

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2012

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Brett Anderson, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Philip Krinkie, David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, Scott Thiss, James Van Houten, Michael Vekich and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Jacob Englund, Dan McElroy, Alfredo Oliveira

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Trustees Duane Benson, David Paskach, Thomas Renier and Scott Thiss participated by phone.

2. Human Resources Committee: *Clarence Hightower*

(1) Recommendation on the Appointment of an Interim President of Riverland Community College

Chair Hightower announced that the Human Resources Committee recommends Dr. Kent Hanson to be appointed interim president of Riverland Community College. Chair Hightower stated that Dr. Hanson is currently provost, chief academic officer and vice president of academic and student affairs at Northland Community and Technical College where he has held that position since February 2003.

Chair Hightower moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints Kent Hanson as interim president of Riverland Community College effective August 2, 2012, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes 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 Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.

Chair Hightower called for a roll call vote. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor of the appointment. Trustees Englund, McElroy and Oliveira were absent.

3. Chair's Report: *Clarence Hightower*

(1) Discuss Whether There is Committee/Board Business to Warrant Meetings on July 17-18, 2012

Chair Hightower called upon the members and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone for a discussion on whether there would be a need for the July 17-18, 2012 meetings. Chancellor Rosenstone commented that there was no pressing business to come before the board. Trustees appointments were yet to be made by Governor Dayton, and a board retreat is scheduled on September 18-19.

Trustee Duane Benson commented that typically there are no meetings in August. If a need for a special meeting should arise, it could be scheduled. Trustee Vekich agreed, adding that a meeting will be added if necessary.

Trustees Brett Anderson and Louise Sundin inquired if there would be an orientation for the new members prior to the retreat. Chair Hightower answered that an orientation will be held at the retreat and that the orientation would be open to all board members. Chair Hightower concluded the discussion announcing that the July meetings are cancelled.

4. Adjournment

Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board