

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2011**

Advancement Committee Members Present: Trustees Cheryl Dickson, chair; Jacob Englund, Vice Chair (by phone); Christine Rice, Louise Sundin.

Leadership Council Committee Members Present: Chancellor James McCormick, President Don Supalla, Mary Davenport, Linda Kohl, Maria McLemore.

Other Trustees Present: Chair Scott Thiss, Trustees Duane Benson, Christopher Frederick, James Van Houten.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Advancement Committee met January 18, 2011, at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities office in St. Paul. Chair Cheryl Dickson called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

Approval of the Advancement Committee Meeting Minutes

The November 16, 2010, Advancement Committee meeting minutes were approved without dissent.

1. Advancement Update

Maria McLemore, executive director for system and foundation relations, reported that the system received a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant of \$49,500 to support the Promising Practices for Students Success Forum. Specifically, funding will cover travel and lodging expenses for forum participants outside the metropolitan area. Century College President Larry Litecky was thanked for his leadership on this initiative. The foundation also received \$607,000 from the Alliss Educational Foundation for scholarships for students attending state universities. On February 11, the Development Division, along with Normandale Community College and Anoka Ramsey Community College, is sponsoring a dialogue on alumni relations.

Linda Kohl, associate vice chancellor for public affairs, updated the committee on the Board of Trustees goal to Connect with Campuses. As of the meeting date, six trustees had visited 10 institutions and 15 campuses; nine campus visits were pending.

2. Board Legislative Agenda

Chair Cheryl Dickson presented the proposed board legislative agenda. The committee discussed the agenda and noted that this was the first of its kind. In the past, the system provided support for the biennial budget request in odd-numbered years and the capital request in even-numbered years. The committee suspended the rules for a second reading and adopted the legislative agenda with a recommendation for the full Board of Trustees to approve.

3. State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary Davenport, executive director for government relations, reported that at the system had its first overview hearing in the House Higher Education Policy and Finance Committee. Five trustees attended. A meeting with Governor Mark Dayton was being arranged. At the federal level, the FY2011 budget had not yet been resolved, with federal agencies operating under a continuing resolution. Representatives of the Board of Trustees will be attending the federal Association of Community College Trustee Conference February 13-16, 2011. Trustees were reminded that legislative updates are available via e-mail, blog and Twitter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Candi Walz, Recorder