

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2017

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Trustees Basil Ajuo, Ann Anaya, Elise Bourdeau, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Amanda Fredlund, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, Rudy Rodriguez, George Soule, Louise Sundin, Cheryl Tefer, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Call to Order

Chair Michael Vekich called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. Trustees Ann Anaya, Alex Cirillo, and Amanda Fredlund participated by phone.

Chair's Report

• **Chancellor Transition Update**

Chair Vekich shared that Chancellor-designate Malhotra spent the week of April 3, 2017, in St. Paul meeting with student leaders, bargaining unit leaders, cabinet members, Chancellor Rosenstone, and others. He also attending the inauguration of President Ginny Arthur of Metropolitan State University.

Chancellor-designate Malhotra will return to Minnesota in late April and early May to begin campus visits with presidents. He expects to return to Minnesota again for one week in June and July to complete the campus visits. The visits will be conducted by region, beginning with Greater Minnesota and concluding in the metropolitan area.

• **Chancellor Performance Review Committee**

Chair Vekich will announce the appointment of the members of the Chancellor Performance Review Committee in the next week or so, and the first meeting will be in May. The review will be completed in June as Chancellor Rosenstone is retiring in July.

Chancellor's Report

Legislative Session

Chancellor Rosenstone commented that he and Chair Vekich will be communicating with each member of the conference committee to advocate for the board's legislative request. Students, faculty, staff, and trustees have shared stories with the legislators over the past few months the importance of the legislative request to students, campuses, and communities across Minnesota.

Scholarship Campaign Update

Chancellor Rosenstone provided an update on the progress towards the \$50 million goal for the Access to Scholarship Campaign. As of December 31, we have raised over \$42 million, nearly \$18 million which was raised in the last six months of the calendar year. These funds are large and small donations from donors across the state of Minnesota who contributed to the campaign, and have enabled us to award more than 21,000 scholarships to students who need

our help. With 18 months remaining in the campaign, we are only \$8 million dollars away from our goal. The student associations' scholarships, the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship, and the Beverly and Richard Fink Scholarship funds are not included in the campaign. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the presidents, development officers, and the hundreds of donors from across the state.

Consent Agenda

Chair Vekich announced that the proposed action on the Surplus and Sale of Real Estate and Improvements at Minneapolis Community and Technical College was removed from the Consent Agenda as it was tabled by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Chair Vekich called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Janezich and seconded by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the revised Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017**
- b) **Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1 Million**
 - a. **Facilities Use Agreement, Anoka Technical College**
 - b. **Construction Contract, St. Cloud Technical and Community College**
 - c. **St. Cloud State University, Athletics Multi-Media Rights Program**

Board Policy Decisions

The proposed amendments to Policy 6.7 Real Estate Transactions were approved by the Finance and Facilities Committee. Chair Vekich called the question.

The Board of Trustees approved the proposed amendments to Policy 6.7 Real Estate Transactions.

Student Associations

Minda Nelson, president, Minnesota State College Student Association, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Joe Wolf, chair, Students United, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Minnesota State Bargaining Units

There were no comments from the leaders of the bargaining units.

Board Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Audit Committee, Chair Bob Hoffman**

Committee Chair Hoffman reported that the Audit Committee received an update on the FY2017 Audit Plan and reviewed the results of the Federal Single Audit.

- b. Human Resources Committee, Chair Dawn Erlandson
Committee Chair Erlandson reported that the Human Resources Committee met in closed session for an update on labor negotiations.

- c. Finance and Facilities Committee, Chair Jay Cowles
Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee decided to table the proposed action on the surplus and sale of real estate and improvements at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. He added that for the future it would be helpful if committee members would let him or staff know in advance of any questions, comments, or concerns regarding agenda items.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Tefer shared that she attended the annual meeting of the Higher Learning Commission in Chicago. Trustee Ajuo shared that he and other trustees attended President Arthur's inauguration at Metropolitan State University.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is the Executive Committee on May 3 and the committee and board meetings on May 16 and 17, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.



Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board