

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Trustees Basil Ajuo, Ann Anaya, Elise Bourdeau, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, Rudy Rodriguez, Louise Sundin, Cheryl Tefer, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone
(Trustees Anaya participated by phone)

Absent: Trustee Amanda Fredlund

Call to Order

Chair Michael Vekich called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Chair's Report

Chair Vekich introduced Roger Moe who was appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Dayton on December 20, 2016. Trustee Moe previously served 32 years in the Minnesota Legislature. He was first elected to the Senate in 1970, and was the second youngest senator in state history up to that time. Moe became the Senate Majority Leader in 1981, a position he held for 22 years. He is the longest-serving state majority leader, and the longest-serving leader of either of Minnesota's legislative bodies.

His distinguished service in the legislature includes the creation of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership, and the Environmental Trust Fund. Trustee Moe is currently the president of National Strategies, Inc.

Update on Chancellor Search

Chair Vekich thanked Trustees Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, and Dawn Erlandson for serving on the search advisory committee. He also thanked the committee members, George Soule, who chaired the committee, and Vice Chancellor Mark Carlson.

Vice Chancellor Mark Carlson also thanked everyone, including Steve Leo, Storbeck/Pimentel, and Vicki DeFord, former system office human resources director, who staffed the committee. Background and reference checks have been completed and the finalists will be announced on February 6. The final stage of the interviews will occur on February 7 and 8, with a special board meeting on February 9. Six trustees, Ann Anaya, Elise Bourdeau, Jerry Janezich, Rudy Rodriguez, Louise Sundin, and Cheryl Tefer, will interview the finalists on February 7. The presidents and some members of chancellor's cabinet will also interview the finalists. Social time is also scheduled with each candidate. On February 8, each candidate will be interviewed in an open forum that will be Webcast and moderated by Rassoul Dastmozd, president, Saint Paul College. The finalist will be recommended by the chair at a special meeting on February 9.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone also welcomed Trustee Moe and thanked him for his service.

The chancellor appreciated the board's consideration of Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson's designation as senior vice chancellor. The designation appears on the Consent Agenda.

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked Governor Mark Dayton for recommending \$150 million in new funding in the biennium for the colleges and universities of Minnesota State. If passed by the legislature, the funding in the governor's recommendation will help to meet Minnesota's critical need for talent by protecting access and affordability, improving the success of our diverse students, reducing economic and racial disparities, and providing for critical information technology infrastructure. Our first opportunity to advocate for our request is this week with hearings before the House Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance Committee and the Senate Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked Chair Vekich and Trustee Ajuo for their willingness to testify on behalf of the system's request.

The chancellor reassured the board as it embarks on the final stretch of the chancellor search that the priorities that were shared with the board at the September 2016 retreat will continue and will have his undivided attention: implementation of the campus diversity plans, implementation of Charting the Future, metro baccalaureate plan, branding initiative and much more. The initial implementation of the strategy roadmap for the long-term financial sustainability will progress. We will continue to work collaboratively with students, faculty, staff, trustees, and presidents, our government relations team, and grass roots supporters across the state to tell our story and advocate on behalf of our biennial legislative request.

The chancellor added that he will continue to partner with the presidents, cabinet, board, students, faculty, and staff to forge a continuously collaborating team of leaders who are working together. The presidents, cabinet, and chancellor are committed to providing a smooth transition in system leadership over the months ahead. The transition planning has been going on for several months and the chancellor has kept the chair apprised of the progress. The transition documents include a report from each president and cabinet member, a communication plan for the first 30 and 100 days following the board's appointment, a map of key external relationships, a compilation of key documents such as board policies and relevant statutes, searches that the new chancellor may want to begin immediately, such as the search for the new chief diversity officer, a timeline of key decisions where the new chancellor will be consulted such as the interviewing of the finalists for president of Century College, the 2018 capital request that the board will consider in May and June, and the 2018 operating budget. Work will commence with the chancellor-designate and board chair to create a transition team to advise the chancellor-designate on the staging of the transition and the initial rounds of consultation that he or she may want to engage in.

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the presidents and cabinet for their contributions to this effort

and he also thanked Associate Vice Chancellor Phil Davis and Chief of Staff Nancy Joyer for their coordination of this entire endeavor. Chancellor Rosenstone concluded his remarks by stating that he looks forward to working with the chancellor-designate and to assist in any way that he or she would find useful during the transition period with the goal of ensuring that the new chancellor is prepared for success.

