

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2015**

Present: Chair Thomas Renier, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Kelly Charpentier-Berg, Alexander Cirillo, John Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Robert Hoffman, Philip Krinkie, Maleah Otterson, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Michael Vekich and Erma Vizenor

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**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Anderson Kelliher called the meeting to order at 1:55 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Chair Renier and Trustee Cirillo participated by phone.

**2. Chair's Report: *Margaret Anderson Kelliher***

**(1) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on January 28, 2015**

*The minutes were approved as written.*

**(2) Other**

Vice Chair Anderson Kelliher made the following comments:

Thank you to trustees who attended or participated in events in recent weeks on behalf of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Trustees Anaya, Krinkie, Otterson Erlandson and I attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC on Feb. 9-12, 2015. Congratulations to Trustee Erlandson for being appointed to ACCT's Board of Directors.

Trustees have attended several recent legislative hearings and committee meetings. Trustee Michael Vekich testified at the House Higher Education Policy and Finance Committee on the system's budget request. Also present were Chair Renier and Trustees Cowles, Hoffman, Erlandson, and Charpentier Berg.

Trustee Elise Ristau testified at the House Capital Investment Committee on the system's bonding request. Trustee Otterson and I also attended. Trustee Jay Cowles attended the House Ways and Means Committee. Trustee Vekich testified at the House Higher Education Committee. Also present were Chair Renier and Trustee Cowles. Trustee Erlandson testified at the Senate Higher Education Committee.

We welcome the South Central College Leadership Academy Class of 2014-2015 along with President Parker to the meeting.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our announcement from two weeks ago. On March 2, the leadership of the Inter Faculty Organization, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and Minnesota State College Faculty reached an agreement regarding the implementation of Charting the Future.

We are pleased to be transitioning the great work of the past two years into implementation which will include the faculty's full participation. The agreement ensures that all parties are in it to stay – working together for the benefit of our students and the state of Minnesota

All ideas will be considered – the great ideas that have come from the two years of Charting the Future work to-date and new ideas. As you can read in our agreement, nothing will preclude ideas from moving through existing governance structures in a timely fashion for the benefit of our students and our state to move forward collaboratively, the same way in which we developed our state budget request.

**3. Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone**

Chancellor Rosenstone made the following comments:

I too am pleased that we are all, once again, working together for our students and for communities across the state of Minnesota. We welcome the Inter Faculty Organization and the Minnesota State College Faculty back to the table, with optimism and mutual respect. We have provided the governor with a copy of the agreement, which describes how the process will work going forward.

*Charting the Future* is now two years old. Our talented students, faculty, and staff have put in many long, hard hours to deliver great ideas that will ultimately serve our students and the state. I'm pleased to see that work continue. I'm also pleased that Jim Grabowska and Kevin Lindstrom rejoined the *Charting the Future* Steering Committee on March 2nd and will participate in the next meeting scheduled for April 6th. I want to personally thank Jim and Kevin for encouraging faculty to participate in the Gallery Walks that being held on campuses across the state. I know the implementation teams value everyone's ideas.

Through it all, we share a passion for doing what's best for our students. At its heart, *Charting the Future* is about student success. It's about affordability. It's about strengthening all of our colleges and universities – by leveraging the strengths that come from being part of a bigger system. It's about finding the strategies needed to meet our commitment to serve all of Minnesota. It's about finding new, more powerful ways to work together. I look forward to continued progress over the months ahead.

Last month, 115 members of the *Charting the Future* implementation teams and the steering committee attended an All-Teams Summit at Anoka Technical College. The summit was an opportunity for everyone across our campuses to come to share ideas and to be inspired by each other's work. Team members identified common themes as they learned more about strategies that other teams have come up with;

built comradery with colleagues across the state sharing strategies for programs and services for students. Everyone was energized and reminded of all the good work that everyone has accomplished so far.

When I paid a visit to the summit, I was inspired by what I saw and heard, and I too left feeling energized. Two weeks ago, the second round of Gallery Walks kicked off at Dakota County Technical College with 312 attendees. This round of Gallery Walks features the work of four teams: Academic Planning & Collaboration; Competency, Certification, & Credit for Prior Learning; Education Technology, and Information Technology Systems Design. You had a chance over the lunch hour to view the initial ideas and meet with team members. The Gallery Walks will occur on a total of 39 campuses in recent weeks.

