

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Minutes
January 22, 2014

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson, Alfredo Oliveira, Maria Peluso, Thomas Renier, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Trustees Philip Krinkie, David Paskach and Michael Vekich

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 3:28 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustee Alfredo Oliveira participated by telephone.

2. Chair's Report: *Clarence Hightower*

- a. **Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Increasing Pathways to Postsecondary Education, November 20, 2013**
- b. **Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Charting the Future, Final Report, November 20, 2013**
- c. **Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, November 20, 2013**
- d. **Minutes of Board of Trustees Special Meeting, December 3, 2013**

The minutes listed above were approved as written.

3. Chancellor's Report: *Steven Rosenstone*

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone expressed his thanks to Governor Mark Dayton for his bonding proposal supporting higher education construction projects. Chancellor Rosenstone stated that the Governor's proposal is a strong starting point in continuing the work with the governor, legislators and presidents to advance all of the Board's bonding priorities.

Chancellor Rosenstone provided an update on the "Access to Excellence Scholarship Campaign." The forty-two foundations of the system's colleges and universities joined together in an unprecedented collaborative effort to raise \$20 million dollars in new scholarship dollars over a two year period designed to help sixteen thousand students across the state.

Chancellor Rosenstone stated that last October he noted that the foundations had exceeded \$1 million dollars towards their goal in the first three months of the campaign. Chancellor Rosenstone stated he is delighted to report that through the first half of fiscal year 2014, the colleges and universities raised \$9.2 million dollars against a goal of \$5 million dollars. Chancellor Rosenstone noted that we are just halfway through the fiscal year and have reached 90 percent of the fiscal year's goal of awarding scholarships to 8,000 students. To date, scholarships have been awarded to 7584 students. While there is great anticipation for a strong showing from donors through the end of the year giving, their generosity has surpassed even our most optimistic aspirations.

The impact of this generosity cannot be overstated; it will change the lives of thousands of students who would not be able to attend school and create a better future for themselves and their families. Chancellor Rosenstone expressed his gratitude to the donors, foundation

leaders and their boards, staff and the presidents. Chancellor Rosenstone also expressed his thanks to the board for their leadership in ensuring that the colleges and universities remain a place of hope and opportunity.

Chancellor Rosenstone introduced and welcomed Dr. Leon Rodrigues who will begin his service as the system's chief diversity officer on January 27.

Dr. Rodrigues thanked the board and Chancellor Rosenstone for the opportunity to serve this important and vast system. He described diversity as his passion and said he looks forward to the work and building relationships within the system.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approve the Financial Audit Plan**
- b. Rochester Community & Technical College Contracts Exceeding \$3M for Regional Sports Center and Career Technical Education Center at Heintz/Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Village**
- c. Dakota County Technical College Surplus Declaration**
- d. Authorization to Negotiate Third Party Housing Agreement at Minnesota West Community and Technical College and Northland Community and Technical College**
- e. Pine Technical College – Change in Institution Type and Change in Name (Second Reading)**
- f. Mesabi Range Community & Technical College: Proposed Name Change**

Trustee Duane Benson moved that the Rochester Community & Technical College Contracts Exceeding \$3M for Regional Sports Center and Career Technical Education Center at Heintz/Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Village be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the Finance and Facilities Committee. The motion carried and the item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Chair Hightower called the question on the remaining Consent Agenda items and the motion carried.

5. Board Policy Decisions

- a. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees (Second Reading)**

Trustee Ann Anaya moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees and the motion carried.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

- a. Human Resources Committee**

Thomas Renier, Chair

- (1) Study Session: Succession Planning/Leadership Development

Trustee Tom Renier reported that the committee heard a report on Succession Planning/Leadership Development.

(2) Appointment of Interim President of Metropolitan State University

Trustee Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Devinder Malhotra as interim president of Metropolitan State University effective July 1, 2014, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Malhotra thanked the trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone.

(3) Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer

Trustee Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Ramon Padilla, Jr. as vice chancellor for information technology/chief information officer effective February 18, 2014, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Padilla thanked the trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone. He commented that he is excited to join the organization.

(4) Appointment of Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint John O'Brien as senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities effective July 1, 2014, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Brien thanked the trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone. He also expressed his gratitude to the staff at North Hennepin Community College.

