

WEST BANK UNION BOARD MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: May 4, 1988

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Gina George,  
Michael Jader, Theresa Kleinhans, Andrew  
Lainsbury, Tina Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Keith  
Niemi, Tracy Ossmann, James Perrill, Jim Wallerius

STAFF: Ronald Krumm, Bernie Molitor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by  
President Jim Wallerius.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Old business should be omitted as number four(IV). The  
agenda was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as printed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pictures for the Board of Governor's window need to be  
rescheduled for the three new members and old board  
members (namely Mike) who need to have pictures taken.  
These people will need to schedule a time when they can  
go over to Coffman to have the pictures taken.

Mentors to the new board members have been assigned.  
These people should work closely together to help the  
new members with their adjustment to WBU.

The ACUI program session deadline is approaching  
quickly. People who are interested in setting up a  
program should contact Jim.

The t-shirts are almost ready to be ordered.

The MSA representative will be Gina George. She will need to deal with an amendment to the MSA Forum's constitution which will deal with the change from MUCB representatives to the three unions representatives. A letter will be drafted to Judy Grew, the current president of MSA.

St. Paul BOG minutes are posted in the family room.

IV. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The budgets have been given to Kristi. The Executive Committee discussed the synthesis of information for the Board as a whole. The bottom lines from the Fees Committee for each program budget have been met. We will also need to look at the performance data from this year.

Keith asked if information will be provided on whether monies spent by the Union will be broken up between fees and other income generation. Ron said that the break-down would be provided.

VI. VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee

Tracy said that this committee will have its first real meeting next week. The meetings will be held at 4:00 on Wednesdays.

House Committee

Theresa has set the meeting date for meetings for Fridays at 2:00. Next week, the managers will be coming in to address this committee. The House Committee is still dealing with the pornography issue.

WBU Scholarship Committee

Applications for the Julia Carson Scholarship are due this week. The selection committee currently has four people sitting on it, two from the board and two from other areas. The Committee proudly announces that it now has applicants as well.

Ad-Hoc Board Event Committee

The Board get-together has been changed to tomorrow instead of Friday. The Board will meet here at 5:30, and then go to T.G.I. Friday's. Following dinner, the board members will return to the Fireplace room to play games and socialize.

Due to the completion of the Union Relations Event, the Ad-Hoc Committee established to handle the planning has been dissolved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The issue with USLS will be handled from an administrative stand point currently. Sue Oatey, Nick Barbastis, Ron Krumm, and Jim Wallerius will meet to discuss all facets of this issue. Originally, Sue Short was to have been invited to this meeting, but this route will be pursued instead.

Keith added that he thought the Board will most definitely have to take a stand on this issue, acknowledging that it is not necessary at this very time. He added that the Board has governance over this Union. We need to take a stand because if we are not here for governance, we need to ask ourselves why we are here at all.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott will bring food next week.

Tina will be having a party at her home following a trip to Canterbury Downs on May 15. Everyone should R.S.V.P. for this event.

Reports on the Siggelkow Retreat were given by all participants.

-- Theresa: The workshop on student government and how we can affect things was very interesting. The Regents currently see no consolidation of power within student government -- they never hear the student voice.

- Janet: I made some very good contacts. We dealt with a hypothetical case in which pornographic movies were rented out of the bookstore. The group decided against the policy.
- Keith: It was a good opportunity to see some old friends and meet new people. The sessions were valuable.
- Tracy: It was good, but I should have been in a better state of mind.

Jim noted that last night the Brewers defeated the World Champion Twins in the bottom of the ninth.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m..

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Alstad

WEST BANK UNION BOARD MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: May 11, 1988

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Gina George,  
Michael Jader, Theresa Kleinhans, Andrew  
Lainsbury, Tina Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Keith  
Niemi, Tracy Ossmann, James Perrill, Jim Wallerius

STAFF: Ronald Krumm, Bernie Molitor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by  
President Jim Wallerius.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

USLS should be deleted under Old Business. Item twelve  
(XII) should be "For the Good of the Order." Item  
thirteen (XIII) should be "Adjournment." The agenda  
was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as printed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

USLS has been deleted off of the agenda for this week.  
Currently, no meeting has been set up between  
representatives from WBU and USLS with Sue Oatey and  
Nick Barbastis.

V. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Executive met and discussed budgets. It will discuss this more in depth at its next meeting. The Executive Committee would like more input on the division of the Governor's Window.

Activities Committee

Since WBU will not fund College Bowl this year, we need to make considerations dealing with how we will treat this program. Three motions to handle this situation will be brought before the full board at its next board meeting.

Keith raised the question of how the programs were prioritized. Melanie stated that this had already been discussed at a previous meeting, but restated that it was handled on the basis of how each program reflected on and contributed to the Union. Other factors were also taken into consideration.

College Bowl was discussed in length and the reasons that it was being discontinued were explained again. Josh Jacobson asked that the program be continued as a non-funded project. Josh felt that they could come up with their out of pocket money on their own. They felt that they had no need for an advisor, and they wished to be treated as a program without funding. The board would still select scholarship recipients.

House Committee

House met to discuss maintenance and housekeeping issues. A time-line for the pornography issue has been established. Someone from the Law School has been invited in to speak on the 1st Amendment.

The issue of study space on third floor Blegen was discussed. Scott suggested that WBU looks to the public sector for funding. He estimates that it will cost \$20,000 to fix the area.

MOTION 88-89-3 (Erickson/Niemi)

I move that the Vice-President of Physical Planning, Clint Hewett, be invited by the WBU President, House Chair, and Director to a meeting concerning the status and possible solutions pertaining to West Bank Union Space.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 88-89-3 (Jader)

Show him the study space and offer him a choice of whether he would like to address the full board or the House Committee.

Amendment approved. Motion passed.

Bernie noted that the Board needs to establish objectives and develop a firm idea of what needs to be done.

WBU Scholarship Committee  
The Scholarship Committee will be ready to name a winner in two weeks. The preliminary portions of the selection process have been completed.

Ad-Hoc Board Event Committee  
Due to the completion of the Board Event, this committee has been dissolved.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Governor's Window is nearly completed and it will have spaces for the board members and the committees pictures. It will have 1 1/4" nameplates. Another window will be set aside to show the volunteers achievements.

The Board will be meeting over the summer to continue its work. Please provide Jim with your summer address and phone numbers.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

Budget sheets have been provided for board member's inspection. WBU is projected to spend \$2,700 more than currently receiving. Any excess of will be redistributed according to the prioritization by the Activities Committee. The performance data will be available tomorrow. Questions about the budget should be directed to Bernie or Ron. The Board will be acting on the Budget recommendations next week, so be

well informed, not only about your own areas, but about the budget as a whole.

The BOG budget looked larger than the other constituent Unions last year because salary dollars were included here, but the other Unions did not. Recommendations have been made to standardize the way that the budgets are broken down.

The budget is due next Wednesday. A conflict will occur because of the Student Recognition banquet. The meeting will be moved up to 4:00.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discussion about the criteria for recognition retiring board members was engaged.

The periodical decision will be made by May 25.

Bernie and Jim will be meeting to establish a programming board that will assist criteria for the program areas. This group will deal with management instead of governance. Other goals are: improve program experience; engage in the development of a partnership between management and volunteer staff.

This Friday is your last chance to take advantage of the "Every Friday" series.

For the recognition picnic, each group within WBU must make a collage symbolizing its accomplishments for the year. Keith will be in charge of the one for the BOG.

The Twins won over the Brewers 12-3.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike commented that Bruce Springsteen concert was great. The most often used noun in his songs is "girl."

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m..

