

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**Board of Control**  
**Michigan Technological University**  
**Houghton, Michigan**

**Meeting of**  
**August 2, 2007**

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MINUTES OF THE FORMAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY held pursuant to due call in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building on the campus of Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, Michigan at eight thirty o'clock on the morning of August 2, 2007.

The Board of Control of Michigan Technological University met in formal session at the University's campus at Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, State of Michigan, at 8:30 a.m., on the 2nd day of August, 2007, in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building. The place, hour, and date duly established and duly published for the holding of such a meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, R. Gronevelt, and a quorum was declared present.

The following members of the Board of Control were present:

R. A. Gronevelt, Vice Chair  
S. J. Hicks  
R. A. Kershner  
R. A. Reck  
M. K. Richardson  
G. D. Mroz, *ex officio*

The following members were absent:

D. J. Brule  
K. I. Clark

Also present during part or all of the session were: Dale R. Tahtinen, Secretary of the Board and Vice President for Governmental Relations; Daniel D. Greenlee, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; George Butvilas, Chair of the Michigan Tech Fund Board of Directors; David D. Reed, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Research; Shea McGrew, Vice President of Advancement and Marketing; Les Cook, Vice President for Student Affairs, Paul Tomasi, University Counsel; and various members of the faculty, administrative staff, student body, press and public.

Where item numbers are used, they refer to corresponding item numbers in the agenda, in the hands of the Board members.

## **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by M. Richardson, supported by R. Reck, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the agenda of the formal session of August 2, 2007, as distributed to the Board, be approved.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by R. Reck, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the minutes of the formal session of June 21, 2007 be approved.

## **III. OPENING REMARKS**

### **Chair's Comments**

Good morning I'm Russ Gronevelt, Vice Chairman of the Board, and welcome to Alumni Weekend. Unfortunately, Dr. Clark is unable to be with us today, and asked me to chair the meeting in her absence. I'll try to keep things moving, and hopefully we will be able to have a short meeting and enjoy the various activities that are taking place on campus.

I would like to welcome George Butvilas, Chair of the Michigan Tech Fund Board of Directors, as well as our new Board member Steve Hicks. Steve graduated from Michigan Tech in 1983 in Business Administration and is President and CEO of J.M. Longyear LLC, which is a natural resources company based in Marquette, and is also vice chairman of Minnesota Steel. Steve has served on the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science Advisory Board and brings more than 20 years of experience in businesses focused on natural resources. He also served as chair of the Michigan Forest Products Council. We are very pleased to have Steve as a member of the Board.

Mr. Hicks stated that he looks forward to helping the Board and the management team execute Michigan Tech's vision and to make it an even better place.

I would also like to welcome our new Provost Lesley Lovett-Doust. The Board did meet yesterday in the form of a full day retreat, which was session two of the retreat that started back in June, and Lesley was with us all day and a contributor to much of the discussion.

On July 20, Governor Granholm announced that Massachusetts-based Mascoma Corporation will build a commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol plant to manufacture automotive bio-fuels from woody plant materials in Michigan. Michigan Tech's expertise and research leadership played a key role in the bio-company's decision to come to Michigan. The Wood to Wheels initiative is already pooling the brainpower of research leaders to create a clean-burning, energy-efficient and cost-effective biofuel using an abundant local resource: trees. Michigan

Tech's Wood to Wheels project includes development of an automotive engine to make best use of the wood-based ethanol. Mascoma also plans to use Michigan Tech's state of the art automotive engineering laboratories to test its biofuels.

The following day, State Representative George Cushingberry (who is also Chair of the House Appropriations Committee) and Representative Mike Lahti toured campus. Chairman Cushingberry is from the Detroit area and was extremely interested in Michigan Tech's alternative fuel research, transportation related research and nano-technologies.

Dr. Miguel Levy, who investigates that most ephemeral of substances, light, is the winner of Michigan Tech's 2007 Research Award. Levy has been the sole principal investigator or co-principal investigator on 6 million dollars in research funding since coming to Michigan Tech in 2000 and has six patents to his credit. He has authored or coauthored 80 refereed publications and in 2003 he received the Mentor Award for his work with graduate students.

Faculty members Bryan Suits and Guy Hembroff are this year's winners of Michigan Tech's Distinguished Teaching Award. Physics Professor Bryan Suits was honored in the associate professor/professor category, and Assistant Professor Guy Hembroff who teaches computer network and system administration in the School of Technology, received the award in the lecturer/assistant professor category.

