

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 2015**

Present: Chair Thomas Renier, Trustees Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Kelly Charpentier-Berg, Alexander Cirillo, John Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Robert Hoffman, Philip Krinkie, Maleah Otterson, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, Michael Vekich, Erma Vizenor, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Ann Anaya

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Thomas Renier called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and announced that a quorum was present.

**2. Chair's Report:** *Thomas Renier*

**a. Minutes of the March 17, 2015, Study Session on Demographic Trends and Their Implications for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**

**b. Minutes of the March 17, 2015, Study Session on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Positioning**

**c. Minutes of the March 18, 2015, Board of Trustees Meeting**

The above minutes were approved as written.

**d. Other**

Chair Renier announced that the Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence in Teaching luncheon and ceremony were held today. This year's Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipients are:

- Victoria Hutson, Art, Lake Superior College
- Elizabeth Longley, Chemistry, Normandale Community College
- Shana Petermann, Biology, Minnesota State Community and Technical College
- Lisa Smith, Chemistry, North Hennepin Community College

Also, new this year is the Professional Excellence Award for Administrative Service Faculty. Shahzad Ahmad, director of Multicultural Student Services at St. Cloud State University received the award. Chair Renier congratulated all of the outstanding faculty.

Chair Renier concluded his remarks by thanking the trustees for their continued presence at legislative hearings and committee meetings. On April 7, Trustee Cowles, Chancellor Rosenstone, and President Collins testified on our budget request before the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. And, just last week, Trustees Charpentier-Berg, Cowles, Hoffman, Otterson, Sundin, and Vizenor appeared before the same committee for their confirmation hearings. Trustee Cowles' confirmation hearing is on Thursday.

**3. Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone**

Chancellor Rosenstone joined the board in congratulating the faculty honored today and thanked Associate Vice Chancellor Lynda Milne for the outstanding job she does every year to make certain the awards luncheon comes off seamlessly.

Chancellor Rosenstone shared the news that North Hennepin Community College student Audua Pugh has been selected as a 2015 All USA Community College Academic Team Scholar, an award given by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. 1,700 students from over 1,000 community colleges across the nation were nominated by their colleges for this honor. Only 20 students – nationwide – were selected and Ms. Pugh was one of them. The chancellor asked Ms. Pugh to stand and be recognized.

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the leaders of our student associations for their leadership this year and welcomed new leaders for the 2015-16 academic year:

- *MSUSA outgoing leadership*: State Chair Kari Cooper and officers Joseph Wolf and Richa Neupane; *MSUSA leadership for 2015-16*: Chair-elect Cara Luebke, Vice Chair-elect Joseph Wolf, and Treasurer-elect Skeeter Rogers.
- *MSCSA outgoing leadership*: President Kayley Schoonmaker and officers Kerrie Maleski, Will Tully, and Matt Rubel; *MSCSA leadership for 2015-16*: President-elect Kevin Parker, Vice President-elect Tim St. Claire, Public Relations Coordinator-elect Austin Ruport, and Treasurer-elect Richard Barnier.

Chancellor Rosenstone reiterated MnSCU's gratitude to Governor Dayton for his support of MnSCU's entire legislative budget request, noting that "there is no better investment in our state and no better investment in the future vitality of communities across Minnesota than the request we have made." He also thanked the student associations, faculty and staff bargaining units, presidents, and the board for standing united behind the request.

Finally, Chancellor Rosenstone recognized John O'Brien's last board meeting as senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. He asked the board to join him in wishing Senior Vice Chancellor O'Brien well as he embarks on his next great adventure and in expressing everyone's profound gratitude for his decades of service.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1M**

- **Inver Hills Community College**
- **Minnesota State University, Mankato**
- **Riverland Community College**

**2. Approval of Surplus and Sale of Real Estate and Improvements**

- **Minneapolis Community and Technical College**
- **St. Cloud State University Sale and Purchase**

*Trustee Vekich moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.*

**5. Board Policy Decisions**

There were no Board Policy Decisions.

**6. Board Standing Committee Reports**

a. Audit Committee

Philip Krinkie, Chair

- Results of Minneapolis Community and Technical College Internal Control and Compliance Audit

Committee Chair Krinkie reported that the committee reviewed the results of the Minneapolis Community and Technical College Internal Control and Compliance Audit.

b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair

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

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a first reading of the proposed amendment to Policy 2.2 State Residency. This will be presented for a second reading and approval at the May meeting.

(2) Proposed Amendment to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics (First Reading)

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a first reading of the proposed amendment to Policy 2.6 Intercollegiate Athletics. This will be presented for a second reading and approval at the May meeting.

(3) Spotlight: Saint Paul Public Schools and Saint Paul College Launch Gateway to College Program

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported on a new collaboration between Saint Paul College, Saint Paul Public Schools, and the Gateway to College National Network, called "Gateway to College."

Gateway to College is a new dual-credit pathway to a high school diploma for students who need an alternative route to graduation. The program serves students ages 16 to 20 years who have either dropped out of high school or are significantly behind in credits and unlikely to graduate. Credits earned can also be applied toward a college degree or certificate.

Students take classes at the Saint Paul College campus, getting a feel for the college environment. They receive free tuition and books as well as one-on-one advising and mentoring. Instructors use innovative methods to keep students on the right track to success, and Gateway to College staff provide ongoing training, support and technical assistance to enroll and track student progress.

Twenty-five percent of the 52 students enrolled in the first year of the program are also taking college-level courses. Saint Paul College and Saint Paul Public Schools aim to enroll 200 students over the next three years.

Nationally, students average 28 college credits by the time they receive their high school diploma, putting them well on their way to earning a college credential.

President Rassoul Dastmozd, Thomas Matos, vice president of student development and services, and Victoria Yang, a student of the Gateway to College program, gave brief remarks. Trustee Anderson Kelliher thanked them for coming to the meeting.

- c. Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Diversity and Equity Committees  
Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Ann Anaya, Co-chairs
  - Closing the Achievement Gap  
Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the joint committees had a study session on closing the achievement gap.
- d. Finance and Facilities Committee  
Michael Vekich, Chair  
Committee Chair Vekich reported on the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

**7. Joint Council of Student Associations**

- a. Minnesota State University Student Association  
Kari Cooper, state chair, addressed the Board.
- b. Minnesota State College Student Association  
Kayley Schoonmaker, president, addressed the Board.

**8. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Bargaining Units**

- a. Administrative and Service Faculty  
Adam Klepetar, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**9. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Charpentier-Berg reported that she attended the Association of Governing Board's National Conference on Trusteeship. She also attended the Minnesota State College Student Association's spring conference. Trustee Sundin thanked the trustees who attended the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship event. Chair Renier reported that he visited Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College at the invitation of President Anderson.

**10. Other Business**

Chair Renier announced that the next meetings are the Executive Committee meeting on May 5 and the Board of Trustees meetings on May 19-20. There was no other business to come before the board.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.