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Alstad

WEST BANK UNION BOARD MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: May 18, 1988

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Scott Erickson, Gina George,  
Michael Jader, Theresa Kleinhans, Andrew  
Lainsbury, Tina Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Keith  
Niemi, Tracy Ossmann, James Perrill, Jim Wallerius

EXCUSED: Janet Drummond

STAFF: Ronald Krumm, Bernie Molitor

GUESTS: Josh Jacobson, Matt Marta, John Welbes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by  
President Jim Wallerius.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as printed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as printed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Josh Jacobson spoke to the board about the notion that  
the first amendment issue is not a "bogus" one in this  
case. He raised the question of whether the University  
indeed supports everything and every idea that is  
allowed on campus. He used Louis Farrakhan's  
forthcoming visit to campus as an example. Farrakhan  
is anti-Semitic and anti-white, indeed a very openly  
racist person, but his presence is allowed on campus.

Josh further stated that West Bank Union is an department of the University and the University is an agent of the state. He noted that the state is forbidden from making content based decisions.

Matt Marta noted that, "If you've made up your minds to pull magazines, you must just pull them and not make a content based decision." Mike then added that if the board decides to pull them, it must be done as a administrative decision.

Jim Wallerius went over the procedure for the next meeting. The meeting of May 25 is scheduled to occur in room 30 of the Law School. The board currently plans to allow speakers from each side to speak on the issue for a set time. Anyone interested in speaking will need to sign up before the meeting. A memo will be sent to all interested parties.

Board members will have the same rights.

Josh Jacobson suggested that the House Committee leave the recommendation neutral until the meeting. If it is a motion against the continuation of sales, an alternative motion must be made. Josh also recommended that a time limit of one hour be set in which to make the decision.

V. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gina George is currently drafting a letter to the Alumni Association and to faculty members to help fill the civil service spot on the board.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee  
No report.

Activities Committee  
No report.

House Committee  
No report.

WBU Scholarship Committee  
No report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Budget Approval

New budget sheets were distributed to board members. Changes occurred in the Performing Arts, Literary Arts, College Bowl and Film Arts areas. The budget was consolidated to eliminate duplication of staff.

MOTION 88-89-4 (From Activities Committee)

Move to approve the Activities Budget as outlined on the budget sheet.

Mike noted that Visual Arts has no money in the work study areas. Stephen Cusulos must, however, follow the same ground rules in trying to obtain as many work study dollars as possible. A specific number of hours have been set aside and they must limit spending to those set hours. They cannot purchase more supplies with the dollars that they save on work study. The money saved will be reallocated for needs as they arise.

Keith raised questions over the discrepancies between the previous Issues and Ideas budget and the current one. Ron stated that savings from other areas were put here because of its ranking by the Activities Committee.

Bernie said that in the Visual Arts area, the expectation is that work study will be sought. The savings accumulated will need to be reallocated.

The Board of Governor's budget will extract salary dollars and will place them in planning and operation. Problems with discrepancies in spending between the different Unions prompted this. This will make the Unions look more consistent.

In the Performing Arts areas, the dollar figures shown cover the cost of a summer program here. Next year, programming will be shared with CMU.

College Bowl will have no salary dollars because there are enough returning students who will be able to organize the program. Support will be given in the form of space and office support to that program.

Motion passed.

MOTION 88-89-5 (From House Committee)

House Committee moves that the following budgets be approved:

Reservations	\$20,608
Concessions	\$10,234
Housekeeping	\$33,663
Maintenance	\$24,034
Leases	\$15,350

The question of why we weren't making money on reservations was raised. It is because many of the set-ups aren't charged for.

It was noted that the cost for repairs in the maintenance budget have increased greatly because of general aging of the building.

No changes in the leases project from 1987-88 to 1988-89 are planned.

Motion passed.

MOTION 88-89-6 (From Executive Committee)

Move to accept the budget areas covered by Executive Committee as outlined on the most current budget sheets.

Public relations will be helped by the savings from work study. It will aid in the co-ordination of projects that will help people within the University community identify with WBU. A quarterly publication of what we do at WBU will be developed. Weekly

advertisements in the Daily will tell about weekly events.