Many of you have probably noticed the significant upsurge in media attention not only statewide and regionally, but also nationally that Michigan Tech has been receiving over the last several months. Clearly, the incredible story of Michigan Tech, which has been unfolding for years, is now finally being recognized by various media. The most recent example, beyond the cellulosic ethanol energy stories, has been the wide coverage of Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Noel Urban's research in developing models that will enable scientists to predict how climate change will affect Lake Superior's ecosystem. Michigan Tech's improved communication efforts are definitely "bearing fruit", and we are look forward to seeing ever more frequent stories in the national media highlighting Michigan Tech's successes. Congratulations to Bonnie Gorman, Jennifer Donovan, Marcia Goodrich and the entire staff of the University Marketing and Communications Department.

### **President's Comments**

This is a really great week on the Michigan Tech campus because we have so many alums who come back to visit. I would encourage you to listen to their stories. It is remarkable what our alums have accomplished. Last night we had the privilege of attending the Civil and Environmental Engineering Awards Ceremony where eight new members were inducted into their Honor Academy. The stories of what they did and how humble people were is just remarkable and impressive. I would encourage you to talk to them about what Michigan Tech is today, but listen to those stories because those are the things that you can pass on to students as we recruit ever more students to Michigan Tech.

I wanted to welcome Steve Hicks. I have known Steve for a long time and he helped me in my former job as Dean. We also welcome Lesley Lovett-Doust to her first Board of Control meeting. Thanks again to all who served on the search committee most of whom served for

two years to find a provost, and especially the Chair Larry Sutter. It will not go without saying that we also thank his wife Patti for her support of Larry during this very time intensive effort.

Yesterday, the Board and the Executive Team met for a day long retreat to do a reality check on our mission, vision, goals, and our brutal realities. It was good to come out of that meeting reaffirming our goal as we pursue our vision of becoming a premier technological research university and you will hear about the progress we are making in that pursuit from Dave Reed and Shea McGrew.

For the first time ever we have passed 5,000 applications to Michigan Tech. It wasn't too long ago that we were stuck at 4,200. I want to thank Les Cook, John Lehman, Bill Roberts, Ally Carter, Saleha Suleman, Tim Malette and all their staff for making this happen.

As we enter the fall, we will continue to widen the discussion both on campus and off campus of what we have to do in the next five years to ensure the success of Michigan Tech for the next 30 years and beyond. On campus, we have begun to meet with groups, starting with the directors. Off campus, we have begun to meet with a number of alums in White Paper events. We've held the first five of about 35-40 events nationwide targeting 500 influential alumni and friends to engage in discussions about the future of Michigan Tech. The message is simple: there are some things at Michigan Tech that must change, and some things that must never change. We need them to understand what Michigan Tech has become, what it will be, and we need them to understand their part in both getting the word out in their personal and professional networks and for their financial support to secure Michigan Tech's future.

Thank you to the deans and the faculty who have taken part in these events, and for offering their constructive comments.

Finally, I ask for a moment of silence for one of our own. First Lieutenant Ben Hall, MTU Class of 2005 and the former Cadet Battalion Commander, was killed in action on July 31 in Afghanistan while fighting Taliban forces with the 173 Airborne Brigade.

#### **IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **IV-A-1. Academic Affairs Committee Report**

Mr. Gronevelt reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met yesterday briefly to learn more about the Faculty Hiring Initiative, which Dr. Reed will report on later in the meeting.

##### **IV-A-2. Provost's Report**

Dr. David Reed, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs provided the Board with the following report.

## Provost Report

August 2, 2007

David Reed

## Outline

- Strategic Metrics Update
- Faculty Hiring Initiative

## Strategic Metrics Update

- The Strategic Metrics are on the Michigan Tech Dashboard, which is linked off of the Strategic Plan web site:
- <http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/dashboard/index.html>

### Strategic Metrics Update

- Responsibility for developing and maintaining the site has been assumed by University Marketing and Communication
- Responsibility for updating metrics rests with Institutional Analysis
- The two units will work together to maintain and update the Dashboard

### Strategic Metrics Update

- The Board and others have asked for a white paper describing the metrics and their interpretation. This has been developed and is circulating in draft form. It will be added to the Dashboard site when completed.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- We have stabilized our financial situation, in spite of the State's problems, and recently approved our new strategic plan.
- We are making good progress, but to make more than incremental progress, we have to address the most limiting factors that contribute to achieving our goals.



