

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 23, 2013

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson, Philip Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, Thomas Renier, Elise Ristau and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Trustees Duane Benson, David Paskach, Louise Sundin, Maria Peluso and Michael Vekich

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Chair Hightower welcomed Trustee Elise Ristau to the meeting. Trustee Ristau was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton as the state university student representative effective on September 1, 2013.

2. Chair's Report: *Clarence Hightower*

(1) Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Presentation of Draft Recommendations *Charting the Future of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on June 19, 2013*

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Study Session, Presentation of Draft Recommendations *Charting the Future of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities*, on June 19, 2013 were approved as written.

(2) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on June 19, 2013

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on June 19, 2013 were approved as written.

(3) Notes of Board of Trustees Retreat on September 17-18, 2013

The notes of the Board of Trustees Retreat on September 17-18, 2013 were approved as written.

3. Chancellor's Report: *Steven Rosenstone*

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone addressed the Board of Trustees remarking that it has been an extremely busy month following the board's retreat.

Update on the Strategic Workgroups

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the Board of Trustees for the thoughtful discussion at the board retreat on the draft report of the strategic workgroups. Chancellor Rosenstone expressed his appreciation for the engaged discussion and the board's extremely helpful counsel. Chancellor Rosenstone spoke to the clarity of the discussion, the excellent suggestions, and the board's clear support of the strategic directions that the workgroups had suggested in their preliminary draft. Chancellor Rosenstone noted that consultation continues. As of October 18, 2013, 117 formal feedback sessions had been held across the state which has engaged over 5,000 students, faculty, and staff.

Chancellor Rosenstone noted that in addition, many others offered suggestions directly to the workgroups. All the feedback has been collected, collated, and shared with the workgroups who have met twice since the board retreat and will meet again later this month to finalize their draft recommendations.

Chancellor Rosenstone continued that there is strong support among members of the workgroups for the guiding principle of fostering deeper collaboration among the colleges and universities to better serve the students and state. The workgroups are refining and revising the recommended strategic directions to build upon the advice from the board, leadership council, as well as students, faculty and staff across our colleges and universities.

Chancellor Rosenstone stated that as President Potter and he had made clear to the board in a memo on behalf of Leadership Council, support of greater collaboration among the colleges and universities does not mean support of more centralization or growing the system office. Chancellor Rosenstone emphasized that as the board is aware, he has expressed his conviction against more centralization repeatedly over the past two years, and added that he is confident that the final draft will be another powerful statement of what he considers to be non-negotiable.

Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that he looks forward to sharing the report with the board of trustees at their November meeting. He added that a reception will follow the board meeting to honor the 46 students, faculty, staff, presidents, and trustees who have led the workgroups over the past year.

American Indian Higher Education Partnership

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that as part of ongoing efforts to close the achievement gap and ensure student success, he and staff have been working together in partnership with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and tribal leaders and representatives from Minnesota's eleven tribal nations. In August, he traveled to Tower, Minnesota with eighteen presidents and leaders from across our colleges and universities for the first MnSCU-Tribal Leaders Education Forum. He reported that there was an honest and thoughtful conversation on how to most effectively address the challenges and how to improve the opportunities for educational success for American Indian students.

As a result of the initial session, the system has joined forces with tribal leaders to meet the following goals by the year 2018:

- Eliminate the gap in higher education participation among American Indians students
- Reduce the persistence gap of American Indian students by 50%
- Reduce the completion gap of American Indian students by 25%, and
- Close all gaps by 2023.

To move these priorities forward:

- Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs John O'Brien will lead MnSCU's efforts and co-chair a Native Nations Education Task Force together with Melanie Benjamin, Chair of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

- Vice Chancellor for Advancement Mike Dougherty, who has responsibility for MnSCU government relations, will serve as MnSCU's designated point person for communication with the Tribal Nations, consistent with Governor Dayton's recent Executive Order.

Last month, the first meeting of the task force was hosted by Chair Benjamin in Onamia and another meeting is being arranged for November. Chancellor Rosenstone said that he is pleased to report a good momentum on this initiative and that he will keep the board updated on the initiative's progress.

