to holding classes and workshops. He observed that the potential of the Arthur Miller Theatre was important to the Royal Shakespeare Company's decision to develop a long-term relationship with the University.

President Bollinger called attention to the memorandum from the faculty advisory committee endorsing the Arthur Miller Theatre and the theatre complex. He noted that building the University's reputation in the area of cultural activities is as important as creating venues in the various schools and colleges that are meant to draw visitors from across the world to the campus.

University of Michigan Health System. Executive Vice President Omenn reported on a number of activities and events underway in the Health System.

Student Affairs. There was no report from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

University of Michigan-Dearborn. President Bollinger thanked Interim Chancellor Klein for his service as interim chancellor. A round of applause followed. Interim Chancellor Klein said that he has enjoyed serving the University in this capacity. He observed that the

Dearborn campus includes over 70 acres of natural area, including a portion of the Rouge River, and that a conference on the Rouge River was being held on campus.

University of Michigan-Flint. Chancellor Mestas thanked Chancellor Klein for mentoring him since he has come to campus.

Voluntary Support. Vice President Feagin submitted the report of voluntary support for April 2000.

Annual recommendations for promotion to the ranks of professor and associate professor. Provost Cantor observed that she and others who had reviewed the promotions were “breathless” about the quality of the faculty. She noted that “the integration of scholarship and teaching on our campus is alive and well and is enormously impressive.” Noting that she is “completely convinced that the best scholars make the best teachers,” she described four faculty who exemplified the integration of scholarship and teaching among this year’s promotion recommendations: Frieda Ekotto, assistant professor of French (being recommended for associate professor with tenure); Paul Resnick, associate professor of information (being recommended for the granting of tenure); Edward W. Sarath, associate professor of music (jazz and improvisation studies) with tenure (being recommended for promotion to professor); and Ann Marie Sastry, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics (recommended for promotion to associate professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics with tenure).

Executive Vice President Omenn highlighted the achievements of four faculty being recommended for promotion: Eva Feldman, associate professor of neurology with tenure (being recommended for promotion to professor); Sally Ann Camper, associate professor of human genetics with tenure (being recommended for promotion to professor); Douglas Quint, associate

professor of radiology with tenure (being recommended for promotion to professor); and J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., assistant professor of surgery (being recommended for promotion to associate professor with tenure).

President Bollinger commented that review and evaluation for tenure is “the most important thing we do throughout the year.” He described the process and the amount of effort expended on tenure review.

Chancellor Mestas presented eight faculty members for promotion and tenure on the Flint campus, noting the large role that teaching plays in their academic work and that the quality of faculty publications is on a par with the Ann Arbor campus.

Interim Chancellor Klein presented six promotion and tenure recommendations for the Dearborn campus. He highlighted the accomplishments of Professor Barbara Klein, assistant professor of management information systems (being recommended for promotion to associate professor with tenure).

Personnel Actions/Personnel Reports. Provost Cantor submitted a number of other personnel actions and personnel reports.

Retirement memoirs. Vice President Tedesco submitted retirement memoirs for 21 faculty members.

Memorials. No deaths were reported to the Regents this month.

Degrees. There were no actions with respect to degrees.

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Horning, the Regents unanimously approved the consent agenda.

President Bollinger observed that Julie Peterson, director of News and Information Services, had done an excellent job filling in during the search for a vice president for

communications, and he thanked her for her efforts. He also thanked Professor Sid Bulkowsky, chair of the Dearborn chancellor search committee, and the rest of the committee for their service in successfully concluding the search.

Six Months Report on University Audits

Executive Vice President Kasdin submitted the Six Months Report on University Audits.

Alternative Asset Commitments

Executive Vice President Kasdin provided information on follow-on investments in funds sponsored by three previously approved alternative asset partnerships: Sequoia Capital X, L.P.; Morgenthaler Ventures VI, L.P.; and Accel VIII, L.P.

The University of Michigan Walgreen Drama Center

Executive Vice President Kasdin observed that a request for appointment of an architect for this project would be forthcoming in a few months. He noted that the proposed location would enhance what is becoming a performing arts district on campus, and credited the master planning process and Venturi Scott Brown & Associates, with this result. He also noted that the site is on land already owned by the University, allowing money that might have been spent on property acquisition to be spent on programmatic activities in the performing arts.

Regent McGowan moved approval of the Walgreen Drama Center Project and its site, as described in the Regents Communication. Regent Brandon seconded the motion.

Regent Deitch commented that “this is a wonderful moment for the University.” He said that naming the theatre for Arthur Miller is “a lovely idea” and is consistent with President Bollinger’s long-expressed notion of the University’s becoming less modest in emphasizing its contributions to the world and its influence on leading world figures. He also commented that

President Bollinger, Vice President Feagin, and other University officials “have done a spectacular job in development.” He noted that two major donors had recently commented to him about how thrilled they are with what’s going on at the University of Michigan under President Bollinger’s leadership. The fact that donors are willing to continue to give is a tribute to the “compelling vision” that the president has identified to them. He observed that a project like the Walgreen Drama Center “brings the kind of life to a place like Ann Arbor that makes it a mecca for the kind of people who will replicate things that have gone on in the past and who make the community a wonderful, rich place in which to live.”