### **Faculty Hiring Initiative**

- While resources are always an issue, the single most limiting factor is really faculty capacity.
- We must increase faculty capacity to be in a position to make substantial progress toward our goals.
- This implies an increase in faculty hiring beyond simply replacing those who leave.

### **Faculty Hiring Initiative**

- The Deans and others are developing a Strategic Faculty Hiring Initiative that would involve coordinated hiring within interdisciplinary areas.
- This would take place along with our normal faculty replacement hiring practices, and no replacement positions would be 'contributed' to this effort, though normal review and allocation of replacement positions will continue.

### **Faculty Hiring Initiative**

- It is important that this be viewed as a coordinated, institutional effort, involving units and personnel from across the University.
- It is important that this build on current strengths, and not head off in new directions.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- It is important that this effort involve not just entry level-faculty, but also more senior-level hires. This provides an excellent opportunity to link to the Campaign through endowed chairs and professorships.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- Hiring would occur during the 2007-08 academic year, with the intent of new faculty arriving on campus in the fall of 2008 for the 2008-09 year.
- This first effort will be a learning process, and will be reviewed and possibly altered as we gain experience – we have to learn how to do this.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- For the first effort, the focus will be on Sustainability. The Provost, the Deans, and the Sustainable Futures Institute will collaborate in the effort, along with the academic units.
- Obviously, Sustainability is a large area and we will need to develop a focus that will allow us to build on the recently announced three Robbins Chairs as well as existing strengths.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- The goal will be three senior level hires and up to seven entry-level faculty hires in the area of Sustainability. Home departments will be negotiated with each hire, with the likelihood of joint appointments for many of the hires.
- A concern is startup costs and the ability of units to contribute [some having more resources than others]. This will have to be worked through and coordinated.

### Faculty Hiring Initiative

- In addition, to state the obvious, the home departments of the candidates will have to participate in the hiring process and approve of the new faculty coming into the unit.
- Methods to coordinate and ensure that the new faculty are welcomed into their units will need to be developed.

#### **IV-A-3. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

It was moved by R. Reck, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control approves the annual salary of \$200,000 for Dr. Lesley Lovett-Doust for her duties as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and her appointment as Professor with tenure in the Department of Biological Sciences, effective August 20, 2007.

#### **IV-A-4. Emeritus Rank**

It was moved by M. Richardson, supported by R. Reck, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of control approves the emeritus appointment of Dr. Anil Jambekar, Professor Emeritus, School of Business and Economics.

#### **IV-B-1. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

Mr. Kershner reported that the Finance and Audit Committee has not met since the June Board of Control meeting. He did however make the following remarks.

There was some activity and I will mention that in the course of these comments. I am going to abuse this a little bit because this report is really my own since the Committee and I didn't meet recently.

Everybody has probably seen this story about what happen at Eastern Michigan. It was on the front page of the Chronicle and it's also on the front page of the Detroit News and Free Press and a number of other newspapers. It probably made all of you begin to think, as it made me begin to think, could something of this order possibly happen at Tech. As I sorted through it, I came up with four possible explanations for why that occurred at Eastern. As you know, they had a crime on campus, murder specifically, that was required under federal law to be reported and was not. Because it was not it was discovered months later, and the fallout was that the president, one of the vice presidents and the campus security chief were all fired, and the general counsel was reprimanded.

I thought that there were maybe four possibilities or some combination of the four. 1.) It is possible that they simply did not know that federal law required them to make that report. It's plausible, it's possible, and it maybe even probable, but it's not likely to have endured for the period of time that they didn't report it. So it might have been an initial or contributing cause, but that probably isn't the root cause. 2.) It's possible they didn't know the facts, and as it turns out some of them did and some of them didn't so as an organization, an entity, they didn't know the facts. 3.) It's possible they just simply did not care whether there were going to be sanctions and they found the arguments against disclosure somehow compelling. I think that that's the more probable explanation. That there was a culture at Eastern Michigan that was not a culture of caution. It was a culture of risk taking. Someone weighed the benefits and the downside of disclosure and decided not to do that. Now, I don't know who it was, I don't know how they came to that conclusion, but I do think it reflects a culture. Some of the other things that Eastern did reflected this as well. That is not one that emphasizes caution. It's one that emphasizes, or at least permits or tolerates carelessness.