Winona State University Foundation and Bemidji State University Foundation Events

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he and his spouse, Maria Antonia Calvo, traveled to Winona to join in the 50th anniversary celebration of the Winona State University Foundation. The following week they traveled to Bemidji State University to celebrate the public kickoff of their foundation's \$35 million capital campaign, \$20 million of which is designated for scholarships. The BSU foundation announced that it has already raised a staggering \$25.4 million during the "quiet phase" of the campaign. Both events made it clear how dedicated the Winona and Bemidji communities are to the success of their universities and how dedicated these university presidents, foundation boards, and donors are to the students and their success. Chancellor Rosenstone congratulated Presidents Scott Olson and Dick Hansen, as well as President Dick Davenport and his colleagues at Minnesota State University, Mankato for completing their \$77.8 million capital campaign.

Scholarship Campaign

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that last June, the 42 foundations of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities joined together in an unprecedented collaborative effort to raise \$20 million in new scholarship dollars over a two-year period designed to help 16,000 students across the state. Chancellor Rosenstone expressed that he was pleased to announce that after the first three months of the "Access to Excellence" campaign, the campus foundations report that fundraising is running well ahead of goal.

The goal for the first three months was to raise \$2.5 million in new scholarships. The foundations exceeded that goal by raising \$3.6 million in new scholarship gifts. He added that the foundations are 12.5% into the campaign and at 18% towards our goal. Chancellor Rosenstone congratulated the foundation leadership, their boards and staff, the hundreds of volunteers, the presidents, and many donors. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the board for their leadership and for ensuring that the colleges remain a place of hope and opportunity where students from all walks of life can find a better future for themselves, for their families, and for their communities.

Executive Searches

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that as Vice Chancellor Mark Carlson had reported to the Human Resources Committee there are a number of presidential searches underway. In each of these searches, he consulted broadly with students, faculty, staff, and community leaders to understand the characteristics they would like to see in their next president.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he traveled to Alexandria Technical and Community College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and to Normandale Community College to spend a half-day on each campus to discuss the search, meet with, and listen to all stakeholders. He continued that these are invaluable opportunities for him to understand the needs of the campus and he appreciates the time that hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community have devoted to these discussions. Later this month, he will visit both the Red Wing and Winona campuses of Southeast Technical to get counsel as they kick-off of their presidential search.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that the search for the Vice Chancellor for Information Technology is also underway. He met with the CIOs from across the system last month to get their input on the search as well. The search for a Chief Diversity Officer continues and he has personally involved himself by working closely with Vice Chancellor Carlson to recruit a strong pool of semi-finalists that he anticipates they will interview next month. Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that he looks forward to the board's counsel on those candidates and he will keep the board informed on the timing of the visits and public presentations.

Meetings with Civic/Government Leaders

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he, along with presidents and vice chancellors, have been meeting with individual legislators and Governor Mark Dayton both about the board's 2014 capital bonding priorities as well as the system's FY2014-FY2015 budget. He remarked that the meetings have gone extremely well.

Members of the Higher Education Committees, the Capital Investment Committees, and representatives of Minnesota Management and Budget have made thirty-two visits to twenty-two of the campuses over the past two months. An additional fifteen visits are scheduled for November and December. Chancellor Rosenstone expressed his gratitude to Associate Vice Chancellor Yolitz, the government relations team, the presidents, students, faculty and staff across the colleges and universities who have facilitated the tours. The visits have enabled legislators to garner, first hand, a deep appreciation for the tremendous work the faculty and staff does every day to deliver an extraordinary education to the students. He continued that being at the campuses and talking with students and faculty face-to-face has enabled members to better understand the pressing facilities needs that the colleges and universities face and to hear directly from students.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he also traveled with ninety Twin Cities government, civic, business, foundation, and education leaders on the Intercity Leadership Visit to Phoenix to discuss higher education, health, economic development, and transportation strategies for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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Chancellor Rosenstone announced that following the board meeting there will be a reception for the Consul General of Mexico, Alberto Fierro, who will be announcing the award of \$55,000 in grants, which campuses will double with matching funds to help address the financial need of Mexican and Mexican-American students in Minnesota. Chancellor Rosenstone commented on how grateful he is to the Government of Mexico for its support of the students.

Chancellor Rosenstone concluded remarking on how the partnership between the Mexican Consulate, the colleges and universities, and communities across the state demonstrates that coming together and working together with focus on what's best for students and the communities, great things will happen. These grants have the power to change the lives of students and the lives of the thousands of people those students will touch over the course of their lifetimes.

