

REGENT'S REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE - OCTOBER 5, 2001

The Board met on the weekend of Homecoming beginning with a Finance and Planning meeting on Friday, October 19th, and continuing with meetings throughout the day on Saturday. The Board meeting was rather routine, and without major issues. I will mention brief highlights only, and encourage you to ask questions or to contact me later if you want some elaboration.

1. The Capitol plan was approved. The major change in the plan proposed in August, which some of you might have seen, was that the Business and Technology Center became the number one priority and a decision was made to seek funds for 2002-2004 in order to go ahead and complete the project. The University Activity Center was placed as the second priority, and the Professional Teacher Education Center was designated as third.
2. Budget reductions that have been worked through the various divisions of the University were approved and those monies were left in the president's hands, essentially to cover shortfall. Dr. Hughes emphasized to the Board that President Glasser is beginning her tenure this year without flexible, discretionary funds as is customary for presidents to need and to have.
3. The Greek housing site was approved, which will now give the fraternities more leverage in raising money for the houses.
4. A refund policy was approved for military personnel who are called for service and therefore have to withdraw. As you might imagine, there was nothing but support for that policy.
5. An out-state-tuition reduction of about 55% was approved for new undergraduate transfers who qualify because they are from targeted counties in contiguous states, or are children of alumni, or meet certain high academic criteria. The same reduction was approved for new graduate students with similar criteria.
6. The Board passed the proposal to increase the Faculty Senate term for the part-time faculty representative from one year to two years.
7. An approval was given to change the name of the Division of Extended Programs to Continuing Education and Outreach, and to change the administrator's title from Director to Dean.

Aside from the official business, the Board had a joint luncheon with the Foundation Board. They had many positive comments about the Deans' report to them earlier in the day. Apparently the presentations included examples of students and what a difference the financial support of the Foundation had made, and Board members were touched by the personal stories. The Foundation Board works very hard to support EKV and it's good to see them have a feeling of gratification about what they do for us

The Board officially thanked President Eugene Hughes for his fine contributions.