

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Human Resources Committee **Date of Meeting:** November 17, 2010

Agenda Item: Update on Searches

Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring

Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:
Pursuant to Board Policies 1A.4 and 4.2, the Board appoints the Chancellor, presidents and other system executives.

Scheduled Presenter(s):
Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

- Outline of Key Points:**
- Chancellor's Search
 - Southwest Minnesota State University
 - Anoka Technical College and Anoka-Ramsey Community College
 - Century College
 - Saint Paul College

Background Information:
Searches are underway. Vice Chancellor Lamb will provide an update on each of the above listed searches.

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INFORMATION ITEM

UPDATE ON SEARCHES

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5 **BACKGROUND:**

6 Pursuant to Board Policies 1A.4 and 4.2, the Board appoints the Chancellor, presidents and other
7 system executives. Updates on searches underway and pending include:
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9 Chancellor's Search

10 The search for the new chancellor is in the intense recruiting phase. Advertisements are out and the
11 consultants are actively recruiting for the position. The Search Advisory Committee meets on
12 November 30, 2010 to narrow the candidate field for initial interviews. Initial interviews will be held
13 on December 13 and 14, 2010. After that, the Search Advisory Committee will refer names to the
14 Chair of the Board of Trustees for further action. Finalist interviews are scheduled before the full
15 Board of Trustees on February 2, 2010.
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17 Presidential Searches

18 Southwest Minnesota State University – President David Danahar has announced his decision to
19 retire effective June 30, 2011. The Chancellor has determined that it is appropriate to conduct a
20 thorough study of the regional educational needs in southwest Minnesota. This study will include
21 consideration of whether it is appropriate to consider some type of alignment of educational services
22 between Southwest Minnesota State University and Minnesota West Community and Technical
23 Colleges. A study will begin immediately and include consultation with the community stakeholders
24 in the 18-county region in southwest Minnesota, as well as all campus constituents. A final
25 recommendation will likely be available in spring or summer 2011. The Chancellor has also
26 determined that given the time needed to properly study this issue, it will be most effective to appoint
27 an interim president at Southwest Minnesota State University for a one-year period. The Chancellor
28 will bring to the Board of Trustees a recommendation for an interim president in Spring 2011.
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30 Anoka Technical College and Anoka-Ramsey Community College – Both colleges presently have
31 interim presidents whose agreements expire on June 30, 2011. The Chancellor has reviewed whether
32 it would be in the best interest of the colleges and system to align these two colleges under the
33 direction of one president. Following consultation with both the surrounding communities and
34 campus constituencies, the Chancellor has concluded that alignment of the two institutions under one
35 president will better serve students and will allow for administrative efficiencies. As such, a search
36 process for one president to lead both institutions starting July 1, 2011 will be initiated.
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38 Century College – President Larry Litecky has announced his decision to retire effective June 30,
39 2011. A national search for a new Century College president is being initiated.
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41 Saint Paul College – President Donovan Schwichtenberg has announced his decision to retire
42 effective June 30, 2011. A national search for a new Saint Paul College president is being initiated.
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