

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MN

Trustees Present: Chair Scott Thiss, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Christopher Frederick Clarence Hightower, Philip Krinkie, Dan McElroy, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Louise Sundin and James Van Houten

Trustees Absent: Duane Benson, Christine Rice and Michael Vekich

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Thiss called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and reported that a quorum was present. Captain Matt Langer, Minnesota State Highway Patrol, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Chair's Report

a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session of September 14, 2010

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Study Session of September 14, 2010, were approved as written.

b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session of September 15, 2010

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Study Session of September 15, 2010, were approved as written.

c. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of September 15, 2010

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of September 15, 2010, were approved as written.

d. Minutes of Board of Trustees Retreat of October 19-20, 2010

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Retreat of October 19-20, 2010, were approved as written.

e. Report of the Executive Committee Meeting of November 3, 2010

Chair Thiss reported that the Executive Committee met on November 3, 2010. The Executive Committee heard a report on the first quarter FY11 Board's operating budget; discussed the ideas and outcomes of the Board's retreat; discussed the response to the Office of the Legislative Auditor report on the system office; reviewed the November meeting agendas; heard an update on the chancellor and presidential searches; and heard a report on the Leadership Council meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

(1) Mission Reaffirmations:

- Bemidji State University
- Minnesota State University, Mankato

(2) Review and Approve Release of the Audited Financial Statements

Trustee James Van Houten moved that the Minnesota State University, Mankato Mission Reaffirmation be removed from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried and the item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Chair Thiss moved approval of the Consent Agenda item of Bemidji State University Mission Reaffirmation and the Review and Approve Release of the Audited Financial Statements. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Policy Decisions

(1) FY2012-2013 Biennial Operating Budget Request

Trustee Dan McElroy moved the following motion: The Board of Trustees is committed to providing quality and competitive education to the learners of today. The Board of Trustees approves the 2012-2013 biennial operating budget request in the amount of \$1,260.7 million. The Board strongly urges the state of Minnesota to support the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 2012-2013 Biennial Operating Budget Request.

Trustee Jacob Englund moved to amend the motion by adding the following after the second sentence: In addition, the Board is committed to limiting the tuition increase to students of 2% that is built into the loss of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds over the biennium. If system funding is cut, additional tuition increases would be discussed in accordance with the consultation process.

Trustee Englund stated that he proposed the amendment to demonstrate the Board's commitment in making challenging decisions before appropriations are set. If the system's budget is approved, tuition would not increase. However, if the budget is reduced, the proposed amendment would provide additional consultation which demonstrates a united front to the legislature. The proposed amendment would provide flexibility for the Board should the budget be reduced and demonstrates that the students and the system are united in no support to tuition increases. Trustee Englund encouraged the Board to consider the amendment to the motion.

Trustee Christopher Frederick seconded the amendment to the motion.

Chair Thiss called upon the Board for further discussion. Trustee McElroy stated that he would vote against the amendment to the motion. He also encouraged the other members to vote against the motion. He expressed concerns committing to the course and vision of the amendment. Trustee McElroy expressed that the Board can better demonstrate their support in advocacy and consultation with the legislators and in collaboration with the student associations. He stated the amendment may be misinterpreted and may not be in the best interest of the system. Several others also were opposed to the language. Trustee Renier emphasized that while he supports the original motion, it is important to note the Board's strong support and its desire to not overburden the students. Chair Thiss concluded the discussion complimenting the Board for their thoughtful consideration and strong support of the students in these difficult times.

Trustee Cheryl Dickson called the question to the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment was seconded and failed with two in favor: Trustees Jacob Englund and Christopher Frederick.

Chair Thiss called the question to the original motion. The motion carried with two opposed: Trustees Jacob Englund and Christopher Frederick.

5. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance and Facilities Committee

Dan McElroy, Chair

(1) Finance and Facilities Update

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the activities of the Finance and Facilities division.

(2) Revenue Fund Bond Sale (First Reading)

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a first reading on the Revenue Fund Bond Sale. The bond sale is tentatively scheduled for February 2011. A second reading will be heard at the January meeting.

(3) Finance and Facilities Committee Goals Work Plan

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee discussed the progress on the committee goals work plan and completion dates. No changes were made to the committee's goals.

(4) Follow-up to the OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a report on the follow-up to the OLA evaluation of the system office. The report presented the progress made in response to the OLA's recommendations.

b. Advancement Committee

Cheryl Dickson, Chair

(1) Advancement Update

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson reported that the committee heard updates from Director Mary Davenport, Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Kohl and Executive Director Maria McLemore on the Government Relations division, Public Affairs division and the System and Foundation Relations division, respectively.

(2) White House Summit on Community Colleges

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a report on the White House Summit on Community Colleges from Dr. Eugenia Paulus, instructor at North Hennepin Community College. She was the only Minnesotan invited to attend the first-time event to join with leaders from business and philanthropy to examine the critical role which community colleges play in today's global economy. Dr. Paulus was named Outstanding Community Colleges Professor of the Year in 2008 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Dr. Paulus is the first faculty member in Minnesota to receive this national honor.

(3) Progress on Committee Goals

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a report on the progress made towards the committee goals.

(4) Follow-up to OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a report on the follow-up to the OLA evaluation of the system office. The report presented the efforts made in response to the OLA's recommendations.

(5) Legislative Issues

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a report on the legislative and congressional issues facing the system in the 2011 legislative session.

c. Technology Committee

David Paskach, Chair

(1) Information Technology Update

Committee Chair David Paskach reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Darrel Huish on the Information Technology division.