The BOG budget will pull salary dollars and put them in planning and operations. In the planning and operations areas, Bernie's salary will be redistributed so that 10% of his time is spent working with the necessary committee people, and with day-to-day administrative support.

Human resources budget will be used in part to send people to ACUI Regional and International events. Approximately \$750 of that will be used to send people to the regional conference.

In the Recordkeeping area, we will be hiring a new accountant. Overall, no savings will occur.

Motion passed.

MOTION 88-89-7 (Jader/Lee)

The West Bank Union Board of Governor's approves the total expense budget of \$728,007 with Student Fee Support of \$372,254.

Motion passed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The recognition picnic is scheduled for Saturday from 12:00 noon - 5:00. Everyone should plan to attend.

The collage committee will meet at 11:00 on Saturday to put the collage together.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Zaire has the world's 2nd largest consumption of BIC pens.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Alstad

WEST BANK UNION BOARD MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: May 25, 1988

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Gina George,  
Michael Jader, Theresa Kleinhans, Andrew  
Lainsbury, Tina Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Keith  
Niemi, Tracy Ossmann, Jim Wallerius

EXCUSED: James Perrill

STAFF: Ronald Krumm, Bernie Molitor

GUESTS: Kathie Bergquist, Carol Cleere, Susan Fredrickson,  
Judith Halberstram, Josh Jacobson, Pam Marshall,  
Amy Marsicano, Matt Marta, Sue Oatey, Kirsten  
Olson, Joseph Schleif, Jessica Smith, Lucia  
Somner, Barb Sullivan, Shelly Van Den Elzen, John  
Welbes, Peter Zeller

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by  
President Jim Wallerius.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as printed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under "For the Good of the Order," it should state that  
Zaire has the world's largest consumption of BIC pens.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The recognition picnic was a lot of fun, a big thanks  
to everyone who attended and made the event a big  
success.

V. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The budget sheets have been completed by the accountant. They have been forwarded to central administration for final approval. The staff time distributions have also been finalized. The audit of the reserve accounts will be completed around the middle to the last part of June.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee  
No report.

Activities Committee  
No report.

House Committee

The periodical issue is under the jurisdiction of the House Committee and therefore will be handled under this committee. All interested speakers have been invited to come forward at this meeting and speak.

The following testimony was given:

Kirsten Olson: I have been a student for three years here at the University. I do not feel that Student's Fees should go to the support portrayal of women as objects. As a member of the PSO, "U" Feminist Women, and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women, I feel that we should not foster these attitudes and create a misogynist institution. Literature that was anti-Semitic, or racist would not be tolerated, so why should we support these attitudes towards woman? I propose that you hold a forum to discuss this issue, because not enough background has been provided.

Amy Marsicano: I am a CLA senior and a Woman's Studies major. You are representing me as a student, and I ask you not to show this lack of intelligence about this issue. There was a time when I didn't understand this issue. There are real women being hurt by these magazines. You are making an 8% profit using my money. Do not neglect this issue by not giving it the time it deserves. I call on you to hold a public forum to discuss this issue with the time it deserves.

Josh Jacobson: I do not think that there is any question that these magazines are sexist and racist. This is, however, a first amendment question. The PSO cloaks itself in our first amendment rights when it is convenient for them. The WBU has, in the past, carried other items which have been viewed as a menace to society. It may very well be offensive material, but it not illegal. Your mission is not to censor, it is not your job, but neither is it your right.

Pam Marshall: I come here bearing no particular platform. I do instead call for further exchange on this issue. I seek neither to overintellectualize this issue of importance. All people have different ideas of what is erotic and what is pornography. I don't think it is your right to dictate women's sexuality. I think if we ban the sale of these magazines we will lose our ability to critique. I ask you to table this issue and hold a public forum where this can be discussed in depth.

Judith Halberstram: This is not an issue of censorship or public rights. This is a potentially repressive issue. This is a community issue and should not be settled here and now. Hold a public forum, and give this issue the time it merits.

