



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011
8:00 AM**

**WELLS FARGO PLACE
30 7TH STREET EAST
ROOM 3310, 3RD FLOOR
SAINT PAUL, MN**

In addition to committee members attending in person, additional committee or board members may participate by telephone. Members of the public may attend in person.

Executive Committee Agenda

Scott Thiss, Chair

- (1) **Minutes of January 5, 2010**
- (2) Second Quarter FY2011 Board Budget Report
- (3) Update on Searches
- (4) Review Draft Schedule/Agenda for Meetings on March 15-16, 2011
- (5) Leadership Council Comments
- (6) Other Business

Executive Committee

Scott Thiss, Chair

Clarence Hightower, Vice Chair

Duane Benson, Treasurer

Cheryl Dickson

Dan McElroy

Christine Rice

Louise Sundin

BOLD denotes action item

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2011**

Executive Committee Members Present: Scott Thiss, Chair, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Dan McElroy, Christine Rice and Louise Sundin

Executive Committee Members Absent: Clarence Hightower

Other Members Present: Jacob Englund, Alfredo Oliveira and James Van Houten

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Executive Committee met at Wells Fargo Place, 30 7th St., E., 3rd Floor, Room 3310, Saint Paul, on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. Chair Scott Thiss convened the meeting at 8:00 AM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustees Jacob Englund, Dan McElroy and Alfredo Oliveira participated by conference call.

(1) Minutes of December 8, 2010

The Executive Committee meeting minutes of December 8, 2010, were accepted as written.

(2) Update on Searches

Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, reported that all of the searches are moving along well. Presidential candidates are being recruited for Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Anoka Technical College (shared presidency), Century College and Saint Paul College. One search firm is handling all three searches. The recruiting period is the end of January. The Chancellor search also is on course for the Board of Trustees meeting on February 2, 2011, to interview the finalists. Vice Chancellor Lamb explained that there will be a motion before the Board at their meeting on January 19, 2011, for Chair Thiss to name the finalists before proceeding with the public interviews.

(3) Common Agenda for Higher Education

Chair Thiss commented that one of the assignments from the Board's retreat in October was to begin a discussion on a common voice for higher education. As Chair of the Higher Education Advisory Council, Chancellor McCormick arranged for a meeting with members of the Council on December 16, 2010. Chair Thiss attended the meeting with the Chancellor and members of the council and their governing board chairs. Chair Thiss noted that Chancellor McCormick did a great job in setting the agenda and leading the discussion. The meeting resulted in a letter to Governor Mark Dayton inviting him to a meeting with HEAC representatives and their governing board chairs. The letter also supported the continued Cabinet-level role of the Office of Higher Education. Following a brief conversation, Chair Thiss noted that the HEAC members showed respect for mission differentials and were positive about the common agenda. Chair Thiss will report on this meeting during the Chair's Report at the January Board meeting, and he will provide periodic updates as needed.

(4) Review Draft Schedule/Agenda for Meetings on January 18-19, 2011

Chair Thiss observed that in addition to the standing committee meetings, the schedule also includes a joint meeting of Academic and Student Affairs and Finance and Facilities committees on Resources for Results and a Board study session on the FY12-14 System Action Plan. Academic and Student Affairs will lead the study session. Scott Olson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, commented that the two-year action plan was suggested by Chair Thiss. The presidents have been polled on advising the Board on realizing the strategic plan, and the process would be similar to that used for the Board to define their goals. Vice Chancellor Olson continued that this is a big improvement from a campus perspective as they will know what is expected of them earlier. The next logical step is moving to multi-year action plan goals. Chair Thiss added that the first year's goals are fixed while the other two years are aspirational. Kevin Kopischke, President, Alexandria Technical and Community College, commented that the presidents welcome this change. Trustee Duane Benson inquired about having the current work plans and committee goals in the meeting materials. Vice Chancellor Olson responded that they will be included in the January meeting materials. The Academic and Student Affairs committee has several reports on its agenda, some of which are required by the Legislature. Interim Vice Chancellor Scott Olson said that copies of the reports will be sent to the Board in advance of the Board meeting to provide the Trustees with sufficient time to review them.

(5) Leadership Council Comments

President Kopischke, Alexandria Technical and Community College, and co-chair of the Leadership Council reported that the Leadership Council met on the evening of January 3 and on January 4, 2011. They discussed the system's budget request in light of many challenges and how the face of the system may change in coming years. They also heard a report on the campus service cooperative.

(6) Other Business

Chair Thiss announced that Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, will be the keynote speaker at an event sponsored by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce in Minneapolis on January 21, 2011. He invited Trustees to attend the event.

Trustee Louise Sundin commented on the recent announcement on the success of the taconite industry in northern Minnesota. Noting that many miners are nearing retirement age, she inquired if the system campuses were working with the companies. Laura King, Vice Chancellor – Chief Financial Officer reported that the Northeast Higher Education District has made a strategic effort to work the mining industry.

Chair Thiss noted that Trustees Jacob Englund and Christine Rice were participating in the iPad/paperless experiment. Darrel Huish, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology, is gathering input and will have a report at a later date.

Adjournment

Chair Thiss adjourned the meeting at 9:14 AM.