I remain more committed than ever to the work of the implementation teams and I am confident that by continuing to work together, we will accomplish great things for our students, our colleges and universities, and communities across Minnesota.

I want to express my profound gratitude to Governor Dayton for recommending the full \$142 million dollars in incremental state support that the board requested in its biennial budget. The funding the governor has recommended will help our colleges and universities protect the programs that prepare our graduates to meet the needs of communities across the state and protect access to higher education by holding down tuition. I am grateful to all who stand behind our funding proposal, including: all of our five bargaining units, both student associations, all 30 presidents, and especially the board, who have been so instrumental in discussions with the governor and the legislature. We are all excited to engage in the discussions that will unfold over the remaining weeks of the session.

As I do every quarter, I would like to update you on our *Access to Excellence* scholarship campaign. Simply put: the campaign has exceeded all expectations. In July 2013, we set out to raise \$20 million dollars over two years and award scholarships to 20,000 students. We have shot way past our \$20 million dollar goal. As of December 2014, we have already raised more than \$29 million dollars and awarded over 22,000 scholarships. That means that roughly 75% through the campaign, we have met 148% of our fundraising goal and 113% of our scholarships awarded goal.

We owe this fabulous success to the truly extraordinary generosity of donors and the outstanding work of foundation leaders, their boards and staff, the hundreds of volunteers, and our presidents. Thank you for the powerful investments you have made to ensure that our colleges and universities remain a place of hope and opportunity. Thank you one and all.

On a related note, Minnesota State University Moorhead announced last month a \$5 million dollar gift to MSU Moorhead's School of Business –the largest gift in the university's history.

This incredibly generous gift comes from Rodney and Carolyn Paseka, who have close personal ties to the university as well as a long history of philanthropy. The Pasekas share our belief in the transformative power of education.

The School of Business will be renamed the Rodney and Carolyn Paseka School of Business and 80% of the endowment will be directed towards scholarships. The Pasekas' wonderful gift is a tremendous testament to the outstanding job that Minnesota State University Moorhead's President Anne Blackhurst and her team have done in building momentum and excitement with valued alumni and business leaders.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, I would like to acknowledge Justin Klander, who is stepping down after nine years as executive director of the Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA). Students who have worked with Justin call him a visionary, a servant leader, a mentor, and a friend. MSCSA President Kayley Schoonmaker said of Justin: "He leaves us with a desire to dream more, do more, and drive change."

Over the course of his nine years as executive director, Justin helped grow the MSCSA Scholarship program from \$30,000 to over \$350,000 – a remarkable achievement; he led MSCSA in establishing a new facility; and guided MSCSA through legislative sessions over the years with great success. Next week, Justin begins a new adventure as advancement officer for the Bemidji State University Foundation. He will be home-based here in the Twin Cities. Justin is a Bemidji alumnus. It is good to know that Justin's talent, his experience, and his passion for public higher education will continue to support Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Metropolitan State University WebWOC Contract Exceeding \$1M**
- 2. Online Support Center Contract Exceeding \$1M**
- 3. Smarthinking Contract Exceeding \$1M**
- 4. ITS Management Contract Exceeding \$1M**
- 5. Bemidji State University Property Management Contract Exceeding \$1M**
- 6. Winona State University Building Gift**
- 7. Rental Agreement with University of Minnesota Exceeding \$1M**
- 8. Proposed Technical Amendment to Policy 4.11 Board Early Separation Incentive Program**

*Vice Chair Anderson Kelliher moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.*

**5. Board Policy Decisions**

**• Proposed Amendment to Policy 7.1 Finance and Administrative Authority of Board, Chancellor and Presidents (Second Reading)**

*Trustee Cowles moved the following motion that was approved at the Finance and Facilities Committee. The Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy 7.1 Finance and Administrative Authority of Board, Chancellor and Presidents. The motion carried.*

**6. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Human Resources Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair**

Committee Vice Chair Erlandson reported on the Human Resources Committee Meeting in the absence of Committee Chair Cirillo.

