

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD ACTION

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF
CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE**

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2 **BACKGROUND**

3 Joseph C. Birmingham, president of Central Lakes College, submitted his resignation as
4 president of Central Lakes College on June 16, 2005, to become the next president of
5 Weatherford College in Weatherford, Texas. His last day of employment with Minnesota State
6 Colleges and Universities will be July 22, 2005. A presidential search will begin this fall.
7 Chancellor McCormick and Vice Chancellor Tschida have conferred with the president and
8 others to get feedback for possible candidates to serve as interim president.
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10 In accordance with board policy, Chancellor James H. McCormick is recommending Dr. Joseph P.
11 Opatz as interim president of Central Lakes College.
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13 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

14 The Human Resources Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the
15 following motion: The Board of Trustees approves the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick
16 to appoint Joseph P. Opatz as interim president of Central Lakes College effective July 23, 2005,
17 and authorizes the Chancellor to negotiate an employment agreement in consultation with the Chair
18 of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee in accordance with the terms
19 and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.
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21 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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23 P. Opatz as interim president of Central Lakes College effective July 23, 2005, and authorizes the
24 Chancellor to negotiate an employment agreement in consultation with the Chair of the Board and
25 Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions of
26 the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.
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29 *Date presented to the Board: July 20, 2005*

30 *Date of Board Action: July 20, 2005*

31 *Date of Approval: July 20, 2005*

32 *Date of Implementation: July 23, 2005*