



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009
3:00 P.M.**

**BOARD ROOM
WELLS FARGO PLACE
30 7TH STREET EAST
SAINT PAUL, MN**

Executive Committee Agenda

- (1) Minutes of January 21, 2009 (p. 1-2)**
- (2) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees (pp. 3-4)**
- (3) 2010 Meeting Calendar Discussion**
- (4) FY 2010 Board Operating Budget**
- (5) Review May 19-20, 2009 Board Meetings**

Executive Committee

David Olson, Chair

Ruth Grendahl, Vice Chair

Scott Thiss, Treasurer

David Paskach, Immediate Past Chair

Duane Benson

Tom Renier

Christine Rice

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2009**

Executive Committee Members Present: David Olson, Chair, Duane Benson, Ruth Grendahl, David Paskach, Christine Rice and Scott Thiss

Executive Committee Members Absent: Thomas Renier

Other Members Present: James Van Houten

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Executive Committee met at Saint Paul College, 235 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Chair David Olson convened the meeting.

(1) Minutes of November 19, 2008, Meeting

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on November 19, 2008, were accepted as written.

(2) FY 2009 Second Quarter Board Operating Budget

Trustee Scott Thiss, Treasurer, reported on the second quarter of the Board of Trustees operating budget. The budget for FY 2009 is \$240,000. For the second quarter ending December 31, 2008, the Board has spent 34 percent, or \$82,205, of its budget. Encumbered funds are \$94,401, with an available balance of \$63,394. Treasurer Thiss added that the Board's budget would be reduced by about two percent in January to account for the governor's unallotment to the system to balance a projected shortfall in the current fiscal year.

(3) Review March 17-18, 2009, Board Meeting Agenda

Chair Olson commented that the Board will have a study session on online learning during the March meeting. Chair Olson also requested that staff prepare a timeline and principles for how to address the budget deficit in March. Vice Chancellor Laura King responded that the timeline in the Board packet was developed in consultation with Trustees Tom Renier, Clarence Hightower and Scott Thiss as advisors. Responding to an inquiry, President Pat Johns explained that the presidents already are engaged in budget planning discussions on their campuses. Chair Olson suggested including Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer in discussions with the advisory group.

Peter Hutchinson, President, Bush Foundation, will be invited to the March meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, as a follow-up to the report he made to the Advancement Committee earlier in the day; time constraints limited the discussion. The Audit Committee will meet to select external auditors for the audited financial statements. Replying to Senior Vice Chancellor Baer's inquiry about the waiver process for the 60/120 legislation, Chair Olson remarked that the waiver process should continue to move forward.

Trustee Christine Rice inquired about the duplicate materials in the Board packet. Secretary Inge Chapin explained that the duplicate materials represent how the materials

are posted online. She continued that staff had similar concerns since the electronic packet was created last July; the process has been one of continuous improvement, and they will eliminate the duplication.

(4) Leadership Council Comments

President Johns reported that the Leadership Council is supportive of the bargaining progress. He continued that the Chancellor has been very direct with the presidents about the budget, and they have been planning for some time on how to make reductions. Vice Chancellor King reported that the governor's unallotment will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Trustee James Van Houten presented an amendment to Board Policy 1A.2, part 4, on the election of officers that would extend their terms from two to three years. Citing the great challenges facing the system in the coming year, he commented that the current leadership is doing an outstanding job. Trustee Van Houten recommended that the Board consider the amendment stating that stable leadership will help guide the Board and the system during these challenging times. Chair Olson directed staff to draft the amendment as a first reading for the Executive Committee's consideration in March.

Trustee Rice suggested that committee chairs be seated near the head of the table while their committees are in session. They will need to move afterwards for the other committee chairs to be seated, but it will make it easier for them to conduct the meeting. Chair Olson supported the suggestion which will be implemented in March.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 1A.2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BACKGROUND

At the Executive Committee meeting on January 21, 2009, a board member requested that the Board consider amending existing policy by changing the number of consecutive terms a board officer may serve from two terms to three terms. The attached draft is provided to facilitate Executive Committee discussion about the proposed change. It is also recommended that the Executive Committee consider amending the policy to address a technical issue that has arisen in the past and could be repeated:

1. That a newly elected officer may take office immediately if his or her successor is no longer in the position, such as when a trustee's term expires prior to the election and August 1.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION

The Executive Committee recommends that the Board amend Board Policy 1A.2, Part 4, Officers of the Board, Subpart B. Terms of Office, as proposed.

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION

The Board of Trustees approves the amendment to Board Policy 1A.2, Part 4, Officers of the Board, Subpart B, Terms of Office.

Date Presented to the Executive Committee: March 18, 2009

Date of Adoption: xx/xx/xx

Date of Implementation: xx/xx/xx

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

BOARD POLICY		1.A2
Chapter	1A.2	Board of Trustees
Section	4.	Officers of the Board

1 **Part 4. Officers of the Board**

2 **Subpart A. Officers.** The officers of the board shall consist of a chair, vice chair, and treasurer.
3 The chair, vice chair and treasurer shall be elected from the members of the board.

4 **Subpart B. Terms of Office.** The chair, vice chair, and treasurer of the board shall be elected for
5 a one-year term ~~that~~. An officer's term shall commence on August 1, or upon the office becoming
6 vacant, whichever is earlier, and shall serve until their successors begin their terms as officers.
7 No trustee shall hold the same office for more than ~~three~~two consecutive terms.

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9 *Date of Implementation:*

10 *Date of Adoption:*

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