

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2016**

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Elise Bourdeau, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Robert Hoffman, Philip Krinkie, Maleah Otterson, Louise Sundin and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Kelly Charpentier-Berg, Thomas Renier and Erma Vizenor

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Vekich called the meeting to order at 11:22 AM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustee Cirillo participated by phone.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**a. Meeting Minutes:**

- **Joint Board of Trustees and Leadership Council Study Session, Strategies for Addressing the Impact of Poverty on Students, January 26, 2016**
- **Board of Trustees Study Session, Strategies for Managing Strategic Risks, January 26, 2016**
- **Board of Trustees Study Session, Charting the Future Update, January 27, 2016**
- **Board of Trustees, January 27, 2016**
- **Special Board of Trustees, February 16, 2016**

**b. Revised FY2016 Board Operating Budget**

**c. Charters for the Academic and Student Affairs, Audit, Executive, Finance and Facilities, and Human Resources Committees**

**d. FY2018-2024 General Obligation Capital Budget Program Guidelines**

**e. Contract Exceeding \$1M for State Universities Food Service Vendors**

Chair Vekich removed the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Charter from the Consent Agenda because the charter had been amended during the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

*Trustee Anderson Kelliher moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda items.*

The motion was seconded and carried.

Chair Vekich called upon Academic and Student Affairs Committee Vice Chair Sundin for the amended committee charter. Committee Vice Chair Sundin reported that the committee approved amendments to item 4 in the committee charter.

*Committee Vice Chair Sundin moved approval of the amended Academic and Student Affairs Committee Charter.*

Chair Vekich called the question and the motion carried.

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

Chair Vekich expressed his gratitude to Governor Dayton for recommending \$21 million in supplemental base support for our colleges and universities. He added that our colleges and universities are the most powerful, effective, and efficient way to address the biggest threats to the economic vitality of our state: Minnesota's racial and economic disparities and the pressing need for talent. This \$21 million in support is critical to avoiding cuts that would undermine our ability to turn out the talent Minnesota needs to reduce racial and economic disparities and ensure that communities across the state prosper.

Chair Vekich also thanked Governor Dayton for his support of the board's bonding request. The Governor's bill would provide \$154 million for college and university projects and Higher Education Asset Preservation and Renovation. These projects represent the highest priority needs on our campuses, as well as opportunities for students from all backgrounds to become the homegrown talent Minnesota needs.

Chair Vekich also expressed his gratitude to members of the legislature for their visits over the past year to so many of the campuses where they saw first-hand the work that is being done for students. Chair Vekich continued with his appreciation of the time devoted by his colleagues on the board as well as students, faculty, staff, and presidents in sharing with legislators the importance of this request to their communities, to Minnesota, and to the students we serve.

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

Chancellor Rosenstone also expressed his gratitude to Governor Dayton for his support of our bonding and supplemental requests. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked everyone who has participated in the presidential searches. He anticipates bringing to the board for its consideration the appointment of a president for Metropolitan State University and a president for Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College in April. Chancellor Rosenstone continued that his recommendations for presidents of Century College and Rochester Community and Technical College will be in the next several weeks, with recommendations coming to the board in May or June.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that Associate Vice Chancellor and Interim Chief Diversity Officer Younger, Vice Chancellor Carlson, Chief of Staff Joyer, and he met with Trustee Benson to seek his counsel on the consultation process regarding the position of Chief Diversity Officer. Through the coming months they will meet with the campus chief diversity officers; chief human resources officers; affirmative action officers; presidents; each bargaining unit at regularly scheduled meet and confers, and the leaders of the student associations. They also will meet with each member of the board's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and would welcome the opportunity to meet with any other board member. At Trustee Benson's suggestion, they will also reach out to a number of organizations outside of higher education to examine how they have configured these types of positions and the qualities they have sought to ensure effective leadership. In May, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will present the results of the consultation and the path to fill the chief diversity officer position. Chancellor Rosenstone commented that the chief diversity officer position will be filled. This period of consultation is designed to ensure that we configure the position and search in a way that will help drive better outcomes for students, faculty, and staff, as well as for the communities we serve.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he visited Metropolitan State University to tour its new facilities. The new Student Center provides technology rich study and meeting space, offices for student associations, and venues for student events. With an entrance on 7th Street, the center's bright, open floor plan has provided the community a welcoming front door to the university. The new Science Education Center is a state-of-the-art facility designed to facilitate the hands-on teaching of science located in labs adjacent to classrooms and faculty offices. The new labs will provide research opportunities for students in STEM fields, positioning them for graduate school and careers in science.

