

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Name:** Human Resources Committees      **Date:** October 22, 2014

**Title:** Emeriti Recognition

**Purpose (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approvals<br>Required by<br>Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy or<br>Amendment to<br>Existing Policy |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /<br>Compliance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Information                                   |   |

**Brief Description:**

Board Policy 4.8, Emeritus Status

Recommendation for emeritus status on the following presidents who retired in 2014:

- Phillip Davis, Minneapolis Community and Technical College
- James Johnson, Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical
- Kevin Kopischke, Alexandria Technical and Community College
- Joseph Opatz, Normandale Community College
- Edna Mora Szymanski, Minnesota State University Moorhead

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Steven Rosenstone

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<b>BOARD ACTION</b>
<b>EMERITI RECOGNITION</b>

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 Pursuant to Board Policy 4.8, Emeritus Status, Chancellor Rosenstone will present his  
3 recommendation to confer presidential emeritus status upon the following presidents, who  
4 have served as presidents in good standing and retired in 2014:  
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- 6 • Phillip Davis, serving as president at Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
7 from 1998-2014
- 8 • James Johnson, serving as president at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical  
9 from 1997-2014
- 10 • Kevin Kopischke, serving as president at Alexandria Technical and Community College  
11 from 2004-2014
- 12 • Joseph Opatz, serving as president at Normandale Community College from 2007-2014
- 13 • Edna Mora Szymanski, serving as president at Minnesota State University Moorhead  
14 from 2008-2014

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16 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

17 The Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following  
18 motion.  
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20 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

21 Upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, and in recognition that they have  
22 served with great distinction, the Board of Trustees hereby confers the honorary title of President  
23 Emeritus upon Phillip Davis, Minneapolis Community and Technical College; James Johnson,  
24 Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical; Kevin Kopischke, Alexandria Technical and  
25 Community College; Joseph Opatz, Normandale Community College; and Edna Mora  
26 Szymanski, Minnesota State University Moorhead.  
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28 *Date of Approval:           October 22, 2014*