

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

BOARD ACTION
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF CENTURY COLLEGE

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 Following the announcement of President Ron Anderson’s appointment as the next vice
3 chancellor for academic and student affairs, Chancellor Rosenstone invited nominations and
4 expressions of interest for the position of interim president at Century College. Applications and
5 nominations have been reviewed by the chancellor, and he has reviewed all input received and
6 consulted as appropriate to develop his recommendation to the board. At this time Chancellor
7 Rosenstone recommends Patrick Opatz as interim president of Century College.

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9 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

10 The Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following
11 motion.

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13 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

14 The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints
15 Patrick Opatz as interim president of Century College effective July 1, 2015, subject to the
16 completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation
17 with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and
18 execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU
19 Personnel Plan for Administrators.

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21 *Date of Approval: June 17, 2015*

22 *Date of Implementation: July 1, 2015*

Patrick J. Opatz

Related Experience

Century College

Vice President of Finance and Administration

2010 to Present

- Provide leadership and direction for the overall financial health of the College.
- Led the College in balancing the general fund operating budget during a period of significant enrollment drops.
- Co-lead the College Strategic Planning Committee with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- Led the design, development and implementation of the College's current Strategic Plan.
- Provide ongoing executive leadership to the College, including participation in decisions affecting all divisions of the College.
- Resolve issues and implement initiatives at the executive level and provide support to the success of the College mission.
- Resolve and respond to student concerns that cannot be resolved through the regular review process.
- Provide direct leadership, management and supervision to the units within the division including: Finance, Facilities, Information Technology, Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, Administrative Services, Public Safety, and Auxiliary Services.
- Provided oversight of the Human Resources, Financial Aid and Marketing units prior to reorganization and hired all three of the current directors.
- Assist directors in managing departments, set strategic direction for their departments, and resolve personnel issues.
- Regularly meet with internal constituent groups, including MSCF leadership, student leaders, AFSCME, MAPE and Supervisors on various issues.
- Meet with local legislators, school district representatives, business leaders to identify areas of common interest.
- Oversee Century Quality Improvement Program, responsible for process redesign and improvement at the College.
- Improved processes and constituent involvement for facilities planning, budget planning, and strategic planning.
- Chair of the metro alliance chief financial officers group.
- Played a limited role in Charting the Future, filling in for the CFO representative on the IT Systems Design team.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Director of Minnesota Online

2005 - 2010

- Provided strategic direction and management oversight for Minnesota, the unit responsible for coordinating and promoting the online courses and programs of the system's 32 colleges and universities.
- Worked with colleges and universities to develop and integrate online educational programming, student services and technology throughout the MnSCU system.
- Served as the primary contact for online learning at the system level.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

System Budget Director

2000 - 2005

- Conducted research and analysis to support Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' agenda at the state legislature.
- Provided comparative expenditure, enrollment, and tuition information to MnSCU colleges and universities using MnSCU and national data.
- Presented budget and financial information to the Board of Trustees, presidents, vice presidents, faculty and student groups.
- Helped develop the process for allocating \$550 million in state appropriation to the 32 colleges and universities in the MnSCU system.

St. Norbert College

1995 - 2000

Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance; Planning and Budget Director

- Responsible for assisting the Vice President in managing all aspects of the division, as well as the college's budgeting, planning, and institutional research functions.
- Developed the budget parameters for the College, including: enrollment level, tuition and fee rates, financial aid level, and salary pool increase.
- Designed and developed the College's strategic planning process.
- Directed ongoing planning process and chaired Strategic Planning Committee.
- Provided information for decision-making to president and college leadership.

University of Minnesota

Research Associate, Office of Planning and Analysis

1994 - 1995

- Assisted in the design, development and support of the University's strategic plan, including the design of institutional performance measures and benchmarks.
- Conducted special projects as assigned by the Associate Vice President.

Program Assistant, Finance and Operations

1992 - 1994

- Assisted in the coordination and administration of the University's financial system improvement program.

City of Minneapolis

Budget and Evaluations Analyst

1989 - 1992

- Assisted in the preparation of the City's capital and operating budgets.
- Provided analysis and presented policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.
- Conducted evaluations of City programs and departments.
- Negotiated budget issues with department directors.

Education and Professional Development

Harvard Management Development Program

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Ph.D., Higher Education Policy and Administration

College of Education, University of Minnesota

M. A., Public Policy

Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

B. A., Political Science

St. Mary's College of Minnesota

Teaching

- *Leadership in Non-Profit Organizations*, St. Norbert College (Spring 2000)
- *Foundations of Management*, St. Norbert College (Fall 1999)

Related Volunteer Work

YMCA Camp Du Nord, Finance Committee

2014 to present

Minnesota Online High School, Board of Directors

2008 to 2010