## 5. Student Associations

- a. Minnesota State College Student Association  
Kevin Parker, president, provided written comments to the board.
- b. Minnesota State University Student Association  
Cara Luebke, state chair, addressed the board.

## 6. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Bargaining Units

- a. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees  
June Clark, president, policy committee, addressed the board.
- b. Inter Faculty Organization  
Jim Grabowska, president, addressed the board.
- c. Minnesota State College Faculty  
Kevin Lindstrom, president, addressed the board.

## 7. Board Policy Decisions

### • Proposed Amendment to Board Policies (second readings):

- a. **1A.2 Board of Trustees, Part. 5. Standing Committees, Committees, and Working Groups of the Board**
- b. **1C.1 Board of Trustees Code of Conduct**
- c. **2.1 Campus Student Associations**
- d. **3.7 Statewide Student Association**
- e. **3.29 College and University Transcripts**
- f. **5.9 Biennial Budget Planning**

*Chair Vekich moved approval of the proposed amendments to the above-referenced Board Policies. .*

Trustee Anaya proposed a friendly amendment to 1C.1 Board of Trustees Code of Conduct, Part 3, Subpart A. The friendly amendment was to add the word “substantial” to the following sentence: *This conflict may arise from the personal, professional or substantial economic interest of themselves, members of their immediate families or others with whom they have a personal or professional relationship, including outside organizations.*

The friendly amendment and motion were seconded and carried.

**8. Board Standing Committee Reports**

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

**1. Appointment of President of Central Lakes College**

*Committee Chair Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Dr. Hara Charlier as president of Central Lakes College effective July 1, 2016, 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 was seconded and carried unanimously.

**2. Appointment of President of Minneapolis Community and Technical College**

*Committee Chair Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Dr. Sharon Pierce as president of Minneapolis Community and Technical College effective July 1, 2016, 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 was seconded and carried unanimously.

**3. Human Resources Transactional Service Model Update**

Committee Chair Erlandson reported that committee heard an update on the Human Resources Transactional Service Model.

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

• Study Abroad Programs Internal Control and Compliance Audit

Committee Chair Hoffman reported that the committee heard the results on the Study Abroad Programs Internal Control and Compliance Audit.

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

**1. System Financial Health Update, Including Update on Financial Recovery Plans and Monitoring Metrics**

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a presentation on the System Financial Health Update, Including the Financial Recover Plans and Monitoring Metrics.

**2. Integrated Statewide Records System (ISRS) NextGen Business Case Report**

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Integrated Statewide Records System NextGen Business Case Report.

**3. FY2018-2019 Legislative Operating Budget Request Planning**

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a presentation on the FY2018-2019 Legislative Operating Budget Request Planning.

4. Campus Service Cooperative Update  
Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a report on the Campus Service Cooperative.

**d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Louise Sundin, Vice Chair**

1. Report of the Vice Chancellor on the Work of Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Vice Chair Sundin reported that Vice Chancellor Anderson gave the committee an update on the work of Academic and Student Affairs.
2. Discussion of Open Educational Resources  
Committee Vice Chair Sundin reported that the committee heard a presentation on Open Educational Resources.
3. Proposed Amendments to Policies (First Readings)
  - a. 2.9 Academic Standing and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress
  - b. 3.1 Student Rights and Responsibilities
  - c. 3.6 Student Conduct
  - d. 3.30 College Program Advisory Committees
  - e. 3.38 Career Information
  - f. 3.39 Transfer Rights and ResponsibilitiesCommittee Vice Chair Sundin reported that the committee heard a first reading of the proposed amendments to the policies.

**9. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Erlandson reported that she, along with Chair Vekich and Trustee Krinkie, attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) meetings in Washington, D.C. Trustee Erlandson also discussed ACCT faculty awards. Trustee Cowles reported that he visited Century College's Fabrication Lab. Trustee Sundin reminded the trustees of the upcoming Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program Annual Dinner on March 31.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Vekich announced that the Executive Committee will meet on April 7. The next Board of Trustees meetings are on April 19-20, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board