# Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 17, 2017

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Trustees Basil Ajuo, Ann Anaya, Elise Bourdeau, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Amanda Fredlund, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, Rudy Rodriguez, George Soule, Louise Sundin, Cheryl Tefer, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

#### Call to Order

Chair Vekich called the meeting to order at 11:12 AM. Trustees Cowles and Rodriguez participated by phone.

#### **Chair's Report**

Proposed FY2019 Meeting Calendar (First Reading)

The proposed FY2019 meeting calendar was first reviewed by the Executive Committee on May 3. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to Chair Vekich or Board Secretary Chapin. The FY2019 meeting calendar will be presented for adoption at the June meeting.

#### **Chancellor's Report**

As a video projecting several campus commencement ceremonies, opinion pieces written by Minnesota State college and university presidents, and newspaper articles highlighting the programs on our colleges and universities, Chancellor Rosenstone thanked everyone for their advocacy and support during the legislative session. The support of Minnesota State's many constituents resulted in a favorable outcome. Chancellor Rosenstone particularly thanked Governor Dayton and the chairs of the House and Senate Higher Education Committees.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The proposed action on the Surplus and Sale of Real Estate and Improvements at Minneapolis Community and Technical College was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be taken up separately.

# Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1 Million for Minnesota State University, Mankato, Aviation Training Contract

Chair Vekich called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

# Surplus and Sale of Real Estate and Improvements at Minneapolis Community and Technical College

Chair Vekich read the following motion that had been amended and approved by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

The Board of Trustees designates the three project parcels as shown on **Attachment C** (Wells Parcel, Parcel 1 and Parcel 2), as surplus and authorizes the chancellor or the chancellor's

designee to execute a pass-through sale of the property to the City of Minneapolis for \$1.00, along with completing any necessary site preparation work. The final terms and conditions of the sale are subject to the approval of the chancellor or chancellor's designee in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, after assurance that the developer has obtained all necessary approvals to commence work on the site.

The motion was seconded and carried with two nays.

#### **Board Standing Committee Reports**

Human Resources Committee, Chair Dawn Erlandson

1. Appointment of Interim President of Ridgewater College

The following motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints
Joe Opatz as interim president of Ridgewater College effective July 1, 2017, 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
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

2. Human Resources Transactional Services Model (HR-TSM) Project Update Committee Chair Erlandson reported that Vice Chancellor Carlson provided an update on the Human Resources Transactional Services Model.

#### **Student Associations**

Minda Nelson, president, LeadMN, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Joe Wolf, chair, Students United, addressed the Board of Trustees.

## **Minnesota State Bargaining Units**

Tracy Rahim, president, Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty addressed the Board of Trustees.

#### **Board Standing Committee Reports (continued)**

Finance and Facilities Committee, Vice Chair Elise Bourdeau

- FY2018 Capital Program Recommendation (First Reading)
   Committee Vice Chair Bourdeau reported on the FY2018 Capital Program Recommendation.
   This item will be presented for action at the June meeting.
- 2. FY2018 Annual Operating Budget (First Reading)
  Committee Vice Chair Bourdeau reported on the FY2018 annual operating budget. This item will be presented for action at the June meeting.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Chair Alex Cirillo

Career Technical Education and Workforce Development Update

Committee Chair Cirillo provided a summary of the update on the career technical education and workforce development.

Joint Meeting: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Human Resources Committees, Co-chairs Ann Anaya and Dawn Erlandson

Minnesota State Faculty and Staff Diversity: Current Demographics and Strategies

Committee Co Chair Anaya reported that the committee saw a presentation on the current demographics of faculty and staff that included strategies for improvement.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Sundin announced that the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program is celebrating its thirtieth year. The program raised \$30,000 this year. The funds will be used to award 30 scholarships.

Trustee Erlandson attended the American Association of Community Colleges annual convention this past April in New Orleans. At the meeting, Dr. Judith Eaton, former Minnesota State chancellor, received a lifetime achievement award and Dr. Merrill Irving, president, Hennepin Technical College was the keynote speaker.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is the Executive Committee on June 7 and the committee and board meetings on June 20 and 21, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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