I said that there was some activity here with our Committee in the interim since the last meeting. The Audit Committee had requested the Internal Auditor to answer for us a question about whether a particular campus department was complying with law. We received a report back and the substance of the report was that the department had, and I'm paraphrasing here and if anybody wants particular facts the members of the Audit Committee know the exact question that was asked and the answer received, that's Ruth, Dave and me and we can talk about it anytime you want. The answer we got back was that the department had determined that it did not need to comply with this particular bit of statutory law, for a reason that frankly would be a good reason if it had to be rolled out in defensive and accusation on the spur of the moment. It reflected an argument, a defensive argument for not complying, but didn't in my view present a reasonable argument if there was a present day culture of carefulness and compliance at the University. I think it more reflected the culture

that I think that I recognize at Eastern of a lack of caution and a certain amount of carelessness.

To kind of tie this up a little bit. You know we recently did have an instance where the University was guilty of a violation of State Labor Laws and I think that it's another instance and reflection of this culture of carelessness. And I don't think this Board helped one bit, myself included, because we all treated that instance when it was all over with the attitude that oh well what are we going to do, I mean you know we tried. Frankly, I think the proper response should have been how did this happen and how do we keep it from ever happening again. I think the right answer is to properly establish a culture of caution, and I don't know that we have succeeded in doing that here so far.

I am also a little bit disappointed, and you are all disappointed to hear this I'm sure, in this tedious and on going discussion about whether the University needs full time inside counsel. Three members of the Board visited with the President months and months ago asking for a recommendation. Some months went by, we got a recommendation that I will paraphrase, and you can correct me if you want, to the effect that the need wasn't recognized but that the Administration was willing to acquiesce and get somebody except that there was only one candidate that they could imagine and that candidate wasn't available at the moment.

We asked one of our members to go back and revisit the question again with the President and that member is not present today, but I understand from conversation that there was really no more progress made on the issue, and if we were to establish and fill that position we would hit two of these four possible causes of problems at Eastern Michigan. 1.) If they didn't know the law the inside counsel should contribute to making sure that the law is known. Now, at Eastern the general counsel was actually reprimanded, so I don't know what kind of a job he did and that is a separate problem I think. 2.) Most good lawyers will bring with them the culture of cautioness that this University has not had in the time that I have been here, and I know that you are tired of hearing me say it, but there is a new good example that comes to my attention every month. That's my report Mr. Chairman.

Vice Chair Gronevelt responded that he heard two items of concern. 1.) Did the Committee act in a form recommending action? Mr. Kershner stated that the Committee didn't meet at all, and therefore the issue is still in Committee. 2.) Mr. Gronevelt is aware of receiving a report from the President and of this Board passing a resolution to receive and file that report and that was the formal action taken by this Board. Mr. Gronevelt asked if that was also an item that is being discussed in the Committee. Mr. Kershner responded that it was his personal view and no there is nothing pending in the Committee on that issue.

#### **IV-B-2. Designation of Unrestricted Bequest**

It was moved by R. Kershner, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control approves the designation of the Widenhoefer bequest to the FY08 Michigan Tech Fund operating expenses to enable more gift dollars to flow to the individual units.

#### **IV-C-1. Michigan Technological University/Michigan Tech Fund Agreement**

Successful continuation of the relationship between Michigan Tech and the Michigan Tech Fund is subject to the Fund's qualification as an institution permitted certain privileges with respect to credits on Michigan income tax. Specifically, Public Act No. 290 of 1974 reads in part:

"The tax credit shall be permitted only where the donee corporation, fund, foundation, trust or association is controlled or approved and reviewed by the governing boards of the institutions benefitting from the charitable contributions. Such nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association shall provide copies of their annual independently audited financial statements to the auditor general of the state and chairmen of the senate and house appropriations committees."

It was moved by M. Richardson, supported by R. Reck, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control approves the Michigan Technological University/Michigan Tech Fund agreement, and also, that the Board goes on record as having reviewed and approved the operations of the Michigan Tech Fund to continue as a recipient of donations eligible for the State of Michigan income tax credit.

#### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY AND THE MICHIGAN TECH FUND**

This Agreement made September 1, 2007 between Michigan Technological University ("University") and the Michigan Tech Fund ("Fund").

