INFORMAL MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Kellogg Center
7:30 p.m., October 15, 1970

Present: All Trustees; President Wharton, Executive Vice President and Secretary Breslin, Vice President Wilkinson, Assistant to the President Ballard, Provost Cantlon, Attorney Carr, Vice President Dickerson, Vice President Muelder, Vice President Perrin, Dean of Students Nonnamaker.

Absent: No one.

1. The following proposal was presented by Mr. Harold Buckner, Chairman of ASMSU.

In the interest of total communication between all elements of the University community, the Student Board of ASMSU proposes the following to the Board of Trustees:

A. The Chairman of the Student Board of ASMSU and the Editor of the State News shall be granted the right to sit in on and speak at any and all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

B. There shall also be three other students who will sit ex-officio on the Board as non-voting members, but who shall have access to all information, privileges and responsibilities of any Trustee.

C. The three ex-officio students shall be chosen in the following manner:

(1) There shall be one vacancy to be filled each spring by a student having the status of a third term freshman, who will then serve on the Board for a period of three years.

(2) This student will be elected by the undergraduate student body at large from a panel of 4-6 students presented by the Student Board the fourth week of spring term.

(a) The panel of 4-6 students will be chosen from students submitting petitions between the fifth and ninth weeks of winter term of each year, and shall be presented to the undergrad students for election, which will be held concurrent with ASMSU spring elections.

(b) A newly selected student shall take office officially at the October meeting of the Trustees, after having attended the June through September meetings.

(c) Upon passage of this proposal, the student board shall present before the undergrad students a panel of students of sufficient number so that:

   1) One first term Senior may be elected for the remainder of the year.
   2) One first term Junior may be elected to serve for the remainder of a two-year period.
   3) One first term Sophomore may be elected to serve for the remainder of a three-year term.

There was considerable discussion by different members of the Board relative to the merits of this program. The greatest concern evidenced by the Board seemed to evolve around the statement in Mr. Buckner's presentation that the student Trustees would have the same rights and privileges, including access to all information, as the elected members of the Board. There were comments by individual members of the Board that if this privilege was granted to students it may be necessary to grant the same privilege to members of the faculty, as well as other representatives from different constituent groups that make up the total University.

2. A very fine and informative presentation was made on behalf of the Student-Faculty Judiciary Committee by Howard Brody, Chairman, and James F. Rainey, Vice Chairman. Other members of the committee present were Leroy Ferguson, Marjorie E. Gesner, William H. Pipes, Max R. Raines, Lawrence E. Sarbaugh, Lewis K. Zerby, Eldon R. Nonnamaker (ex officio), and Sandy Huntington. The Trustees seemed to be very pleased with the efficient manner in which this committee operates.

3. The annual presentation by Scudder, Stevens & Clark was made by Mr. James W. Baxter and Mr. Robert Mathieson. Their report and recommendations are made a part of the minutes of the October 16 Finance meeting.