

Miller to direct presidential search effort

Fresh from his stint as director of MSU's semester transition team, Bruce Miller was named executive director of the presidential search process.

Miller's appointment, effective Oct. 12 on a part-time basis, was approved by the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 9 meeting. Miller was immediately charged to seek specific information from four consulting firms seeking to work with the board during the search process.

On Oct. 2, the board interviewed Kaludis Consulting Group of Nashville, Tenn.; Heidrick and Struggles Inc. of Chicago; Presidential Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C.; and Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C.

At the same meeting, the board interviewed Miller, professor of philosophy, and Chester Francke, professor of education, for the search director position. A board subcommittee consisting of trustees Russell Mawby, Barbara Sawyer, John (Jack) Shingleton and Robert Weiss recommended Miller's appointment to the full board.

Finance items

The board also addressed several items at its Oct. 9 meeting that were recommended by the Trustee Finance Committee.

Five architectural firms were named to design various new facilities.

Four of the firms will be involved in the \$70 million Revitalization of Michigan Animal Agriculture project. Initial state planning money was made available this past summer and additional capital outlay appropriations are anticipated in the next few years.

Architects chosen are:

- BEI Associates Inc. of Detroit for renovation of Anthony Hall, the Dairy Plant and the Meats Laboratory;
- Hobbs and Black Associates Inc. of Lansing for a new Agriculture and Livestock Education Center;
- Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates Inc. of Southfield for a new Animal Infectious Disease Containment Facility; and
- Capital Consultants Inc. of Lansing for

renovation of various farm buildings.

In addition, Albert Khan Associates Inc. of Detroit was named to design a materials research addition to the Engineering Building. It will be funded through a grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland.

The facility will house the Composite Materials and Structures Center and affiliated laboratories and faculty offices.

The board wrapped up the 1991-92 fiscal year by accepting the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1992. The statements were audited by the firm of Ernst & Young, which again gave the University an "unqualified opinion" that the statements are fairly presented.

The board also adopted the 1993-94 Budget Request Guidelines, including operating and capital outlay needs, for the University general fund, the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) and the Cooperative Extension Service (CES).

In the guidelines, which President Gordon Guyer termed "a very responsible approach," MSU requested that its operating appropriation of \$231.8 million be increased by \$13.5 million to sustain quality and the essential array of programs, \$2.1 million for improvement of the competitive position of faculty and academic staff, and \$6.8 million to provide for key programmatic initiatives.

Additionally, the University is requesting \$6.8 million to maintain operations without increasing tuition and fees at levels in excess of inflation.

Also requested are a \$1.7 million increase of the AES's \$23.5 appropriation and a \$2 million increase of the CES's \$20.7 million appropriation.

Programmatic support totalling \$3.8 million is also requested for the Revitalization of Michigan Animal Agriculture project. This support — of which \$2.1 million is related to AES, \$1.3 million to CES and \$400,000 to the general fund — complements the facility phase of the project included in the capital outlay portion of the guidelines.

Included in the capital outlay request are three major construction projects: \$31.8 million for an East Campus Center for Scholars (library), \$92 million for a Biological Research Laboratory Complex, and \$53 million for a new Physics-Astronomy Building.

Requests related to major renovations/economic development projects are: \$3.1 million for a Crop and Soil Science Field Laboratory and \$69.7 million for the Revitalization of Michigan Animal Agriculture project.

In addition, \$26 million is requested for special maintenance projects, remodeling and additions.

Other finance items approved by the board were the establishment of three funds functioning as endowments:

- The Bernice M. Bishop Faculty Enrichment fund will be used to recruit and retain outstanding faculty in the Veterinary Clinical Center.
- The Robert and Janet Hafner Fund for Animal Health will be used by the College of Veterinary Medicine for animal research.
- The Cecil R. and M. Beatrice Upham Scholarship fund will be used by the Department of Accounting.

The board also approved investment of \$2 million with the Trust Company of the West's Commingled Debt and Royalty Funds IV. This action will keep the University's investment portfolio in the 0 percent to 10 percent range for oil and gas assets.

The finance committee also heard reports on the University's property holdings and restructuring of the University's debt financing. It was announced that the team of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. and WR Lazard Laidlaw and Mead Inc., a minority-owned firm, was selected by the administration to serve as co-senior managers for the refinancing.

Policy items

The policy committee did not address any action items, but heard reports on the semester change, fall semester enrollment and the University's recycling efforts.