WHEREAS, the Fund's work in receiving and managing charitable gift assets for the University is critical to its ability to fulfill its mission and strategic direction, and

WHEREAS, Fund's advocacy of the University's mission and priorities constitutes a valuable service, and

WHEREAS, the planning and execution of a major fundraising campaign is a joint priority of the University and the Fund, and

WHEREAS, the University and the Fund desire to continue a heretofore existing arrangement:

**IT IS AGREED:**

1. In consideration of the support directly inuring to the benefit of the University from the activities of the Michigan Tech Fund, the University will provide to the Fund:

- a. access to the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program for Fund employees under the same terms and conditions as University personnel;
  - b. administration of health benefits, life insurance, and AD&D insurance under the Tech Select program to Fund staff (for a reasonable annual fee to staff);
  - c. supporting services including mail services, limited printing services, access to the phone network, and an internal audit of Fund transfers to the University;
  - d. access to the Banner system for maintenance and upkeep of the alumni/development database. The University will partially fund the alumni database maintenance conducted by the Fund.
2. The Fund agrees to continue its various fundraising administrative support and asset management functions for the betterment and advancement of the University. The Fund also agrees to support consulting services as done in the past.
  3. This agreement shall terminate on August 31, 2008 and will be considered for renewal for successive one-year periods. The grant or denial of such renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Control of Michigan Technological University.

By:

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Michigan Technological University

By:

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Michigan Tech Fund

#### **IV-C-2. Tentative 2008 Meeting Dates**

At the October meeting of the Board of Control dates are generally set for next year's meetings. In order for members to check their calendars, the tentative dates are hereby presented. If there is a problem with any of these dates, members are asked to please notify the Board Secretary.

Thursday, February 28, 2008  
 Friday, May 2, 2008 (Commencement – Saturday, May3)  
 Thursday, June 19, 2008  
 Thursday, August 7, 2008 (Alumni Reunion)  
 Thursday, October 2, 2008  
 Friday, December 12, 2008 (Commencement – Saturday, December 13)

**IV-C-3. Resignations, Retirements and Off Payroll**

It was moved by R. Reck, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control accepts the resignations and confirms the off payroll determinations.

**BOARD OF CONTROL OFF-PAYROLL REPORT  
(May 20, 2007 – July 14, 2007)**

**Faculty**

<u>RESIGNATION</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Clupper, Daniel	Materials Science & Eng	Assistant Professor	02/01/04	05/21/07
Pregitzer, Kurt	Forest Resc & Env Sci	Professor	05/01/94	06/15/07
<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Pegg, Barry	Humanities	Associate Professor	08/22/73	05/31/07
Roblee, Ronald	Mathematical Sciences	Associate Professor	09/02/75	05/31/07
Baillod, C. R.	Civil & Env Eng	Professor	09/01/68	06/16/07

**Employees**

<u>NON-EXEMPT</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Baril, Terrence	Facilities Mgmt Trades	Carpenter	09/07/75	05/31/07
Koski, Darryl	Energy Management	CHP Mechanic/Operator	01/07/02	05/26/07
Muzzin, Victor	Physics	Lab/Systems Associate	01/12/04	05/31/07
<u>EXEMPT</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Henkel, Sandra	Educational Opportunity	Administrative Assistant	03/22/93	06/01/07
Klender, Kimberly	Alumni Relations	Outreach Coordinator	12/06/04	06/01/07
Kokkila, Kathryn	Information Technology	Applications Programmer	08/21/00	07/07/07
Ouellette, Charles	Facilities Management	Engineer Facilities	08/14/89	06/30/07
Schaub, David	MTRI	Research Engineer II	10/01/06	06/09/07
Sirivanakarn, N	Visual & Performing Arts	Concertmaster/Artistic Director	08/22/05	06/01/07
Steinbacher, Leroy	VP for Research Office	Instructional Designer	05/08/06	07/13/07

**IV-C-4. 15.8. Weapons Registration**

It was moved by M. Richardson, supported by R. Reck, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control amends policy 15.8. Weapons Registration as presented herein.



The amended policy shall read as follows:

#### 15.8. Weapons Registration

Students and employees of Michigan Technological University and visitors to the University are required to register all firearms (rifles, pistols, shotguns, air rifles), archery or hunting bows, any weapon where license is required by law, or any dangerous weapon, with the designated representative of the University prior to bringing any such item onto University property or any property over which the University may have jurisdiction. Proof of such registration must be carried on the person of such student or employee or visitor while in possession of such an item on University property.