President Bollinger credited Vice President Feagin with developing the personal relationships with major donors that have led to such fruitful collaborations.

The vote was then taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Extension of Existing Lease with First Martin Corporation

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Horning, the Regents unanimously approved authorization for extension of an existing lease with First Martin Corporation. Because William C. Martin is an officer and major shareholder of First Martin Corporation and is also serving as University of Michigan interim athletic director, this lease extension falls under the state of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Middle English Dictionary Project and First Martin Corporation.
2. The service to be provided is an extension of an existing lease for three additional months, at a rate of \$5,734.00 dollars for two of these months, with the final month of the lease at no charge.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that William C. Martin, a University of Michigan employee, is an officer and major shareholder of First Martin Corporation.

Payment for Services of What Is It This Week

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Horning, the Regents unanimously approved authorization to process payment for services provided by What Is It This Week. Because the sole owner of What Is It This Week, Susan Fisher, is also a University of Michigan employee, this payment falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its UMHS Radiation Oncology Department, and What Is It This Week.
2. The service provided was silk screening of hats and shirts at a total cost of \$596.50.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Susan Fisher, a University of Michigan employee, is sole owner of What Is It This Week.

Purchasing Contract with Vaassen Sheep Farm

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Maynard, the Regents unanimously approved a purchasing contract with Vaassen Sheep Farm to board sheep that are used for research study. Because Sharon Vaassen is both co-owner of Vaassen Sheep Farm and a University of Michigan employee, this agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

1. Parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its UMHS Orthopaedic Research Laboratories, and Vaassen Sheep Farm.
2. The service to be provided is the boarding of sheep for the purposes of research study, with the service to be provided for the period beginning May 1, 2000 and ending April 30, 2001, for a total dollar amount of \$5,000.00.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Sharon Vaassen, a University of Michigan employee, is the co-owner of Vaassen Sheep Farm.

Purchasing Contract with Valley View Farm

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Maynard, the Regents unanimously approved a purchasing contract with Valley View Farm to buy and board sheep that are used in medical research projects. Because Douglas Doop, the sole owner of Valley View Farm, is also a University of Michigan employee, this contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

1. Parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine, and Valley View Farm.
2. The service to be provided is the boarding and selling of sheep for the purposes of medical research, with the service to be provided for the period beginning May 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2005, for a total dollar amount of \$50,000.00.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Douglas Doop, a University of Michigan employee, is the sole owner of Valley View Farm.

Research Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and Northwestern University

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Maynard, the Regents unanimously approved a research subcontract between the University of Michigan and Northwestern University to support the collaborative activities of Dr. John Birge at Northwestern University. Because Dr. Birge is also on a leave of absence from the University of Michigan, effective September 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000, this agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

1. Parties to the agreement are the University of Michigan and Northwestern University.
2. Under the terms of the agreement, a total subcontract of approximately \$40,000 is anticipated to cover the period of April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001. The University's standard subcontract provisions will apply.

3. Dr. Birge's leave of absence status at the University of Michigan is without compensation.

Regent McGowan left the meeting at this point, at 3:20 p.m.

Change in Name of Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics

On a motion by Regent Maynard, seconded by Regent Horning, the Regents unanimously approved a change in the name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics in the College of Engineering to the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Establishment of Academic Departments in the College of Pharmacy

On a motion by Regent Horning, seconded by Regent Brandon, the Regents unanimously approved the establishment of a departmental structural in the College of Pharmacy, as described in the Regents Communication. The departments to be established are the Department of Clinical Sciences, the Department of Medicinal Chemistry, the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the Department of Social and Administrative Sciences.

Approval of Academic Calendar for 2002-2003

On a motion by Regent Brandon, seconded by Regent Deitch, the Regents unanimously approved the academic calendar for 2002-2003 for the Ann Arbor campus, as described in the Regents communication.

New Degree Program for the UM-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science ("Master of Science in Information Systems and Technology")

On a motion by Regent Maynard, seconded by Regent Brandon, the Regents unanimously approved a new degree program, "Master of Science in Information Systems and Technology," to be offered by the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

A five-minute break followed.

Public Comments

The Regents heard comments from the following individuals, on the topics indicated: Pamela A. Gerald, student, on subtle racism on the Dearborn campus; Gary Hann, citizen, on abusive discrimination by the University of Michigan; Michael Edwards and Warren Jenkins, president and bargaining chair, respectively, of AFSCME Local 1583, about violation of the collective bargaining agreement pertaining to paid time off language; Patricia Myles, citizen and member of the Committee to Challenge Racism Against Indigenous People, about space allocation for Michigamua; and Nicholas Waun, student, about the University's ownership of tobacco stock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 15-16, 2000.