Consent Agenda

Chair Vekich commented that the designation of Ron Anderson as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs appears on the Consent Agenda. He added that in May 2015, the board appointed Ron Anderson Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and he began his service in July. The addition of "Senior" to his title reflects the centrality of Academic and Student Affairs to our enterprise. Academic and Student Affairs has been absolutely central to implementation of about two-thirds of the work on Charting the Future.

As the board also knows, formal delegations of authority are in place to ensure continuity of operations should the chancellor be temporarily incapacitated or unavailable. It is appropriate that in the chancellor's absence that there is clarity, both internally and externally, about who has the authority to act as the chief executive officer in his absence. For the past year, Vice Chancellor Anderson has been the individual to whom the chancellor has delegated the authority to act in his absence. On nearly every one of our campuses, the provost or chief academic officer play a similar role.

For much of our history as a system, we have had a Senior Vice Chancellor. Between 1997 and 2010, Linda Baer served as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Ron Anderson's predecessor, John O'Brien, served as Senior Vice Chancellor from 2014 to 2015. The chair concluded by stating that it is appropriate that "Senior" be added to Ron Anderson's title to reflect the centrality of Academic and Student Affairs to our enterprise, to provide the clarity about the delegation of authority, and to acknowledge the leadership role that Ron Anderson plays. In addition, Trustee Alex Cirillo, chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, provided a memo in support of the designation.

Trustee Bourdeau moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Cirillo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- a. **Designation of Ron Anderson as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs**
- b. **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2016**
- c. **Board of Trustees Minutes of Study Session on Long Term Financial Sustainability of November 16, 2016**
- d. **Executive Committee Minutes of December 2, 2016**
- e. **Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1 Million**
 1. **Classroom Event Management Software Contract Extension**
 2. **Library Information Software and Services (PALS)**

- 3. **Systemwide Web Conferencing Services**
- 4. **Student Health Services, Minneapolis Community and Technical College**
- 5. **Student Success Software and Services, St Cloud State University**
- f. **Authorization to Negotiate Third Party Housing Agreement at Minnesota West Community and Technical College and Award of Housing Development Grant**
- g. **FY2017 Revenue Fund Bond Sale (Second Reading)**

Board Policy Decisions

The Finance and Facilities Committee voted to suspend the rules in order to approve the proposed amendment to Policy 1A.1, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration. The amendment had been presented as a first reading

Chair Vekich explained that in compliance with Policy 1A.1, part 6, , Board Policies and System Procedures, subpart d, two-thirds of the board will need to approve suspending the rules before action can be taken on the proposed amendment. A motion was made by Trustee Cirillo and seconded by Trustee Cowles to suspend the rules. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cowles and seconded by Trustee Cirillo to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

- a. **Proposed Amendment to Policy 5.22 Acceptable Use of Computers and Information Technology Resources**
- b. **Proposed New Policy 6.9 Capital Planning**
- c. **Proposed New Policy 6.10 Design and Construction**
- d. **Proposed Amendment to Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration**

Student Associations

Minda Nelson, president, Minnesota State College Student Association addressed the board.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

Kevin Lindstrom, president, Minnesota State College Faculty, addressed the board.

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

Board Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Vice Chair Rudy Rodriguez**
Trustee Rodriguez reported that the committee heard a presentation on supporting safe and inclusive campus climates.

- b. Joint Meeting: Academic and Student Affairs and Finance and Facilities Committees, Co-chairs Alex Cirillo and Jay Cowles
Trustee Cirillo reported that the joint meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs and Finance and Facilities Committee heard an overview on accreditation basics.
- c. Finance and Facilities Committee, Chair Jay Cowles
Committee Chair Cowles reported on the agenda items that the committee approved and forwarded to the full board for approval.
- d. Audit Committee, Chair Bob Hoffman
Committee Chair Hoffman reported that the Audit Committee received an update on the FY2017 audit plan.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Cirillo participated in St. Cloud State University's commencement. Trustee Hoffman participated in Minnesota State University Moorhead's and Minnesota State University, Mankato's commencements. Trustee Ajuo participated in Metropolitan State University's commencement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.



Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board