(5) Appointment of Interim President of North Hennepin Community College

Trustee Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Lisa Larson as interim president of North Hennepin Community College effective July 1, 2014, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with

the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Larson thanked the trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone. She also thanked Dr. O'Brien for his leadership at North Hennepin Community College. She added that she is honored and looks forward to beginning her appointment.

b. Audit Committee

Ann Anaya, Chair

Trustee Anaya reported on the Audit Committee meeting.

c. Finance and Facilities Committee

Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair

(1) Rochester Community & Technical College Contracts Exceeding \$3M for Regional Sports Center and Career Technical Education Center at Heintz/Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Village

Trustee Dawn Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of sales tax proceeds from the City of Rochester for the Regional Sports Center at the Career Technical Education Center at the Heintz/Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Village for Rochester Community and Technical College and authorizes the Chancellor or his designee to enter into the necessary contracts for the projects and to seek any legislative authority needed for construction.

Trustee Benson inquired if sales tax, which was originally passed for other intent, will be used for the project. He noted that he will vote no to the motion. Trustee Margaret Anderson Kelliher commented that she had many questions during the committee meeting but that she supports the motion.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried with one opposed, (Trustee Benson.)

(2) FY2013 and FY2012 Audited Financial Statements

Trustee Erlandson reported that the committee heard a report on the FY2013 and FY2014 Audited Financial Statements.

d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair

(1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.2 State Residency (First Reading)

Trustee Margaret Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a first reading on the Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.2 State Residency. This item will be presented for a second reading at the March meeting.

(2) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.36 Academic Programs (First Reading)

Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a first reading on the

Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.36 Academic Programs. This item will be presented for a second reading at the March meeting.

- (3) Proposed New Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status (First Reading)
Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a first reading on the Proposed New Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status. This item will be presented for a second reading at the March meeting.
- (4) Meeting the Baccalaureate Needs of the Twin Cities Metro
Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a presentation on Meeting the Baccalaureate Needs of the Twin Cities Metro.

Trustee Anderson Kelliher described a literary and arts book entitled *Under Construction* from North Hennepin Community College, which showcases the artistic works of the college's students.

Trustee Anderson Kelliher stated that in continuing with the committee's efforts to highlight students and stories of student success, she would take a few minutes to show how scholarships are making a difference in the lives of students. Colleges and universities are places hope and opportunity. The strategic framework commits the system to affordability and providing access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans. To meet these commitments, work is being done to increase scholarship support for students and other kinds of private financial support.

Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported on one generous donor and the students that are benefitting from his gift. Mark Welter was a world history/world religions teacher at the secondary and college levels for over 50 years. He taught with the goal of preparing young people to adapt to the needs of a cooperative, interdependent, peaceful world. As a retired teacher, he continues to make a difference, aiding students who demonstrate an awareness of our prevailing world realities – who understand that no single nation can successfully address the common problems shared by the world's many cultures.

The Mark M. Welter World Citizen Award supports students who see themselves as world citizens. Award recipients are nominated by college/university faculty and staff. This year alone, through Dr. Welter's generous gift, twenty students each received a \$500 scholarship this fall to be used for tuition, fees, and/or books during the 2013-2014 academic year, and another twenty will receive awards this spring. Trustee Anderson Kelliher noted that Dr. Welter may be listening to the meeting and asked everyone to join her in thanking him for his vision, his generosity and his support for students.

Trustee Anderson Kelliher highlighted two recipients of the Welter Scholarship: Anna Surprenant, a junior at Southwest Minnesota State University, and Larisheka Smith from North Hennepin Community College. Trustee Anderson Kelliher invited Ms. Smith, who was in the audience to say a few words. Ms. Smith expressed her thanks for the award and she also thanked the diversity office staff at North Hennepin Community College for their excellent support.

e. Joint Meeting: Academic and Student Affairs and Finance and Facilities Committees

Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Dawn Erlandson, Co-Chairs

- (1) 2016-2021 General Obligation, Capital Budget and 2015 Revenue Fund Guidelines (First Reading)

Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported that the Academic and Student Affairs and Finance and Facilities Committees heard a first reading on the 2016-2021 General Obligation, Capital Budget and 2015 Revenue Fund Guidelines. This item will be presented for a second reading at the March meeting.

7. Trustee Reports

Trustee Louise Sundin reported that she attended the MSCSA scholarship event where Trustee Alfredo Oliveira was the keynote speaker. Trustee Sundin encouraged trustees to support the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship upcoming event. Trustee Erlandson reported that she participated at Winona State University's fall commencement.

8. Joint Council of Student Associations

- a. Minnesota State University Student Association
Mike Ramirez, vice chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

9. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

- a. Inter Faculty Organization
Dr. Nancy Black, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hightower announced that there will be special meetings of the Human Resources Committee and Board of Trustees on February 26, 2014. The schedule and agenda will be distributed at a later date. Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board