

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Committee:** Human Resources Committee    **Date of Meeting:** June 15, 2010

**Agenda Item:** Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Proposed Policy Change       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals       Monitoring

Information

**Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:**

1A.4, Subpart A. System Administration Appointment of Administrators

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

James McCormick, Chancellor  
Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

**Outline of Key Points:**

The Chancellor is recommending an individual for the position of interim vice chancellor for academic and student affairs in the Office of the Chancellor.

**Background Information:**

A request for nominations and expressions of interest for this position were communicated to the board, presidents, system office staff and others. This interim position will begin on or about July 1, 2010, and last through July 30, 2011.

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**BOARD ACTION**

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**BACKGROUND**

Chancellor McCormick initiated the process to hire an interim vice chancellor for academic and students affairs upon the announcement of the departure of Dr. Linda Baer.

**Chancellor's Review Process**

Chancellor McCormick sought nominations and expressions of interest from the board, presidents, system office staff and other individuals within and outside the system. Candidates were reviewed for qualifications and a selection was made.

Scott R. Olson, currently serves as the provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Olson has held his current position and been a professor of communication studies at Minnesota State, Mankato, since 2003. Previously, he was dean of the College of Communication, Information and Media at Ball State University in Indiana; assistant and associate dean of arts and sciences at Central Connecticut State University; and an adjunct instructor at Northwestern University in Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in intellectual history and a master's degree and a doctorate in radio, television and film, all from Northwestern University.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopts the following motion.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Scott R. Olson as the interim vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, effective on or after July 1, 2010, 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 Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.

*Date of Presentation to the Board:* June 16, 2010

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*Date of Approval:* June 16, 2010