(2) Technology: A Student Perspective

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a presentation on students' perspective of Information Technology. Four students shared their perspectives on how they integrate technology in their academic, work and personal lives.

(3) Follow-up to the OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on the Information Technology related recommendations of the OLA report.

(4) Value Derived from Investment in Enterprise Information Technology

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on the Value Derived from Investment in Enterprise Information Technology. The report presented an overview of metrics highlighting the value of Information Technology.

(5) Strategy for Information Technology Service Division

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on the Strategy for Information Technology Service Division. Information on the emerging strategy to determine service delivery is a work in progress.

(6) Students First Report

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on Students First. Students First embodies several projects in key areas to better serve the students. This item will continue to be reported as a top priority for the committee.

d. Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee

Louise Sundin, Chair

(1) Diversity and Multiculturalism Division Update

Committee Chair Louise Sundin reported that the committee heard an update from Executive Director Whitney Stewart Harris on the activities of the Diversity and Multiculturalism division.

(2) Discuss and Report Progress on Committee Goals

Committee Chair Sundin reported that the committee discussed the progress made towards the committee's goals.

e. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Christine Rice, Chair

(1) Mission Reaffirmation: Minnesota State University, Mankato

Chair Thiss called upon Trustee Van Houten regarding the Minnesota State University, Mankato Mission Reaffirmation, which was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Van Houten stated that he would vote against the mission approval because of the university's statement, "We will think and act like a Doctoral Institution." Trustee Van Houten stated that he is not comfortable with the statement as it can be misinterpreted and lacks clarity as it aligns with the system's strategic goals. Trustee Van Houten encouraged the members to vote against the motion and asked the university to restructure the statement.

Trustee Frederick spoke in favor of the university's mission reaffirmation. Trustee Sundin also expressed her concern with the statement. Trustee Englund stated his agreement with Trustee Van Houten's concern, and said that he would also vote against the motion.

Trustee Krinkie moved that the Mission Reaffirmation: Minnesota State University, Mankato is laid over to a future date. Trustee Renier seconded and the motion carried with four opposed: Trustees Dickson, Frederick, Paskach and Sundin.

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

Trustee Louise Sundin reported for Committee Chair Rice on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The committee heard an update from Interim Vice Chancellor Scott Olson on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs division.

(2) Progress on Committee Goals

Trustee Sundin reported that the committee heard a report on the progress of the committee's goals.

(3) Development of the 2012-2014 System Action Plan

Trustee Sundin reported that the committee reviewed and discussed a timeline for the 2012-2014 System Action Plan. The timeline gives the presidents direction in April rather than August to allow better campus and multi-year planning.

(4) Follow-up to OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Trustee Sundin reported that the committee heard a report on the follow-up to the recommendations of the OLA report.

(5) Recognition of SkillsUSA Award Recipients

Trustee Sundin reported that the committee recognized the SkillsUSA Award Recipients. Thirty-one system students won medals in 19 skills areas. The Board of Trustees and Chancellor McCormick hosted a reception honoring the recipients on November 16.

f. Human Resources Committee

Clarence Hightower, Chair

(1) Human Resources Update

Committee Chair Clarence Hightower reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Lori Lamb on the Human Resources division.

(2) Update on Searches

Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard an update on the searches related to the Chancellor Search and the presidential searches for Anoka Technical College, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century College, Saint Paul College and Southwest Minnesota State University.

(3) Succession Planning

Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a presentation on Succession Planning. The Human Resources division is in the initial development of a succession planning framework to identify, develop and promote leaders.

(4) Executive Search Process

Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Executive Search Process. Information on improvements to the process have been implemented along with further improvements for FY11.

(5) Follow-up to the OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a report on the follow-up to the recommendations of the OLA report.

g. Audit Committee

James Van Houten, Chair

(1) Follow-up to the OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Committee Chair Van Houten reported that the committee heard a report on the follow-up to the recommendations of the OLA report. The Board met in a study session following the Audit Committee meeting to review a proposed response.

(2) Progress on Committee Goals

Committee Chair Van Houten reported that the committee heard a report on the Progress on Committee Goals. Committee Chair Van Houten reported that six audits will be presented for renewal at the January meeting.

6. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)

Mr. Travis Johnson, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

Mr. Andrew Spaeth, Chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

7. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Administrative and Service Faculty

Ms. Barbara Oertel, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Inter Faculty Organization

Dr. Donald Larsson, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

8. Trustees' Reports

Chair Thiss thanked the Trustees for their participation at several campus events. He also thanked the presidents for their engagement and hospitality given to the Trustees.

Chair Thiss addressed the Minnesota Manufacturers Association with Clyde Allen, Chair of the Board of Regents. He also reported that he and Chancellor McCormick visited with six newly elected legislators. Chair Thiss reported for Trustee Rice that she attended the Healthforce Minnesota Conference. Trustee Rice wished to recognize Ms. Jane Foote, Executive Director, Healthforce Minnesota, for her work.

9. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor James McCormick welcomed the Trustees, the constituents, staff and presidents to the meeting.

Chancellor McCormick commented on the year's end, remarking that it has been a difficult time in several ways but recognizes and celebrates all the good work accomplished. He stated that it takes a team of dedicated people for any success to be realized, and he wished to thank his staff for their hard work. Chancellor McCormick complimented the Board for how it has become a mature Board. He complimented Chair Thiss for his recommendation that each committee establish and report on their goals at each meeting. Chancellor McCormick concluded his remarks thanking the Board for their time.

10. Requests by Individuals to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

11. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

12. Adjournment

Chair Thiss adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board