

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

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

Absent: Philip Krinkie and Louise Sundin

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Michael Vekich called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

Chair Vekich announced that consent agenda item: Approval of Contract Exceeding \$1M for St. Cloud State University Coborn Plaza Lease Agreement, was removed from the Consent Agenda and deferred to a future meeting.

**a. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Study Session on Retirement Program Overview / Fiduciary Training, October 20, 2015**

**b. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, October 21, 2015**

**c. Review / Approve Release of FY2015 and FY2014 Audited Financials**

**d. Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1M for:**

- **Continuing Education / Customized Training Online Registration Request for Proposal**
- **Assessment for Course Placement**

**e. Approval of Allocation Framework Redesign Principles**

*Chair Vekich moved approval of the Consent Agenda.*

The motion was seconded and carried.

**3. Board Policy Decisions**

- **Proposed Amendments to Policy 4.2 Appointment of Presidents (Second Reading)**

*Trustee Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended changes to Policy 4.2 Appointment of Presidents.*

The motion was seconded and carried.

**4. Chair's Report: Michael Vekich**

Chair Vekich deferred his remarks to the Trustees Report.

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

Chancellor Rosenstone read the following letter that was sent to all students, faculty and staff.

The letter was signed by Chancellor Rosenstone and all of the college and university presidents.

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Recent events on campuses across the country remind us of the ugliness of racism and intolerance and its painful impact on the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. Because we are not immune to racism here in Minnesota, today we stand together – as leaders of Minnesota’s state colleges and universities – to condemn racism and intolerance and reaffirm our commitment to our core value: our colleges and universities are places of hope and opportunity where everyone can create a better future for themselves, for their families, and for their communities. And when we say everyone, we really do mean everyone.

The challenge for our nation and for our colleges and universities is how we, as a community, turn our core value into action and how we make absolutely certain that, on our campuses, hope defeats hate so that all Minnesotans fulfill their dreams for a better future.

We cannot deny the existence of racism and intolerance or pretend we do not hear racist and hateful language. And we cannot stand indifferent in the face of this historical challenge to eliminate racism and intolerance in our communities. Although we have taken deliberate steps to better understand the subtle and not so subtle ways that racism is practiced and experienced so our campuses can be more diverse and welcoming and so all students can succeed, there is much more work to be done.

When it comes to racism and intolerance, the way forward begins with a willingness to engage with each other with empathy and concern in what are sometimes difficult conversations. But, talking is not enough. We must listen – truly listen – to each other in a sincere effort to better understand our different perspectives and experiences. We must learn to build bridges across these differences. And, we absolutely must stand against racism and intolerance and work together with an abiding commitment to deliver solutions.

We must use the events of the past few weeks to rededicate ourselves to listening better than ever before; acting with a greater sense of urgency than ever before; and working together better than ever before in a spirit of trust and generosity.

**6. Student Associations**

- a. Minnesota State College Student Association  
Kevin Parker, president, addressed the board.
- b. Minnesota State University Student Association  
Sarah Berns, associate director of system and government relations, addressed the board.

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

- a. Inter Faculty Organization  
Jim Grabowska, president, addressed the board.
- b. Middle Management Association  
Robyn Cousin, business agent, and Gary Kloos, executive director, addressed the board.

- c. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees  
Jerry Jeffries, chair, MAPE Meet and Confer Committee, and John Parker - Der Boghossian, director of student life/chief diversity officer, Saint Paul College, addressed the board.
- d. Minnesota State College Faculty  
Kevin Lindstrom, president, addressed the board.

**8. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Audit Committee, Robert Hoffman, Chair**

- 1. Clery Act Internal Control and Compliance Audit  
Committee Chair Hoffman reported that the committee heard the results of the Clery Act Internal Control and Compliance Audit.
- 2. Dakota County Technical College Internal Control and Compliance Audit  
Committee Chair Hoffman reported that the committee heard the results of the Dakota County Technical College Internal Control and Compliance Audit.

**b. Human Resources Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Chair**

- Charting the Future: Human Resources Project Update  
Committee Chair Erlandson reported that the committee heard an update on Charting the Future: Human Resources Project.

**c. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Alex Cirillo, Chair**

- 1. ASA Fall Leadership Conference Update  
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard an update on the ASA Fall Leadership Conference.
- 2. Charting the Future: Implementation Update of Academic and Student Affairs Initiatives  
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard a report on Charting the Future: Implementation Update of Academic and Student Affairs Initiatives.
- 3. Student Demographics  
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard a presentation on Student Demographics.

**d. Joint Meeting of Diversity and Equity and Finance and Facilities Committees, Duane Benson and Jay Cowles, Co-chairs**

- Vendor / Supplier Diversity Strategy Development  
Committee Co-chair's Benson and Cowles reported that the joint committees heard a presentation on Vendor / Supplier Diversity Strategy Development.

**e. Finance and Facilities Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair**

- Committee Chair Cowles reported on the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

**9. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Cirillo reported that he participated in the Academic and Student Affairs Fall Leadership Conference. Chair Vekich reported that he and Chancellor Rosenstone participated in the MSUSA Conference.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Vekich announced that the Executive Committee will meet on December 14. The next Board of Trustees meetings are on January 26-27, 2016.

Chair Vekich adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board