MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
of the
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 18, 1976

Present: Trustees Bruff, Huff, Krolikowski, Martin, Radcliffe, Stack, and Stevens; President Wharton, Executive Vice President Breslin, Acting Provost Boger, Vice President Wilkinson, Secretary Ballard, Vice Presidents Cantlon, Nonnamaker, Perrin, and Scott; Attorney Carr.

Absent: Trustee Carrigan; Consultant to the President Muelder.

The Trustees met in Executive Session in the Heritage Room, Kellogg Center, following a Public Briefing Session.

1. The Trustees debated Senator Nelson's earlier request for a public expression of support for a temporary income tax increase. There was consensus that the current fiscal crisis poses serious long-term consequences for state programs in all areas. Opinion was divided, however, as to the effect or impact of a formal Board action on the matter of a tax increase to meet the crisis. It was agreed that Mr. Perrin make appropriate revisions in a draft statement suggested by Trustee Huff for Board consideration at its formal meeting on March 19.

2. Acting Provost Boger reviewed developments in respect to the accreditation report for the College of Engineering. It is clear that the initial "disaster reports" as reported in the media were inaccurate. Dr. Boger indicated he was pleased with the progress that had been made to date and would keep the Board informed of future developments.

3. There was extended discussion of the issues raised by the showing of X-rated films on campus.

It was moved by Trustee Krolikowski, seconded by Trustee Radcliffe, to add this item to the March 19 agenda. Motion failed, 2 to 5, Trustees Krolikowski and Radcliffe voting Yes.

Adjourned.

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The Board convened in the Board Room at 9:15 a.m., President Wharton presiding.

1. President Wharton opened the meeting with a prepared statement pointing out that the lead story in the March 18, 1976 State Journal about the imminent dismissal of Executive Vice President Breslin and Assistant Athletic Director Beardsley was totally false.

Each of the Trustees present, and Trustee Stevens in behalf of Trustee Carrigan, expressed their distress and concern with this type of irresponsible reporting. The Trustees also expressed their gratitude for the contributions Mr. Breslin has made to the University.

2. Motion was made by Trustee Bruff, seconded by Trustee Stevens to approve the agenda.

Trustee Stack asked that a resolution on the fiscal problems of the University and the State of Michigan be added as item 5, Other Items for Action. Trustee Stevens added that at the May meeting the Trustees will review the University's lettuce-grape purchase policy which was approved in May 1975.

The agenda, with the one addition, was unanimously approved.

3. On motion by Trustee Radcliffe, seconded by Trustee Martin, the minutes of the February 20, 1976 meetings were unanimously approved.