Carol Becker: My concern with this issue is the question of if you decide to censor these magazines, where will you stop? You may have found some of the films in the gay and lesbian series offensive. What will you do, preview all material available to students? It is the decision of each student as they grow into useful members of our society whether they want to view or not view any material. The University seeks to develop whole and adult human beings, do you want to strip the ability to reason away from people?

Jessica Smith: I am very torn on this issue...I see both sides... the issue of censorship and where you stop is a very real question. Many magazines that show other forms of erotic expression are not sold -- those, for example, that show gay and lesbian ideals. I ask you to postpone your vote until you can hear more discussion on this issue.

Katherine Berquist: I have here a petition that has over 100 signatures, collected in less than an hour which supports the removal of pornography from WBU. I recommend the postponement of a vote on this issue.

(She then presented the petition to WBU BOG President, Jim Wallerius.)

Peter Zeller: You need to ask yourself what the true nature of soft pornography is. This is a social issue. The Unions have a rich and distinguished heritage -- we will be betraying the principle of the Union if we continue to sell pornography. The Union seeks to season students ideals, why should we sell literature that dehumanizes people. The Union has been called the living room of the college, and pornography is something that students do not need in their lives. One of the goals of the Unions is caring and sharing, this cannot be achieved while it portrays people as playthings and sex objects. These magazines also portray drugs as normal, child molestation as normal, and it is not a victimless institution. It contributes nothing to the college community. I hope that you can see that the selling of pornography is irresponsible.

Upon the conclusion of all testimony from the guests, Jim thanked all those who came to the open forum, and those who came to this meeting. He explained that this issue happened late in the year, so the House Committee wanted to deal with it before summer so that students would not think it was a neglected issue.

Pam Marshall was recognized again and rebutted comments made by Peter Zeller by saying that taking away female sexuality is the most dehumanizing issue of all.

The board recessed at 7:40 and was called back to order at 7:50. No motion came out of House Committee on this issue.

MOTION 88-89-8 (Niemi/Erickson)

The West Bank Union Board of Governor's moves to table the periodical issue until fall quarter of '88-89 and calls on the program staff of WBU to direct programming to deal with the periodical issue. Furthermore, we would like to hold one open forum fall quarter '88-89.

Mike Jader asked to add a friendly amendment to the motion to call for a referendum on next spring's All-Campus Elections.

Melanie stated that the motion was the logical decision, but she has a problem with a decision coming forth a year from now.

Jim noted that tabling the issue would give the board a better chance to look at both sides of the issue.

Ron noted that the time on the motion does not preclude action by the board before next fall. It simply means that the issue will come back on the table at that time.

Marshall and Bergquist asked the board to recognize that there are more than two sides to this issue.

Carol Becker stated that the board could take a firmer stand by devoting programming staff to the issue. She also noted that postponing the issue will make things difficult because you will have many additional issues to deal with next fall.

Mike rescinded his amendment.

Josh Jacobson stated that he thought the board was chickening out. He said the board had heard every side of this issue. He also stated that he was very disgusted.

Scott said that it was apparent that people did not think that enough time was devoted to this issue. It doesn't make sense to rush through this issue. We need to examine what the Union stands for.

Keith explained the logic behind the motion by stating, "the motion seeks to table this issue, it then calls on programming staff to help with education on the various perspectives of this issue. It will make the education issue different from the actual Forum."

Ron asked if this was the total action that the board wanted to give this issue. In terms of the magazines, by tabling the issue, sales will continue over the summer. Is there anything else that the board wishes to deal with?

Scott Erickson moved the question.

The motion passed with all board members voting yea with Mike Jader voting nay.

WBU Scholarship Committee

The Julia Carson Scholarship was awarded to Keith Niemi.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy did a wonderful job emceeding at the picnic.

Sue Oatey will bring food next week.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Thank you to the board for the time put into the issue today. There are a number of things we will need to deal with at the next meeting -- budget orientation and the summer schedule.

There will be a party at Jim's next week.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m..