

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Brett Anderson, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson, Philip Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Maria Peluso, Thomas Renier, Louise Sundin, Michael Vekich and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 2:45 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustees Ann Anaya and Dawn Erlandson participated in the meeting by telephone.

2. Chair's Report

(1) Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting on October 17, 2012

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone reported that three working groups were developed in consultation with Chair Hightower, the Executive Committee of the Leadership Council, and the leadership of faculty, students and staff. The three groups are: The MnSCU System of the Future, The Education of the Future, and Meeting Minnesota's Future Workforce Needs. The formal charge to the groups will be circulated to the board within the week. Chancellor Rosenstone reported that the timeline for the groups is a preliminary report to the board in June, followed by consultation and discussions from June to the end of September.

4. Consent Agenda

(1) 2013 Revenue Fund Sale (Second Reading)

(2) Tuition Waiver Request: Northland Community and Technical College's Imagery Analysis Program

(3) Microsoft Campus Agreement Contract Approval

(4) Authorization of Leadership Employment Agreements

Chair Hightower moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried with one nay, Trustee Philip Krinkie.

5. Board Policy Decisions

(1) FY2014-2015 Biennial Legislative Request (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Michael Vekich moved that the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is committed to working together for Minnesota's prosperity in partnership with the governor and the legislature, business and industry, Minnesota communities and its colleges and universities.

The Board of Trustees approved the 2014-2015 biennial operating budget request in the amount of \$97 million and strongly urged the governor and the state of Minnesota to support the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 2014-2015 biennial operating budget request. Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried.

(2) Proposed Amendments to Board Policy 1B.1 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Education Opportunity (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson moved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed amendments to Board Policy 1B.1 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Education Opportunity, including changing the name of the policy to "Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination in Employment and Education." Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried.

(3) Proposed Amendments to Board Policy 2.9 Academic Standing and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Duane Benson moved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed amendments to Board Policy 2.9 Academic Standing and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance and Facilities Committee

Michael Vekich, Chair

Committee Chair Vekich reported on the board study session, System Finances (Finance 101) which came out of the board's retreat in September. The study session covered board policy framework, control and compliance, environment, and allocation framework.

b. Diversity and Equity Committee

Cheryl Dickson, Chair

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson reported on the study session on Access and Affordability in Higher Education. Current and planned strategies along with relevant facts, current trends and challenges were discussed. Committee Chair Dickson reported that Chair Hightower had charged the committee to present a report to the board next spring regarding whether the committee will continue or whether its charge will be included in each one of the standing committees.

c. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Duane Benson, Chair

(1) Reflections on Information Technology Strategy for the Future

Committee Chair Benson reported that the committee heard an overview from Vice Chancellor Darrel Huish on Information Technology and its strategy for the future.

d. Human Resources Committee

Thomas Renier, Chair

(1) Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

Vice Chair Thomas Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, appoints Mark Carlson as vice chancellor for human resources effective December 10, 2012, subject to the completion of an employment agreement.

The board 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 MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators. Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

(2) Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor for Information Technology

Vice Chair Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, appoints Chris McCoy as the interim vice chancellor for information technology effective January 25, 2013, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board 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 MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators. Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

(3) Recognition of Presidential Years of Service

Vice Chair Renier reported that the committee presented certificates of service to President Richard Davenport, Minnesota State University, Mankato, for ten years of service and President Jim Johnson, Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, for fifteen years of service.

7. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Alfredo Oliveira reported that he attended the Minnesota State College Student Association Leadership Summit. He also addressed the Student Government Association at St. Cloud State University. Trustee Brett Anderson reported that he visited several of the Northeast Higher Education District campuses.

8. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

There was no report from the Minnesota State University Student Association.

b. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)

There was no report from the Minnesota State College Student Association.

9. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Inter Faculty Organization

Dr. Nancy Black, president, and Dr. Donna Brower, Academic Advisor for the Inter Faculty Organization and Instructor at Minnesota State University, Mankato, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Administrative and Service Faculty

Mr. Adam Klepetar, president, and Mr. Jim Anderson, vice president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

c. Minnesota State College Faculty

There was no report from Minnesota State College Faculty.

d. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees

Mr. Greg Mellas, representative, addressed the Board of Trustees.

e. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Ms. June Clark, president, AFSCME MnSCU Policy Committee, and Mr. Chas Martin, liaison, addressed the Board of Trustees.

10. Other Business

Chair Hightower announced that the board was hosting a reception for Darrel Huish, vice chancellor for Information Technology, who is retiring, Chris McCoy interim vice chancellor for Information Technology and Mark Carlson, vice chancellor for Human Resources in Rooms 3304-3306 immediately following the meeting.

The next scheduled board meetings are on January 15-16, 2013.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board