

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2012**

Present: Chair Scott Thiss, Trustees Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Philip Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, James Van Houten, Michael Vekich and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Trustees Brett Anderson, Clarence Hightower, Dan McElroy and Thomas Renier

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Thiss called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM.

Chair Thiss announced that the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone recognized 33 teachers as Outstanding Educators and four as Educators of the Year at the annual Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching luncheon.

The Educator of the Year recipients are: Phyllis Ballata, English instructor at Century College; Paul Carney, English instructor at Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Fergus Falls; Rod Milbrandt, physics instructor at Rochester Community and Technical College; and Shawn Mueske, biology instructor at Ridgewater College in Willmar.

2. Chair's Report

(1) Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting on March 21, 2012

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Chancellor's Report: *Steven Rosenstone*

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone also recognized the recipients of the Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching. Chancellor Rosenstone acknowledged Dr. Don Larsson for his service as president of the Inter Faculty Organization. Dr. Larsson's term ends in June, and Dr. Nancy Black becomes president effective on July 1.

Chancellor Rosenstone congratulated Trustees Benson, Englund, Oliveira, Renier and Vekich who were confirmed by the Minnesota Senate on April 17.

Chancellor Rosenstone provided an update on the presidential searches which are underway for Minnesota State Community and Technical College and Winona State University. He will offer candidate recommendations for each, along with a recommendation for an interim president for Winona State University, to the board at its meeting in May.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that there is legislative consideration for continuity of the system's operations in the event of a government shutdown. Governor Dayton supported continuity for the system at the start of a shutdown last June 2011.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that thirteen projects are in the bonding bill, of which eight projects are in the Senate bill but not the House bill. Chancellor Rosenstone continued that each project accomplishes key priorities. The projects provide the facilities necessary to prepare the workforce for the jobs that need to be done, to educate students in the areas of (STEM) science, technology, engineering and math, as well as other critical areas related to workforce and to STEM.

Chancellor Rosenstone stated that interviews of outside consultants are in process in regards to the Campus Service Cooperative. An outside consultant will provide the system with the best practices from the private sector in context with a higher education system. Chancellor Rosenstone reported that at the request of Governor Dayton, he and other heads of the state agencies will meet for the purpose of exploring options for sharing services across government agencies.

Chancellor Rosenstone commented that over the past six months several efforts have been made to reach out to businesses and organizations throughout the state in an effort to partner with and gain their input and counsel. Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he has met with several including: the Itasca Group, Twin Cities United Way, Fourth Annual Ag Symposium, Minnesota Manufacturers Association, Chamber of Commerce Education Workforce Committee, Minnesota High Tech Association, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, Minnesota Business Partnership and Greater MSP. Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that in each case there is tremendous enthusiasm and interest to work with the system and also interest in the Workforce Assessment listening sessions which are being held in partnership with the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

4. Consent Agenda

All matters listed under Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Any trustee may request that an item or items be removed from the Consent Agenda for independent consideration.

(1) Select External Audit Firms for College and University Financial Statement Audits

The Consent Agenda was moved and seconded and the motion carried.

5. Board Policy Decisions

(1) FY2014-2019 Capital Budget Guidelines (Second Reading)

Trustee Michael Vekich moved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2014-2019 Capital budget Guidelines. Chair Thiss called the question and the motion carried with one nay, Trustee Philip Krinkie.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. **Audit Committee:** *James Van Houten, Chair*

(1) Internal Audit Update

Committee Chair James Van Houten reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Internal Audit division.

(2) Review Results of Financial Aid Audits

Committee Chair Van Houten reported that the committee heard a report on the results of financial aid audits. The audit report was favorable and contained three isolated compliance findings. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education also audits the colleges and universities.

b. **Finance and Facilities Committee:** *Dan McElroy, Chair*

(1) Finance and Facilities Update

Committee Vice Chair Michael Vekich reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Finance and Facilities Division.

(2) Project 2022 Overview

Committee Vice Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard a presentation on Project 2022. A financial analysis and planning tool is being developed which will model how changes in key financial drivers affect the financial viability of the system.

(3) Campus Service Cooperative Update

Committee Vice Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard an update on the campus service cooperative. The mission is to focus on efficient and transformational delivery of services while maintain the distinction of each campus.

c. **Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee:** *Louise Sundin, Chair*

(1) Diversity Division Update

Committee Chair Louise Sundin reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Diversity and Multiculturalism division.

(2) Update of Board Committee Goal

Committee Chair Sundin reported that the committee heard an update on the board's goal for the Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee.

(3) Asian Youth Leadership Retreat Collaborative

Committee Chair Sundin reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Asian Youth Leadership Retreat Collaborative, a collaboration with the system Diversity and Multiculturalism division and the council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

7. Joint Council of Student Associations

- a. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)
- b. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)
There were no reports from the statewide student associations.

8. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

- a. Inter Faculty Organization
Dr. Don Larsson, president, addressed the Board of Trustees. He introduced Dr. Nancy Black as the incoming president, beginning on July 1.
- b. Administrative and Service Faculty
Dr. Barbara Oertel, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- c. Minnesota State College Faculty
There was no report from the Minnesota State College Faculty association.
- d. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees
Mr. Greg Mellas, representative, addressed the Board of Trustees. He introduced Ms. Teneya Harrison, who is one of MAPE's business agents.
- e. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Ms. June Clark, state representative, Local 638, addressed the Board of Trustees.

9. Trustees' Reports

Chair Thiss thanked the trustees for their participation at the spring commencements.

Chair Thiss reported that he attended meetings with Academic Quality Improvement Program evaluators at Winona State University and Saint Paul College. Trustee Christine Rice also attended the meeting at Saint Paul College. Trustee Krinkie reported that he attended the Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

Trustee Duane Benson reported that he visited Inver Hills College. Trustee David Paskach reported that he visited Minnesota State University, Mankato and South Central College. Trustee Cheryl Dickson reported that she will report on the Connect with Campuses initiative at the May meeting.

10. Other Business

Chair Thiss announced that the Executive Committee will meet on May 2, and the Board of Trustees meetings are on May 15 and 16.

11. Adjournment

Chair Thiss adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.