**(1) Appointment of President of Northeast Higher Education District**

*Committee Vice Chair Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint William Maki as president of the Northeast Higher Education District effective July 1, 2015, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorized 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 MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.*

*The motion carried.*

**(2) Appointment of President of Northland Community and Technical College**

*Committee Vice Chair Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Dennis Bona as president of Northland Community and Technical College effective July 1, 2015, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorized 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 MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.*

*The motion carried.*

**b. Finance and Facilities Committee, John Cowles, Vice Chair**

Committee Vice Chair Cowles reported on the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting in the absence of Committee Chair Vekich.

**• System Financial Resiliency Framework**

Committee Vice Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a presentation on the System Financial Resiliency Framework.

**c. Audit Committee, Philip Krinkie, Chair**

**• Review Results of Grant Management Internal Control and Compliance Audit**

Committee Chair Krinkie reported that the committee heard a report on the results of the Grant Management Internal Control and Compliance Audit.

**d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair**

(1) Open Educational Resources

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a presentation on open educational resources.

(2) Metro Baccalaureate Plan Update

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard an update on the metro baccalaureate plan.

(3) Spotlight: Emerging Partnerships between Universities in Mexico and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that in May 2013, President Barack Obama and President Enrique Peña Nieto announced the U.S.–Mexico Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation and Research to expand opportunities for educational exchanges, scientific research partnerships, and cross-border innovation. The goal was to help both countries develop a 21st century workforce for our mutual economic prosperity and sustainable social development.

Chancellor Rosenstone began the discussion of possible collaborations with universities in Mexico by reaching out to Consul Alberto Fierro Garza from the Consulate of Mexico here in St. Paul and invited him to speak at the October 2014 Leadership Council meeting about *Proyecto 100,000*, a program which aims to send 100,000 Mexican students to the U.S. and to receive 50,000 U.S. students in Mexico by 2018. It was soon clear that Consul Fierro wanted to build a partnership with MnSCU.

Chancellor Rosenstone, the presidents, and Consul Fierro Garza worked to draft a proposal for the universities in Mexico and invited colleagues in Mexico to come to Minnesota and visit MnSCU campuses. Delegates from six Mexican universities visited in March for a tour of eleven colleges and universities.

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher introduced and welcomed Consul Alberto Fierro Garza of the Consul of Mexico, Hennepin Technical College President Cecilia Cervantes, Hennepin Technical College Dean of Business Therese Salber, and St. Cloud State University President Earl Potter.

President Potter, President Cervantes and Dean Salber each spoke of the excellent opportunity and honor it was to host the visiting Mexican universities delegates. Consul Fierro Garza thanked the trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone. He looks forward to continued collaboration in partnership with the MnSCU institutions. He added that the delegates were highly impressed with the institutions. He noted that Governor Dayton announced last week his plan to visit Mexico. It is the first time in fifteen years that a Minnesota Governor will visit Mexico.

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher thanked Consul Fierro Garza for his collaboration which played a crucial role in this partnership. She also thanked Chancellor Rosenstone and the presidents for their active engagement to form this partnership, and President Cervantes and President Potter for opening their campuses to the delegates.

**e. Joint Diversity and Equity and Human Resources Committees Study Session, Ann Anaya, Chair, Diversity and Equity Committee and Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair, Human Resources Committee**

- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Faculty and Staff Diversity: Current Demographics and Strategies  
Committee Chair Anaya reported that the joint committees had a study session on the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities faculty and staff diversity and current demographics and strategies.

**7. Joint Council of Student Associations**

- a. Minnesota State College Student Association  
Kayley Schoonmaker, president, and Justin Klander, Executive Director, addressed the Board of Trustees.  
Executive Director Klander thanked the board and chancellor for their support.

**8. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Bargaining Units**

- a. Inter Faculty Organization  
Jim Grabowska, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- b. Administrative and Service Faculty  
Adam Klepetar, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- c. Minnesota State College Faculty  
Kevin Lindstrom, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- d. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees  
June Clark, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**9. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Sundin reminded the trustees of the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship event on March 26, 2015, at the Prom Center in Oakdale. Trustee Otterson recognized Chief Diversity Officer Leon Rodrigues who was appointed to the Judges' Panel for the African Awards Panel. Trustee Erlandson recognized Trustee Sundin for her appointment as a board member of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Trustee Erlandson added that Trustee Otterson is on the ACCT nominating committee for the central region. Trustee Otterson added that she will be a member of a first-time ACCT student trustee caucus. Trustee Erlandson thanked Chair Renier for his support of trustees attending the national conferences.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the board.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board