The possession or use of a loaded firearm or archery or hunting bow on University property is prohibited except at the rifle range and designated archery ranges and then only if such equipment is properly registered with the University. The possession of any explosive, excepting commonly accepted recreational sporting ammunition stored in designated weapons storage areas, in use at the rifle range, or in direct and rapid transit to or from these areas, is prohibited on University property except under the direction of a University employee as part of an authorized course or construction activity.

Except for the purpose of promptly transporting a properly registered firearm and/or its ammunition, bow, or other dangerous weapon directly to or from designated weapons storage areas, or the use of such items as part of an authorized course activity, the possession of such an item in any University building is prohibited. Furthermore, the storage of any such item on University property in other than a designated weapons storage area is prohibited. Designated weapons storage areas are limited to the weapons storage rooms, the rifle range, the archery range, ROTC weapons storage facilities, along with such other areas as may be subsequently designated as weapons storage areas by the Manager of Public Safety. The possession or storage of any firearm, bow, other dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosive is expressly prohibited in the Residence Halls and Michigan Tech Apartments.

Authorized law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties may be exempted from these regulations.

Any violation of these rules may render the violator liable to disciplinary action or expulsion.

This policy supersedes Board of Control policy 15.8. Weapons Registration dated January 28, 1982.

## **V. REPORTS**

- A. Research and Sponsored Programs Report – Dr. David Reed, Vice President for Research. A copy of Dr. Reed's report was included in the agenda book.

- B. Advancement Report – Mr. Shea McGrew, Vice President for Advancement  
A copy of Mr. Butvilas and Mr. McGrew’s reports are on file in the Board Office. Ms. Bonnie Gorman and Ms. Allison Carter reported on the activities taking place within University Marketing and Communications related to recruitment and campus visits. Ms. Carter played a recruitment video for the Board that was produced by University Marketing and Communications. The video and marketing materials were very well received by the Board.
  
- C. Financial Report – Mr. Daniel Greenlee, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
A copy of Mr. Greenlee’s report is on file in the Board Office.

## **VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Analysis of Investments
- B. Auxiliary Enterprises Operations
- C. Board of Control Follow-up Items

Mr. Kershner inquired about several items that were listed on the Board of Control Follow-Up list involving the review of designated accounts, the philosophy and policy with regard to honest and ethical behavior, procedures related to compliance with contracts and grants, and the protection of privacy matters. As Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Kershner feels that these items should be taken off the list as the Finance and Audit Committee has either addressed them, or they are embedded in the Committee’s charter and therefore do not need to be on the list. As far as the Committee is concerned, there is no specific action that they are going to take outside of their general responsibility as described in the Committee’s charter.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business at this time.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Octave DuTemple, MTU Class of 1941 and 1948, and Melvin Calvin Award Recipient (which is the highest award that Michigan Tech offers) asked the Chief Financial Officer how well does Michigan Tech do compared to the other universities in Michigan when you are all getting cuts. Are we being discriminated against or for, or are we equal?

Mr. Greenlee responded that last year our appropriation was increased by about 2.5% which was a relatively across the board increase to us and the other public universities. The recent cuts are also relatively in lock step. They gave us \$718,000 which is about 60% of what our increase was for the year. We got a 2.5% increase and they took back about 1.5% about 60%. They did that to the other universities equally.

President Mroz added that on a per student basis, last year we received \$10 more per student than the University of Michigan. If you correct for inflation the amount that we get from the State over time, taking into account the cuts that we got this year and using the consumer price index, we are at the same level of funding that we were at in 1973. If you use the higher education price index we are at the same level that we were at when Ray Smith was President in 1966.

Dr. Tahtinen commented that this is indicative of how much the State is cutting their support for higher education. All of the public universities could come up with similar statistics, but fundamentally when you correct for inflation, higher education in Michigan has been cut dramatically in terms of real dollars.

## **IX. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by R. Reck, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Control proceeds into closed session to discuss collective bargaining, presidential performance evaluation and real property transactions. (A closed session for such purposes are provided for in Sections 8 (a), (c) and (d) of P.A. 267 of 1976). (A roll call vote is required).

Roll Call Vote:

Richardson – Yes	Hicks - Yes
Reck – Yes	Gronevelt – Yes
Kershner - Yes	

The motion passed.

The Board of Control reconvened in open session with a quorum present.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by R. Reck, supported by M. Richardson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the meeting be adjourned.

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Secretary of the Board of Control

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