

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 22, 2013**

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

**Absent:** Trustees Alfredo Oliveira and Michael Vekich

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustees Ann Anaya, Brett Anderson and David Paskach participated by telephone.

**2. Chair's Report:** *Clarence Hightower*

**(1) Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Update on Implementation of Strategic Framework: Driving Outcomes and Metrics, March 20, 2013**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Study Session, Update on Implementation of Strategic Framework: Driving Outcomes and Metrics on March 20, 2013, were approved as written.

**(2) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, April 17, 2013**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on April 17, 2013, were approved as written.

**(3) Chancellor's Evaluation Process and Timeline**

Chair Hightower reviewed the chancellor's evaluation process and timeline. The board hired Dr. John Asmussen, Asmussen Research and Consulting, to assist by gathering materials for the evaluation. The chancellor's self-appraisal and Dr. Asmussen's report will be sent to the board on June 7. The board will meet in closed session on the afternoon of June 18 to evaluate the chancellor's performance. A summary of the board's discussion will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on June 19.

**(4) Proposed FY2014-2015 Meeting Calendar (First Reading)**

Chair Hightower stated that the Executive Committee discussed having a two-year meeting calendar to accommodate the trustees' busy schedules. A draft calendar was presented as a first reading. No meetings are scheduled in July, August, December and February. No Executive Committee meetings are scheduled yet but will be added.

There was a brief discussion followed by a suggestion to schedule two-day meetings to allow more time for board discussion. Chair Hightower thanked trustees for their comments and announced that the proposed calendar will be presented for a second reading and approval in June.

(5) Other

Chair Hightower reminded the trustees that the official spokesperson for the board is the chair or his or her designee. If the chair or his designee is unavailable, media inquiries should be directed to Mike Dougherty, Vice Chancellor for Advancement.

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

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone reflected on the 2013 legislative session. On behalf of the 430,000 students, he expressed his gratitude to Governor Mark Dayton and the legislature for their support of the 2013 higher education bill.

This session's appropriation, the first new funding for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities since the 2007 legislative session, will help increase access to higher education for all Minnesotans and ensure that the colleges and universities remain affordable and within reach for students from all backgrounds. The chancellor pledged to invest the appropriated funds to deliver the graduates which Minnesota needs to compete globally.

The support that the governor and legislature demonstrated to the system for the students and the communities recognizes the critical role that the colleges and universities play in preparing Minnesota's workforce and serving communities across the state.

Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that the big winners in this year's legislative session are the students. He acknowledged and thanked Moriah Miles, state chair, Minnesota State University Student Association, and Steve Sabin, president, Minnesota State College Student Association, and the students and staff for their partnership, trust, and persistent advocacy on behalf of the board's legislative request. He also thanked the bargaining representatives for their advocacy.

Chancellor Rosenstone noted some items that were not accomplished during this session.

- Internships to provide hands-on experiences that would better prepare them for work;
- State-of-the-art equipment now, without having to wait until 2015;
- Investments needed to help students persist in school and to speed timely completion;
- Investments to strategically grow programs where demand for graduates is high, but available slots are low.

Chancellor Rosenstone concluded his remarks by recognizing the board members who met with legislators and the governor, and who testified before legislative committees. He thanked the presidents and staff of government relations, finance and facilities, human resources, academic and student affairs, institutional research and the chief of staff. Chair Hightower and the trustees applauded Chancellor Rosenstone for his advocacy of the system.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**(1) St. Cloud State University Contract Approval Exceeding \$3 Million for Beverage Sponsorship**

**(2) Metropolitan State University Contract Approval Exceeding \$3 Million for Facility Lease**

*Vice Chair Tom Renier moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Phil Krinkie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Board Policy Decisions**

**(1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees  
(Second Reading)**

*Committee Chair Duane Benson moved that the Board of Trustees approves Board Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**(2) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.2 State Residency Requirements  
(Second Reading)**

*Committee Chair Benson moved that the Board of Trustees approves Board Policy 2.2 State Residency. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**(3) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.24 System and College and University Missions (Second Reading)**

*Committee Chair Benson moved that the Board of Trustees approves Board Policy 3.24 System and College and University Missions. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**6. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Finance and Facilities Committee**

*Michael Vekich, Chair*

**(1) Report on Results of 2013 Legislative Session**

Committee Vice Chair David Paskach reported that the committee heard the report on the 2013 legislative session.

**(2) Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget (First Reading)**

Committee Vice Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a first reading of the fiscal year 2014 operating budget. A second reading will be heard at the June meeting.

**(3) 2014-2019 Capital Budget Program Recommendations (First Reading)**

Committee Vice Chair Paskach reported that the committee reviewed the history of the capital budget request and also discussed the guidelines that the board approved in April 2012 for developing the recommendations. He announced that the Finance and Facilities Committee will meet on June 3, 2013, for a first reading of the capital budget program recommendations.

**b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

*Duane Benson, Chair*

Committee Chair Benson reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

**c. Human Resources Committee**

*Thomas Renier, Chair*

**(1) Appointment of Acting President of North Hennepin Community College**

Committee Chair Renier reported that at the April meeting, the board approved the appointment of John O'Brien as interim vice chancellor of academic and student affairs effective June 1, 2013.

Chancellor Rosenstone began a search for an acting president of North Hennepin Community College to serve during President O'Brien's absence.

*Committee Chair Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Lisa Larson as acting president of North Hennepin Community College effective June 1, 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.*

Dr. Larson thanked the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone. She remarked that she was looking forward to meeting the faculty, staff and students at North Hennepin Community College.

**7. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Louise Sundin reported that she attended the All-Minnesota Academic Team Phi Theta Kappa Awards Luncheon. Chair Hightower and Trustees Anderson, Anderson Kelliher, Benson, Cirillo, Dickson, Erlandson, Krinkie, Paskach, Renier and Sundin reported their participation at the spring commencements. Vice Chair Renier congratulated Trustee Maria Peluso on graduating from Itasca Community College. Trustee Benson reported that he and Trustee Erlandson attended the Association of Governing Boards Conference on Trusteeship in San Francisco.

**8. Joint Council of Student Associations**

- a. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)  
Moriah Miles, state chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- b. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)  
Steve Sabin, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**7. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units**

- a. Inter Faculty Organization  
Dr. Nancy Black, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**10. Other Business**

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Hightower announced that the Executive Committee will meet on June 3 at 8:00 AM. Immediately following the Executive Committee meeting, the Finance and Facilities Committee will have a special meeting for a first reading on the capital budget. The annual Board of Trustees meeting will be on June 18 and 19, 2013.

Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin  
Secretary to the Board