

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2008

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Trustees Present: Chair David Olson, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Ruth Grendahl, Allyson Lueneburg, Dan McElroy, David Paskach, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, Scott Thiss, Terri Thomas and James Van Houten

Trustees Absent: Clarence Hightower

1. Call to Order

Chair David Olson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and reported that a quorum was present.

2. Chair's Report

a. Minutes of Major Topic Discussion: Metropolitan Planning of September 17, 2008

Chair Olson stated that the minutes were approved as written.

b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of September 17, 2008

Chair Olson stated that the minutes were approved as written.

c. Notes of Board of Trustees Retreat of October 22-23, 2008

Chair Olson stated that the notes of the Board Retreat were approved as written.

d. Other

Chair Olson recognized and congratulated Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer Laura King who was recently awarded "CFO of the Year" by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*.

Chair Olson requested that Trustee Scott Thiss, Chair of the Audit Committee, review the Board budget in an effort to reduce expenditures.

Chair Olson announced that he plans to accompany Governor Tim Pawlenty to several press conferences pertaining to higher education on-line learning.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Authorization of Leadership Employment Agreements

b. Bemidji State University Facility Lease

Trustee Ruth Grendahl moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Policy Decisions

a. Alexandria Technical College Mission Approval

Trustee Dan McElroy moved that the Board of Trustees approves the request by Alexandria Technical College to approve its vision, mission, purposes, and array of awards. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Anoka-Ramsey Community College Mission Approval

Trustee McElroy moved that the Board of Trustees approves the request by Anoka-Ramsey Community College to approve its vision, mission, purposes, and array of awards. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Minnesota State Community and Technical College Mission Approval

Trustee McElroy moved that the Board of Trustees approves the request by Minnesota State Community and Technical College to approve its vision, mission, purposes, and array of awards. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Minnesota West Community and Technical College Mission Approval

Trustee McElroy moved that the Board of Trustees approves the request by Minnesota West Community and Technical College to approve its vision, mission, purposes, and array of awards. The motion carried unanimously.

e. FY 2010-2011 Biennial Operating Budget Request

Trustee Thomas Renier moved that the Board of Trustees approves the following motion:

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing high-quality, accessible education at all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Board strongly urges the state of Minnesota to support the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 2010-2011 biennial operating budget request as illustrated in Table 2A. This budget request builds in a modest tuition increase that supports the Board of Trustees' interest in affordability and accessibility. The Board of Trustees is committed to providing the system's colleges and universities with the ability to generate sufficient financial resources to provide a quality and competitive education to the learners of today. The Board of Trustees will seek the removal of all possible legal and policy barriers that hamper that goal. Final tuition decisions will be made at the conclusion of the 2009 legislative session.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Board of Trustees approves the final 2010-2011 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities biennial operating budget request for transmittal to Minnesota Management and Budget. The Chancellor is requested to provide periodic updates on the progress of the budget through the executive and legislative branch review and approval process.

Trustee McElroy seconded the motion.

Trustee David Paskach moved to amend Table 2A of the recommended motion by increasing the FY 2010-2011 biennial appropriation request (over base appropriation) from \$58.7 million to \$71.7 million. The motion was seconded and the amendment carried with two opposed (Trustees Dan McElroy and James Van Houten).

Chair Olson called the question on the amended motion and the amended motion carried.

5. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Audit Committee, Scott Thiss, Chair

(1) Review and Release of Audited Financial Statements

Committee Chair Scott Thiss moved that based on the review and recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees approves the release of the fiscal year 2008 audited financial statements as submitted. Vice Chair Ruth Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously

b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dan McElroy, Chair

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

Committee Chair Dan McElroy reported that the committee heard an update on the Academic and Student Affairs division from Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer.

