

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012

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

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Thiss called the meeting to order at 9:45AM.

2. Chair's Report

(1) Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting on April 18, 2012

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were approved with a correction to the title of the representative with the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees.

(2) Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session on April 18, 2012

The minutes of the study session were approved as written.

(3) Proposed FY2013 Meeting Calendar (First Reading)

Chair Thiss reported that the FY2013 Meeting Calendar will be presented for a second reading and approval at the June meeting.

3. Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone thanked the trustees and the vice chancellors who represented the system at the spring commencement ceremonies. He reported that 35,000 diplomas and degrees are awarded this year by our colleges and universities. Seventy percent of the graduates are first generation, students of color, and/or from families of modest financial means. Eighty percent of graduates will continue their education or go to work in Minnesota – leading our communities and every sector of Minnesota's economy. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the faculty for their support of the students.

Transitions

Barbara Ortel, state-wide president of Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty over the past two years will be stepping down as president. Through her stewardship, there has been a strong collaborative working relationship. Chancellor Rosenstone commented that he particularly appreciated President Ortel's help in establishing Academic and Student Affairs' new advisory committee structure. Dr. Ortel will continue to serve on the MSUAASF executive board as its immediate past president. Adam Klepetar will assume the presidency in June. He is the Administrative Director of the Division of General Studies and University Placement Testing at St. Cloud State University, and has served on the MSUAASF executive board for several years as vice president and on the board as president of the MSUAASF local union at St. Cloud State University.

Geoff Dittberner is completing his service as president of the Minnesota State College Student Association. He will be pursuing his baccalaureate degree in political science with a focus on political communication. Geoff has served community and technical college students with great distinction. He was instrumental in leading the association in its "Get out the Vote Drive," an effort that has been launched again for this fall.

Steve Sabin will assume the presidency in July. He is a practical nursing student at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. He is student senate president at Brainerd and has the distinction of having raised \$3,200 for the MSCSA Student Leadership Scholarship while running two marathons.

Minnesota State University Student Association state chair, Amanda Bardonner completes her term of service on June 1. Amanda is a student at St. Cloud State University working on her Bachelor of Science Degree in International Business Management. Amanda received the Excellence in Leadership Award at SCSU.

Moriah Miles, state chair-elect effective June 1, is a student at Minnesota State University, Mankato where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. She is the current vice president of the Mankato student government.

Legislative Session

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the members of the Minnesota Legislature and Governor Dayton for their support of:

- The \$132 million in projects that are shovel ready. Priorities are STEM, business education, and facilities at our colleges and universities that will prepare our students for the foundational and technical skills they need for to lead every sector of Minnesota.
- The continuity of operations law. This law ensures that if there is a state shutdown, our colleges and universities will remain open to serve students and meet the needs of communities across our state.
- Increase in the debt ceiling on our revenue fund. This change will allow the board, in consultation with students and presidents, to consider revenue bond projects (like dormitories, student centers, and parking structures) over the years ahead.
- Leveraged equipment program: \$475,000 in new monies to help jumpstart the acquisition of equipment needed to ensure that students are trained on state-of-the-art technology. These dollars will be matched, dollar for dollar, with private contributions.

Chancellor Rosenstone commented that these legislative initiatives are a strong endorsement, by the legislature and the Governor, of the work being done to ensure an extraordinary education for students and to meet the needs of communities and businesses across Minnesota.

Chancellor Rosenstone expressed his gratitude to presidents, faculty and staff regarding the FY2013 Operating Budget. The focus is on affordability in the wake of declining state support. The system is reallocating \$22.9 million to meet highest and emerging priorities and advance the strategic framework of new programs and student services; and to allow for compensation increases and facilities and equipment investments. Tuition increases are being held down to \$171 at the two-year colleges and \$285 at the four-year universities.

Chancellor Rosenstone remarked on the challenges and also the opportunities which led to the Strategic Framework. This year set the course of the framework across the system. He looks forward to study sessions with the board on topics which address and meet the needs of some of the big challenges facing the system throughout the year ahead.

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) Mission Approval/Campus Profile: Rochester Community and Technical College

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

5. Board Policy Decisions

(1) Proposed New Policy 3.39 Transfer Rights and Responsibilities

Trustee Christine Rice moved that the Board of Trustees approves the new policy 3.39 Transfer Rights and Responsibilities. Chair Thiss called the question and the motion carried.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance and Facilities Committee: Dan McElroy, Chair

(1) Finance and Facilities Update

Committee Chair Dan McElroy reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Finance and Facilities Division.

(2) FY2013 Operating Budget (First Reading)

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a first reading on the FY2013 Operating Budget. This will be a second reading for approval at the June meeting.

(3) 2012 Capital Budget Legislative Update

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard an update on the 2012 Capital Budget.

b. Joint Meeting: Finance and Facilities and Human Resources Committees:
Dan McElroy and Clarence Hightower Co-Chairs

(1) Proposed Board Policy 1C.4 Fiduciary Duty, System Pension Plans
(First Reading)

Co-chair Dan McElroy reported that the joint committees reviewed a first reading on the Proposed Board Policy 1C.4, Fiduciary Duty, System Pension Plans. The purpose of the proposed policy is to clearly identify fiduciary responsibilities for system pension plans. This will be a second reading for approval at the June meeting.

c. Academic and Student Affairs Committee: *Christine Rice, Chair*

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

Committee Chair Christine Rice reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Academic and Student Affairs division.

