A meeting of the Trustee Finance Committee was held via conference telephone call on Monday, July 8, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. Minutes of the committee meeting are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Immediately following the committee meeting, President McPherson called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:50 a.m. via conference telephone call.

Trustees present: Dolores M. Cook, Colleen McNamara, Donald W. Nugent, David L. Porteous, John D. Shingleton, Bob Traxler, and Robert E. Weiss. Trustee absent: Dorothy Gonzales.

Mr. David L. Porteous was appointed by Governor John Engler, effective June 19, 1996, to complete the term of Dr. Russell G. Mawby which ends January 1, 1997. This is Trustee Porteous' first Board meeting.

University officers present: President McPherson, Provost Simon, Secretary Fogel, and Vice President Wilkinson. University administrators and staff present: Ronald T. Flinn, Assistant Vice President for Physical Plant; Charles M. Gagliano, University Housing Manager; Jack Mumma, Construction Coordinator; and Robert Nestle, University Engineer.

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

1. The proposed agenda was approved.

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

3. Bids and Contract Award--Mason-Abbot Halls Renovations

Vice President Wilkinson reported that at the July 1995 Board meeting when BEI Associates was appointed as the Architect/Engineer for the Mason-Abbot Halls renovations, it was discussed that major renovations would be necessary. Since the nature of the work does not allow the residence halls to remain open during renovation, approval of the recommendation would facilitate the work being completed for the beginning of the 1997 school year.

In response to Trustee Traxler's inquiry, the Board was informed that the University had complied with all established processes and procedures in making this recommendation. Board members discussed the issue of penalty clauses for work not being completed by the deadline.

Trustee Nugent, Chairperson of the Trustee Finance Committee, presented the recommendation of the Committee to:

A) Award a contract in the amount of $6,347,248.50 to Moore Trosper Construction Company, of Holt, Michigan, and establish a budget in the amount of $7,704,200 for the project entitled: Mason-Abbot [Halls] - Renovations.

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

4. On a motion by Mr. Porteous, supported by Ms. Cook, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.