

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2010**

Advancement Committee Members Present: Trustees Christine Rice, chair; Cheryl Dickson, vice chair; Thomas Renier; Louise Sundin; Terri Thomas.

Leadership Council Committee Members Present: Chancellor Jim McCormick, President Richard Davenport, Linda Kohl, Mary Davenport, Maria McLemore, Gail Olson.

Other Trustees Present: Trustees Duane Benson, Jacob Englund, Christopher Frederick, Ruth Grendahl, Dan McElroy, Scott Thiss, James Van Houten.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Advancement Committee met March 16, 2010, in St. Paul. Chair Christine Rice called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of the Advancement Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Rice called for a motion to approve the January 19, 2010, Advancement Committee meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and adopted.

1. Advancement Update

Linda Kohl, associate vice chancellor for public affairs, reported that trustee listening sessions were held around the state in February and into March. Trustees watched a video that was shown at the sessions to set the stage for those who attended to provide an overview and background on some of the issues we face. The video can be found on YouTube.

2. Resolution Regarding Tobacco Use on College and University Campuses

A resolution regarding tobacco use on college and university campuses was discussed and will be brought to the board for approval. The resolution encourages colleges and universities in the system, with consultation with students, faculty and staff, to explore imposing more stringent smoking restrictions

3. State and Federal Legislative Update

Mary Davenport, director of government relations, reported that Governor Tim Pawlenty had signed the bonding bill. The bill included \$239 million of projects for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The governor used his line item veto to trim the system's share to \$106 million, including \$52 million in repairs and replacement and \$54 million for projects. It was also reported that the Legislature was working to solve the nearly \$1 billion state budget deficit. The House and Senate bills identified a \$10.5 million reduction to the system. In addition, it was reported that the Office of the Legislative Auditor review on the

Office of the Chancellor, and a review of the state's workforce development programs were heard in various committees.

At the federal level, Congress tied the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act legislation to health care reform legislation. If passed, the bill will require all colleges and universities to use direct lending via the U.S. Department of Education. The Congressional Budget Office estimates this will save \$61 billion over the next 10 years. The savings will be used to increase the Pell Grants by \$690 in mandatory funds, which means the financial aid awards are no longer subject to annual appropriations approval. This change will bring the current \$4,860 award to \$5,550.

4. Report on College, University, and System Related Foundations

Maria McLemore, executive director of system and foundation relations, presented a report on college-, university- and system-related foundations. Trustee Rice asked that the report be revisited at the April board meeting.

5. Follow-up to OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Maria McLemore, executive director of system and foundation relations, reported that the Development division will work with the Advancement Committee of the Leadership Council to review services provided and to seek recommendations for improvement.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Goldschmitz, Recorder