

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2011

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MN

Trustees Present: Chair Scott Thiss, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Christopher Frederick, Clarence Hightower, Philip Krinkie, Dan McElroy, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, James Van Houten and Michael Vekich

Call to Order

Chair Scott Thiss called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. in the Board Room at Wells Fargo Place. Following a brief recess to await the arrival of a trustee, the meeting was reconvened at 9:22 AM. Trustees present in the Board Room including Chair Thiss were the following: Cheryl Dickson, Clarence Hightower, Philip Krinkie and James Van Houten. Trustees participating by conference call were: Duane Benson, Jacob Englund, Christopher Frederick, Dan McElroy, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, and Michael Vekich.

Discuss and Select Finalists to be Interviewed for the Chancellor Position

Chair Thiss explained that the purpose of the meeting is to consider and select the finalists that will be interviewed for the Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. In order to protect the privacy of the applicants, the names of those considered will not be used. They will be referred to as Candidate A and Candidate B. The letters do not indicate any ranking; they are simply alphabetical.

Chair Thiss thanked the Search Advisory Committee, chaired by David Olson, a former trustee who also served as the Chair of the Board. Members of the committee were faculty and student representatives, presidents, legislators and community members. He also thanked the search consultants, Steve Leo, Chuck Bunting and Traci Dove of Storbeck Pimentel & Associates.

The process leading up to today was significant. The Board began last summer to identify characteristics that they felt were important in the new chancellor. A search committee was named to do the initial screening based upon these characteristics. The committee reviewed a large and diverse pool of applicants and interviewed the top candidates over a two-day period. They recommended four candidates and one alternate for further consideration. Since that recommendation, some of the candidates withdrew for various reasons. Because these are still semi-finalists, their names or any other personally identifying information are confidential.

Trustee James Van Houten moved that the Board go forward with both candidates. Trustee Dickson seconded the motion. Chair Thiss took a roll call vote, required because the meeting is by telephone, and announced that the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair Thiss adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board