



Smithsonian Institution

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Proceedings of the Board of Regents Meeting held on May 9, 1988

Extracted on Apr-19-2024 04:57:56

The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website (transcription.si.edu), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Smithsonian Institution Archives as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Smithsonian Institution Archives website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Smithsonian Institution Archives or transcribe@si.edu

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Smithsonian Institution Archives. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
May 9, 1988

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

The Regents thoroughly considered a request from the media to attend its meetings and accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Board maintain its current policy of meeting in closed session; Mr. Mineta wished to be recorded in favor of open meetings.

At its meeting of April 21, the Committee reviewed and approved the proposed agenda for the May 9 meeting of the Board. The Committee approved a nominal increase in theater and spacearium ticket prices at the National Air and Space Museum in anticipation of increasing costs and encouraged the Secretary to consider future increases of this sort in the normal process of budgeting. The Committee discussed the agenda paper on Afro-American Programming and expressed appreciation for the helpful interest which Chairman Yates of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies has shown in this area. It was noted that more than a dozen highly qualified minority candidates have been proposed for hiring under the recently established "fast-track" recruitment process.

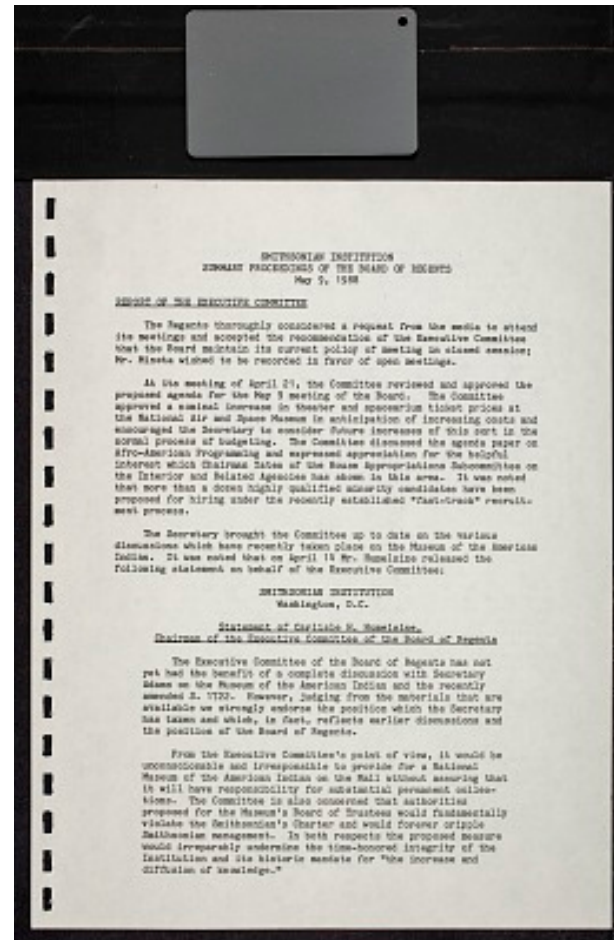
The Secretary brought the Committee up to date on the various discussions which have recently taken place on the Museum of the American Indian. It was noted that on April 14 Mr. Humelsine released the following statement on behalf of the Executive Committee:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Washington, D.C.

Statement of Carlisle H. Humelsine,
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of
Regents

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents has not yet had the benefit of a complete discussion with Secretary Adams on the Museum of the American Indian and the recently amended S. 1722. However, judging from the materials that are available we strongly endorse the position which the Secretary has taken and which, in fact, reflects earlier discussions and the position of the Board of Regents.

From the Executive Committee's point of view, it would be unconscionable and irresponsible to provide for a National Museum of the American Indian on the Mall without assuring that it will have responsibility for substantial permanent collections. The Committee is also concerned that authorities proposed for the Museum's Board and Trustees would fundamentally violate the Smithsonian's Charter and would forever cripple Smithsonian management. In both respects the proposed measure would irreparably undermine the time-honored integrity of the Institution and its historic mandate for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge."



Proceedings of the Board of Regents Meeting held on May 9, 1988
Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers
Extracted Apr-19-2024 04:57:56



Smithsonian Institution

Smithsonian Institution Archives

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: www.si.edu

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)