4. Consent Agenda

(1) North Dakota Reciprocity Agreement

Trustee Dawn Erlandson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Board Policy Decisions

There were no board policy decisions.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Human Resources Committee

Thomas Renier, Chair

(1) Report of Closed Session for Labor Negotiations Strategy

Committee Chair Thomas Renier reported that the committee met in a closed session to discuss labor negotiations strategy for the following bargaining groups:

- (1) Minnesota State College Faculty
- (2) Inter Faculty Organization
- (3) Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty

(2) Emeriti Recognition

Pursuant to Board Policy 4.8, Emeritus Status, Chancellor Rosenstone presented his recommendation to confer presidential emeritus status on Keith Stover, who served as president at South Central Technical College from 1999-2013, and Donald Supalla, who served as president at Rochester Community and Technical College from 2000-2013.

Committee Chair Renier moved that upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, and in recognition that he has served with great distinction, the Board of Trustees hereby confers the honorary title of President Emeritus upon Keith Stover, South Central College. The motion was approved and carried.

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(3) Recognition of Presidential Years of Service

Committee Chair Renier and Chancellor Rosenstone recognized the following presidents for their years of service. President Doug Allen, Ridgewater College, for ten years; President Phillip Davis, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, for fifteen years and, President Robert Musgrove, Pine Technical College, for fifteen years.

(4) Executive Searches

Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard an update on executive searches for the following executive positions: Chief Diversity Officer, Vice Chancellor for Informational Technology/Chief Information Officer and Presidents of Alexandria Technical and Community College, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Normandale Community College and Rochester Community and Technical College.

b. Audit Committee

Ann Anaya, Chair

(1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees (First Reading)

Committee Chair Ann Anaya reported that the committee heard a first reading on the proposed amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees. The proposed amendment removes the restriction that independent audit firms may not be appointed to a particular engagement for more than six consecutive years.

(2) Review Annual Internal Auditing Report for Fiscal Year 2013

Committee Chair Anaya reported that the committee heard a report on the annual internal auditing report for fiscal year 2013. The report summarizes the results of audits conducted during the previous fiscal year.

(3) Role and Responsibility of Audit Committee Members

Committee Chair Anaya reported that the committee discussed the role and responsibilities of Audit Committee members. In addition, members are prepared for the process of reviewing the audited financial statements.

c. Finance and Facilities Committee

Michael Vekich, Chair

(1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 5.21 Possession or Carry of Firearms (First Reading)

Committee Vice Chair Dawn Erlandson reported that the committee heard a first reading of proposed amendment to Board Policy 5.21 Possessions or Carry of Firearms. The proposed amendment allows any employee who is a licensed peace officer to carry a firearm in accordance with law while in work status as a MnSCU employee.

- (2) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 5.23 Security and Privacy of Information Resources (First Reading)

Committee Vice Chair Erlandson reported that the committee heard a first reading of proposed amendment to Board Policy 5.23 Security and Privacy of Information Resources. The proposed amendment is to better provide guidance and direction for ensuring Minnesota State Colleges and Universities information resources.

d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair

- (1) Student Demographics Overview

Committee Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard an overview of student demographics. The presentation addressed trends in college and university enrollment and student characteristics.

- (2) Review of Topics and Emerging Themes for the Year

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee discussed topics and emerging themes for the year. The committee also reviewed and discussed a tentative annual workplan and related agenda items with a view to refining topics or suggesting new topics for the committee's and full board consideration in the FY13-14 academic year.

e. Diversity and Equity Committee

Alexander Cirillo, Chair

- (1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 1B.1 Sexual Violence Policy (First Reading)

Committee Chair Alexander Cirillo reported that the committee heard a first reading on proposed amendment to Board Policy 1B.1 Sexual Violence Policy. The proposed amendment adds dating and relationship violence and stalking to the policy to comply with new federal regulations.

7. Trustee Reports

Trustee Alfredo Oliveira reported that he and Trustees Erlandson and Sundin attended the Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress in Seattle, WA. Trustee Anderson Kelliher reported that she visited Minnesota State University, Mankato for "Parents Weekend." Trustee Cheryl Dickson reported that she received information on the Higher Learning Commission conference in April, 2014. Trustee Cirillo reported that he attended the 40th Annual Foundation Gala at Hennepin Technical College. Vice Chair Renier reported that he and Chancellor Rosenstone met with the tribal leaders at the Tribal Leader Educator Forum.

8. Joint Council of Student Associations

- a. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

Alexandra Griffin, state chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

9. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Inter Faculty Organization

Dr. Nancy Black, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hightower announced that the next Board of Trustees meetings are on November 19-20, 2013. Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board