

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2016**

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Elise Bourdeau, Kelly Charpentier-Berg, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Bob Hoffman, Philip Krinkie, Maleah Otterson, Thomas Renier, Louise Sundin, Erma Vizenor and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Vekich called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustee Vizenor participated by phone.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on April 19-20, 2016**

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

**1. Smartthinking Contract Extension**

**2. Uniface Contract Extension**

**c. Approval of Executive Committee Delegation for Actions Required under Board Policy 5.14 Contracts and Procurements**

Chair Vekich announced that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on April 19-20, 2016 and the approval of the Executive Committee delegation for actions required under Board Policy 5.14 Contracts and Procurements were postponed. *Chair Vekich called the question on the remaining Consent Agenda and the motion carried.*

**3. Board Standing Committee Reports**

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

**1. Appointment of Interim President of Rochester Community and Technical College**

*Committee Chair Erlandson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Dr. Mary Davenport as interim president of Rochester 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.*

**4. Board Policy Decisions**

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

- 2.9 Academic Standing and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress**
- 3.1 Student Rights and Responsibilities**
- 3.6 Student Conduct**
- 3.30 College Program Advisory Committees**
- 3.38 Career Information**
- 3.39 Transfer Rights and Responsibilities**

*Chair Vekich called the question on the proposed amendments and the motion carried.*

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

• Proposed FY2017 and FY2018 Meeting Calendar (First Reading)

Chair Vekich presented the proposed FY2017 and FY2018 meeting calendar. The calendar will be presented for a second reading and approval at the June meeting.

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

Chancellor Rosenstone gave the following update and remarks.

Legislative Update

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the trustees, students, faculty, and staff who have continued to advocate on behalf of our supplemental budget request of \$21 million and our capital priorities.

The supplemental funding is critical to each and every college and university in every part of the state; it is critical to protect the programs and services our students need. We have made the case that our bonding request is central to our ability to provide students with the education and training needed to become the talent that this state so urgently needs.

Our legislative requests are all about our ability to make good on our commitments to the people of Minnesota. Our colleges and universities must continue to be front and center in developing the talent Minnesota businesses need to drive the state's continued economic vitality, and eliminate the racial and economic disparities that keep too many Minnesotans from having the opportunity to become that talent.

Tuition Decrease

For the next academic year, tuition at our colleges and universities is not going up. In fact, for many of our students, it will go down. Every one of the degree-seeking students attending one of our colleges will see a decrease in tuition of at least one percent. One-third of those college students receiving a state grant or federal Pell grant will see their tuition go down between \$93 and \$143. Every one of the degree-seeking students at one of our universities will see their tuition frozen. One-fourth of those university students – again, those receiving a state grant or federal Pell grant – will see their tuition go down between \$65 and \$149. Our colleges and universities will continue to be the lowest cost and highest value option in Minnesota.

Closing the Gap in Student Completion

Our colleges and universities are making progress in closing the gaps in retention and completion. The gap in retention rates between students of color and American Indian students and white/non-Hispanic students has narrowed. The gap in completion rates between students of color and American Indian students and white/non-Hispanic students has also narrowed. We are beginning to see the fruits of our work because our colleges and universities have developed, implemented, and shared best practices. We need to keep in mind that closing the gap is directly related to the cost of tuition as two-thirds of the gap in completion is due to gaps in academic preparation and financial resources.

End of the Year Thanks

Chancellor Rosenstone concluded his remarks expressing his gratitude to the trustees and cabinet members for their participation in this spring's commencement ceremonies. Commencements are a time for celebrating students' success and the enormous pride it brings to their families.

Chancellor Rosenstone presented a video of an emergency medical services program student at Hennepin Technical College who saved the life of a guest on campus who was dining in the campus culinary dining room.

**7. Student Associations**

- a. Minnesota State College Student Association  
Tim St. Claire, president, addressed the board.
- b. Minnesota State University Student Association  
Cara Luebke, state chair, addressed the board and introduced incoming state chair Joe Wolf.

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

- a. Inter Faculty Organization  
Jim Grabowska, president, addressed the board.
- b. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees  
Jerry Jeffries, statewide chair, addressed the board.
- c. Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty  
Jim Anderson, president, and Tracy Rahim, incoming president, addressed the board.

**9. Board Standing Committee Reports (continued)**

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

- FY2017 Operating Budget (First Reading)  
Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee heard a first reading on the FY2017 operating budget. This will be presented for a second reading and approval at the June meeting.

**c. Joint Meeting, Academic and Student Affairs and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees, Alex Cirillo and Duane Benson, Co-chairs**

- Closing the Student Success Gap  
Committee Chairs Benson and Cirillo reported that the committees heard a presentation on closing the achievement gap.

**d. Academic and Student Affairs, Alex Cirillo, Chair**

1. Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical: Change in Institution Type (First Reading)  
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard a first reading on the Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical change in institution type. This will be presented for a second reading and approval at the June meeting.
2. Student Mental Health Update  
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard an update on student mental health.

3. Proposed Amendments to Policies:
  - 3.21 Undergraduate Course Credit Transfer
  - 3.37 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum

Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard a first reading on the proposed amendments to policies 3.21 Undergraduate Course Credit Transfer and 3.37 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

## 10. Trustee Reports

Audit Committee Chair Hoffman gave an update on the search for an executive director of Internal Audit. He reported that the timeline is on track and he anticipates interviews will be held in June followed by a special meeting in July.

Chair Vekich congratulated Trustee Vizenor for receiving an award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation Excellence for Children Leadership Award for her work with children. Trustee Vizenor commented that she was honored and humbled to be recognized for her passion in working with Native American children and all children.

Several trustees reported on their participation in the spring commencements. Chair Vekich thanked the trustees for their participation in the commencements. Trustee Sundin reported that she participated in the *Power of You* luncheon at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Trustee Renier reported that he participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Timber Ridge Dorms at the Northeast Higher Education District Vermillion Community College.

## 11. Other Business

There was no other business.

## 12. Adjournment

Chair Vekich announced that the next Board of Trustees meetings are on June 21-22, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board