

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2008**

Advancement Committee Members Present: Trustees Christine Rice, chair; Cheryl Dickson, vice chair; David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Carol Wenner.

Leadership Council Committee Members Present: President Roland Barden, Mary Jacquart, Linda Kohl and Catherine McGlinch.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Advancement Committee met January 16, 2008, at Anoka Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids. Chair Christine Rice called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Approval of the Advancement Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Rice called for a motion to approve the September 18, 2007, Advancement Committee meeting minutes. A motion for approval was made, seconded, and adopted with no dissent.

1. Advancement Update

Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Kohl shared that the system had received gold, silver and bronze awards at the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The gold award was for the Super Sunday event; silver awards were given for the legislative campaign and the online CD.

2. 2008 State Legislative Session

Mary Jacquart, Director of Government Relations gave a legislative update. The state session starts Feb. 12. The top priority of this session is the capital budget request. A number of reports are due to the Legislature and staff are working on these. She reported that the Office of Higher Education is predicting a surplus in the state grant funds since there were some savings from the federal Pell Grant changes. And updated the committee on other issues that may come up during the session.

3. 2008 Congressional Session

Jacquart also updated the committee on the 2008 Congressional session and federal issues. Out of 12 appropriations bills, only one, the Department of Defense appropriations bill, was signed by the president. The other 11 bills were combined into an omnibus spending bill, which the president signed Dec. 26. The system received seven projects totaling \$3.9 million.

4. Fiscal Year 2007 Gifts and Grants Report

Catherine McGlinch, Executive Director for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation, shared presentations on gifts and grants. This included reports on what has been given to the foundation and how much funding was collected at the colleges and universities from public (government) and private sources. A noted change was that all campuses now have an updated alumni list.

5. Strategic Plan Summary Revisions

Chair Rice had been asked by Chair Olson at the board's October retreat to review *Designing the Future: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Strategic Plan 2006-2010* adopted in January 2006 by the Board of Trustees and propose revisions. Committee members discussed several of the proposed revisions. Linda Kohl told the committee that the revisions are timely since the document needs to be reprinted because quantities were running low. Trustee Rice said she would bring back a revised version to the March Advancement Committee meeting for approval, based on the committee's discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Candi Walz, Recorder