(2) Proposed Amendment to Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees (First Reading)

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a first reading of a proposed amendment to Policy 3.18 Honorary Degrees. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

(3) Proposed Amendment to Policy 3.36 Academic Programs (First Reading)

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a first reading on an amendment to Policy 3.36 Academic Programs. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

(4) Update on Accountability Dashboard

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the update on the Accountability Dashboard was deferred to a future meeting.

(5) Campus Profile: Northland Community and Technical College

Committee Chair McElroy reported that the committee heard a profile from President Anne Temte on Northland Community and Technical College. Committee Chair McElroy remarked that the presentation was informative and thorough.

c. Human Resources Committee, Ruth Grendahl, Chair

(1) Human Resources Update

Committee Chair Ruth Grendahl reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Bill Tschida on the Human Resources division.

(2) Demographic Report for FY 2008 (Information)

Committee Chair Grendahl reported that the committee received the Demographic report for FY 2008 as information. The report included information on the 32 colleges and universities and the Office of the Chancellor.

d. Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, Thomas Renier, Chair

- (1) Finance, Facilities and Technology Update
Committee Chair Thomas Renier reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the activities of the Finance, Facilities and Technology division.
- (2) FY 2010-2011 Biennial Operating Budget Request Discussion
Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a report and had a discussion following the first reading of the biennial budget request from the September meeting.
- (3) FY 2010-2015 Capital Budget Update
Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard an update on the FY 2010-2015 Capital Budget. The update provided preparation currently underway for the 2010 legislative session.

e. Advancement Committee, Christine Rice, Chair

- (1) Advancement Update
Committee Chair Christine Rice reported that the committee heard an update on the Public Affairs division from Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Kohl.
- (2) 2009 Legislative Session
Committee Chair Rice reported that the committee heard a report on the 2009 Legislative Session. The report reviewed the anticipated legislative activity for 2009.

f. Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee, Duane Benson, Chair

- (1) Diversity and Multiculturalism Update
Committee Chair Duane Benson reported that the committee heard an update from Executive Director Whitney Stewart Harris on the activities of the Diversity and Multiculturalism division.
- (2) Update on Enrollment and Retention of Underrepresented Students
Committee Chair Benson reported that the committee heard an update on the enrollment and retention of underrepresented students. The update included data of recent trends in underrepresented student enrollment and retention data.
- (3) Update on Underrepresented Student Programs
Committee Chair Benson reported that the committee heard an update on the underrepresented student programs. The update provided an overview of progress made by the College Access and Opportunity Centers.

- (4) **Campus Climate Update: Community College Student Engagement Survey**
Committee Chair Benson reported that the committee heard an update on the community colleges student engagement survey. Findings and insights from campus climate and student engagement surveys were presented.

- (5) **FY 2009 Diversity and Multiculturalism Division Work Plan**
Committee Chair Benson reported that the committee heard a report on the FY 2009 Diversity and Multiculturalism Division's Work Plan. The committee reviewed and discussed strategies and actions recommended for inclusion in the annual work plan.

6. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)

Mr. Jacob Littler, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

Mr. Chris Frederick, State Chair, and Ms. Jennifer Ohren, Vice Chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

7. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Administrative and Service Faculty (ASF)

Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Inter Faculty Organization (IFO)

Mr. Rod Henry, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

8. Trustees Reports

Chair Olson reported that he and Trustees Benson, Grendahl, McElroy, Rice and Thiss attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in New York. Trustee Rice reported on some of the highlights of the conference.

Trustee Thomas reported that she attended the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) meetings at Rochester Community and Technical College.

Trustee Dickson reported that she attended the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) meetings at Inver Hills Community College. Trustee Dickson also reported that she attended the Globalizing Higher Education Conference at Metropolitan State University.

Trustee Louise Sundin reported that she attend several meetings on teacher education.

9. Chancellor's Comments

There were no additional comments made by Chancellor McCormick.

10. Requests by Individuals to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

11. Other

Chair Olson announced that the next Board of Trustees meetings are on January 20 and 21. On January 21, the meetings will take place at Saint Paul College.

12. Adjournment

Chair Olson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board