(2) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Goal – Student Success

Committee Chair Rice reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Goal – Student Success. The presentation highlighted one of the best practices most often cited in the literature, "First Year Experience" (FYE) programs.

d. Technology Committee: *David Paskach, Chair*

(1) Information Technology Update

Committee Chair David Paskach reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Information Technology division.

(2) Service Delivery Strategy

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard an update on the Service Delivery Strategy. The technology division sponsored the development of a strategy to deliver technology services more efficiently.

(3) Students First Project Close

Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a final report on the accomplishments of the Students First Project. The initiative makes it easier for students to find information on courses, programs, colleges and universities and doing business with the system.

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

(1) Review Results of Audit Risk Assessment, Including Information Technology Audit

Committee Chair James Van Houten reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Results of Audit Risk Assessment, Including Information Technology. A three-stage risk assessment identified enterprise, financial and information technology risk factors.

(2) Board Committee Goal Update

Committee Chair Van Houten reported that the committee heard a report on the Audit Committee's goal to research best practices of other audit committees, including audit approaches of other higher education systems as well as private industry. Executive Director Beth Buse presented results of research on overall audit committee best practices.

f. Advancement Committee: Cheryl Dickson, Chair

(1) Legislative Session Recap

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson reported that the committee heard a summary of the legislative session outcomes related to the system.

(2) Connecting with Campus Initiative

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard an update on the Connecting with Campus Initiative. Trustees have visited nearly every campus with just two campuses remaining to be scheduled.

(3) New Member Orientation Plan Update

Committee Chair Dickson reported the committee reviewed an outline of proposed topics for the orientation sessions.

g. Human Resources Committee: Clarence Hightower, Chair

(1) Emeritus Recognition

Committee Chair Clarence Hightower announced that the committee is recommending that the Board confer the title of president emeritus to Judith Ramaley, who retires on May 16, 2012, after seven years of exceptional service to Winona State University and the Winona and Rochester communities. Committee Chair Hightower personally commended her extraordinary success in advancing the excellence of the university's academic programs.

Committee Chair Hightower moved that upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, and in recognition that she has served with great distinction, the Board of Trustees hereby confers upon Judith Ramaley the honorary title of President Emeritus of Winona State University, effective May 17, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Appointment of Interim President of Winona State University

Committee Chair Hightower reported that with the announcement of President Judith Ramaley's retirement, Chancellor Rosenstone has recommended an interim president until such time as a permanent president begins service. The committee recommends that the board appoint Dr. Connie Gores to serve as the interim president of Winona State University.

Committee Chair Hightower moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, appoints Connie J. Gores, as interim president of Winona State University, effective May 17, 2012, subject to

the completion of an employment agreement. The Board also authorized the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the Board and the chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gores thanked the board and expressed that she is honored to serve as the Interim President.

(3) Appointment of President of Winona State University

Committee Chair Hightower reported that with the announcement of President Judith Ramaley's retirement, Chancellor Rosenstone initiated a search for a new president of Winona State University. The committee recommends that the board appoint Dr. Scott Olson as president of Winona State University.

Committee Chair Hightower moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints Scott Olson as president of Winona State University effective (date to be determined) 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 Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Olson thanked the board and Chancellor Rosenstone for their support. He commented that he is honored to be selected as president of Winona State University.

(4) Appointment of President of Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Committee Chair Hightower reported that Peggy Kennedy has been serving as the interim president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College since July 1, 2011.

Committee Chair Hightower announced that the committee is recommending that the board waive the presidential search process under Board Policy 4.2, Part 4, Subpart B; and appoint Dr. Peggy Kennedy as president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

Committee Chair Hightower moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, appoints Peggy Kennedy, as president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College, effective July 1, 2012, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The Board also authorized the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the Board and the chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kennedy stated that she is honored to become the president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

7. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)

Mr. Geoff Dittberner, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

Ms. Amanda Bardonner, State Chair, addressed the Board of Trustees. Ms. Bardonner introduced Ms. Moriah Miles as the incoming state chair beginning on June 1.

8. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Inter Faculty Organization

Dr. Nancy Black, incoming president beginning on July 1, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Administrative and Service Faculty

Dr. Barbara Oertel, president, addressed the Board of Trustees. Dr. Oertel introduced the incoming president, Adam Klepetar.

c. Minnesota State College Faculty

There was no report from the Minnesota State College Faculty association.

d. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees

There was no report from the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees.

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 announced that due to time constraints, the trustees reports are deferred to the June meeting.

10. Other Business

Chair Thiss announced that the Executive Committee will meet on June 6. Also on June 6, the Board of Trustees will meet in a closed session meeting on the chancellor's evaluation. The Board of Trustees meetings are on June 19 and 20.

11. Adjournment

Chair Thiss adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board