

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2010**

Executive Committee Members Present: David Olson, Chair, Duane Benson, Ruth Grendahl, David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice and Scott Thiss

Executive Committee Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Jacob Englund

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Executive Committee met at Wells Fargo Place, 30 7th St., E., 4th Floor, Board Room, Saint Paul, on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 3:45 PM.

Chair David Olson convened the meeting and announced that a quorum was present.

(1) Minutes of January 20, 2010

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on January 20, 2010, were accepted as written.

(2) Proposed Amendments to Board Policy 1A.2, Board of Trustees

Chair Olson reviewed the proposed amendments to Board Policy 1A.2 that included changing the date of the annual meeting and the election of officers to June instead of July, and re-establishing a Technology Committee. The dates of statutory citations throughout the policy were updated. Trustee Thomas Renier, chair of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, commented that he supports having a Technology Committee. The proposed amendments will be presented to the Board of Trustees as a first reading in April with a second reading and approval scheduled in May.

(3) Draft FY 2011 Meeting Calendar

A proposed meeting calendar for FY 2011 was distributed. The Executive Committee reviewed the suggested dates of two-day meetings in July, September, November of 2010, and January, March, April, May, June and July 2011, with a retreat on October 19-20, 2010. Chair Olson asked the members to review the proposed dates, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees as a first reading in April followed by a second reading and approval in May.

(4) Follow-up to OLA Evaluation of the System Office

Chair Olson commented that each of the committees had reviewed their assignments regarding the recommendations from the OLA Evaluation of the System Office. The committees will continue to work and report on their progress in the coming months.

(5) Discuss April 20-21, 2010 Meetings

Chair Olson and the committee reviewed the agenda items for the April 20-21 meetings. There will be a public hearing and first reading on the FY 2010 Operating Budget. Other items include a first reading on the 2012-2017 Capital Budget Guidelines, amendments to several policies and the appointment of a president for Lake Superior College. On April

21, the Board will have a study session on the revisions to the Strategic Plan, and attend a luncheon for the Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

(6) Leadership Council Comments

Richard Davenport, President, Minnesota State University, Mankato, and co-chair of the Leadership Council, reported on the Leadership Council meeting of March 2. He explained that Dr. Richard Zemsky had presented a proposal for a pilot project for curriculum reform to two or three systems around the country. Chancellor McCormick added that while some of the presidents were enthusiastic about the proposal, it lacked unanimous support. Senior Vice Chancellor Baer explained that the proposal was not clear on the effects it would have on faculty contractual issues.

President Davenport continued his report on the Leadership Council meeting. All of the sub-committees on the Leadership Council are paralleling the Board's work on the OLA Evaluation report.

(7) Other

Chair Olson reported that the "Summary of 2012-2013 Budget Planning," a Legislative Report, dated March 15, 2010, contained good information and he encouraged everyone to read the report. Trustee Rice added that she was impressed with the planning at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Trustee Renier commented that Vice Chancellor King will give a complete overview of the budget planning process in April.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.