

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 22, 2013**

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**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Members Present:** Chair Duane Benson; Trustees Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson and Maria Peluso.

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Louise Sundin.

**Other Board Members Present:** Trustees Brett Anderson, Clarence Hightower, David Paskach and Tom Renier.

**Leadership Council Representatives Present:** Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, Vice Chancellor Douglas Knowlton and President Earl Potter.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Academic and Student Affairs Committee held a meeting on May 22, 2013 at Wells Fargo Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room, 30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Paul. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Benson called the session to order at 10:08 am.

Chair Benson began the meeting by recognizing Vice Chancellor Douglas Knowlton, who will be leaving the system office June 1 to become Interim Vice President for Student Academic Success at Metropolitan State University.

**1. Minutes of April 17, 2013**

*The minutes from the April 17, 2013 Academic and Student Affairs Committee were approved as written.*

**2. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees (Second Reading)**

On occasion, colleges and universities wish to recognize the contributions of an individual by awarding an honorary degree. Since 2009, nine honorary degrees have been awarded in the system.

In the proposed amendment, some of the language in the policy was moved to procedure and other language was updated. A degree in Engineering and Technology was added to the list of awards in procedure.

The chancellor will report honorary degrees to the Board annually. The proposed amendment streamlines the reporting process. The system will maintain a list of recipients of honorary degrees on the system websites; institutions do this as well.

*A motion was made by Trustee Erlandson and seconded by Trustee Dickson that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees. Motion carried.*

**3. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.2 State Residency Requirements (Second Reading)**

This amendment updates the policy to reflect changes in residency requirements and allows for potential changes caused by future legislative or congressional actions. Language regarding military personnel also was updated.

Associate Vice Chancellor Leslie Mercer said the new policy should be consistent with the newly-enacted Dream Act, but if that proves not to be the case, the policy can be amended at a future date.

*A motion was made by Trustee Cirillo and seconded by Trustee Peluso that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 2.2 State Residency. Motion carried.*

**4. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.24 System and College and University Missions (Second Reading)**

The amendment removes the five-year mission review requirement for system institutions and the associated report on alignment of college and university missions and visions. Other changes to the policy include refinements to better delineate the requirements of a change in institution type and alignment of the requirements for mission approval with the Higher Learning Commission criteria for accreditation.

Trustee Dickson said she hopes institutions will continue to review their mission and vision statements on a regular basis, even if they are not required to report them to the board. She said this review is a useful, important exercise.

*A motion was made by Trustee Erlandson and seconded by Trustee Cirillo that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 3.24 System and College and University Missions. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am  
Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Takash, Recorder